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ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Save the Day:

A Church in Crisis: Pathways
Forward Friday, Feb. 12 at 9 p.m.

Pastor:

Rev. Liborio Amaral

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Patrick Ezimora CCE

Deacons:

Franciscus Sukardi
Douglas Asselstine

Welcome and Quick Update

Welcome everyone and thank you for your great support



Ash Wednesday schedule will be posted in the next E-Newsletter

February 17th



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By Fr. Patrick Ezimora CCE.
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Fr Liborio's Reflection

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus and his healing power over physical ailments as well as demonic possessions.

After a long day of healing and teaching Jesus was given time to rest with a night's sleep. And before the others awoke, Jesus got up "while it was still very dark... and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed." When he was found to be missing, "Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, **'Everyone is searching for you.'**"

Why were they searching for Jesus? It must have been because they saw in him the miracle worker.

Two thousand years after this story occurred, a good question for all of us to ask ourselves is **what are we searching for?**

There are many things that take up our time and energy and we often are searching for our heart's desires. Are we searching for Jesus Christ in our lives? This should be our primary effort – to search for Christ, because **when we find him, it is then that we will have found true peace, joy and love.**

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

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Faith Formation

Save the Date

VIRTUAL NATIONAL
THEOLOGY ON TAP

A CHURCH IN CRISIS: PATHWAYS FORWARD

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 12, 2021 • 9PM ET



A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward

Join Pete Burak and an inspiring line up of guests including Dr. Ralph Martin, Helen Alvaré, and Archbishop Charles Chaput as they speak on the theme A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward on **Friday, Feb. 12 at 9 p.m. ET**. Don't miss this discussion on the current state of the Church, what the Spirit is saying to us right now, and how we are called to respond, reserve your spot today!

[Register](#)

Kids Pick of the Week



Let's Learn about Lent

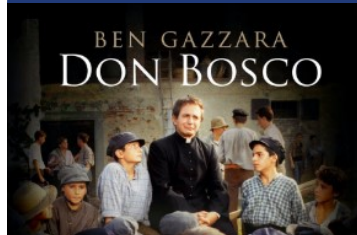
Join Brother Francis in this compact presentation of what Lent is all about and how we observe it as Catholics. Great for the whole family!

Register for FREE to watch Picks of the Week & More :

1. Click on the link
2. Register using your email (Create New Account)
3. Enter St. Mary's Church, Brampton
4. Access Code: **8b36b3**

[Click to watch](#)

Pick of the Week



DON BOSCO

Ben Gazzara stars in this classic film about St. John Bosco, the beloved nineteenth century Italian priest **who sought out the homeless youth of Turin** to help them have a better life. He overcame incredible challenges, including the government who wanted him out of the way, an

archbishop who tried to silence him, and the revolution that put a price on his head. But nothing could stop Don Bosco from rescuing the poor and outcast children to give them a home, teach them work skills, and catechize them in the Catholic Faith.

Patron Saint of schoolchildren, young people.



[Spanish](#)

Bible Verses

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." - **Matthew 7:7-8**

"and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God" - **Romans 8:27**

"I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me." - **Proverbs 8:17**



Pope inspires International Day of Human Fraternity

One day before the second anniversary of the historic signing of the Document on Human Fraternity and World Peace for Living Together, Pope Francis announces during the General Audience on Wednesday morning that he will participate in the virtual celebrations.

the UN declared **February 4 the International Day of Human Fraternity, beginning in 2021**. In adopting the initiative, the UN General Assembly invited the Member States, the United Nations system and others to observe the annual day in a manner each considers appropriate to promote interreligious and intercultural dialogue.



*"We live in challenging times. We see the threats coming from the pandemic, from the climate, threats from war and conflict in different parts of the world. Therefore, it is fantastic to see the enormous leadership of His Holiness the Pope and His Eminence the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, **pushing humankind to come together, in unity, in dialogue, to promote peace, to promote fraternity**, and to promote the unity that is necessary to address all the challenges to defeat hate and ensure that human solidarity wins the battles we are facing."*

[Learn More](#)

Live Your Faith

Learning from the Saints

Our Lady Of Lourdes



Mary appears when and where she is needed and speaks our language

Our Lady of Lourdes is perhaps the most powerful and prolific physical healer in the history of the Church after Christ himself. Through her intercession, and through the waters that flow in her magnificent shrine, many thousands have been cured of their infirmities, as medical records prove beyond any doubt. Holy Mary has appeared at various times and in various places, but mostly to the simple and mostly in the country. ***She loves the faith of the simple, and speaks to them in simple language.*** In this, Mary reflects the words of her Son Jesus. He speaks plainly. His message is clear. And Mary's simple words always point to the simple words of her own Son.

Our Lady of Lourdes, give physical healing to all who invoke your intercession. The saving waters at your shrine have healed thousands of pilgrims. May all the prayers and supplications directed to you be immersed in the waters of your holy baths, so that what is asked may be granted through your Intercession and according to God's will.

[Learn More](#)

"Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be – and becoming that person." St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Prayer- Free Me

Bestow upon me Your wisdom.
Oh Lord, give me Your grace,
as I await Your kingdom.
Let Your Face glow upon my eyes
so that I might see You clearly.
Bring me life, Lord,
so that I may serve You.
I do not know how to approach You.
Teach me, Lord,
so that I may know You.
Free me, Oh Lord,
so that I may be with You.
Amen.

- My Catholic Life

3 minute Prayer Retreat



Jesus, merciful healer,
you know human
suffering in a way
I can never know. Let
me be a sign of your
compassion and
healing to those who
suffer around me.

[English](#)

[Español](#)

English and Spanish Bible Study - St. Mary's Church



Natural Family
Planning Association

JOIN US FOR
BIBLE STUDY
St. Mary's Church

Lenten Spanish Bible Study
virtual session on Saturdays:
February 13, 20 & 27,
March 6, 13, 20 & 27,
from 8pm to 9pm,
via Teams.

Those interested in joining this Lenten Bible Study can just **contact Martha Guzman (416-809-5864)**. Our Teams link will be shared on the WhatsApp group.

The **English Bible study** will also have virtual session on Thursdays: **February** 11, 18, 25, **March** 4, 11, 18, 25 from 8pm to 9pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

The mission of the Natural Family Planning Association is to teach the Billings Ovulation Method of family planning while promoting an understanding and appreciation of fertility that reflects Catholic teachings as outlined in Humane Vitae.

We serve the entire community regardless of religious background: *single women, married and engaged couples, adolescents as well as those who provide teaching and counseling to them.*

Remarkable scientific advancements have occurred since the old outdated Calendar/Rhythm method. No need for thermometers or rhythm calculations! Did you know the Billings Ovulation Method™ has a success rate of 99% in postponing pregnancy?

Due to Covid-19 the initial presentation is held on-line.

To register go to www.toronto.naturalfamilyplanning.ca

Live Your Faith

The Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments are a series of religious and moral imperatives that are recognized as a moral foundation in several of the Abrahamic religions, including Catholicism.

The Ten Commandments
with 'Certificate of Completion'

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before Me.
2. You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

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SCATTERED SEEDS

Pray for Vocations



Pray for Vocations

Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing.

Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries.

If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, please contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at **416-968-0997**.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience



worldwide
marriage encounter

In these stressful times, give your marriage **a booster shot!** Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance.

The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. **No group discussion.** Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. **Rediscover the love in your relationship!**

Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or **(905) 792-1925**

Website: wwme.org

Padre Pio Prayer Group - St. Mary's Church



Learn and get some updates about Padre Pio Prayer Group by reading their newsletter.

Newsletter

21st Century Idols Introduction by Fr. Patrick



This is a pastoral/contemporary eye-opening essay on the false gods of our time. I recommend you make out time and go through it with family and friends". Fr. Patrick Ezimora CCE

"The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear, and there is no breath in their mouths. Those who make them and all who trust in them shall become like them" (Psalm 135:15-18)

Learn More

BAZAAR

Please check out the link included here for a look at some items our CWL ladies have crafted for sale. We have a selection of Winter and St. Valentine themed items as well as some unique knitted goods including arm warmers and hats. Bible verse mug rugs are a hot, new item as well. (Nice little Valentine gift for someone special! Hint, hint!)

Please contact Fran Caldwell at 905-867-7595 or email fern0@rogers.com to arrange for purchase. Our charities and members thank you for your support. Click [HERE](#) to see inventory



\$10.00 slouchy hat



\$8.00 black / blue stripe



\$8.00 soft lacy scarf



\$22.00 Circle of Hearts
Table Topper 17" diameter



\$25.00 Hearts Galore Runner 40" X 19"

MASS Intentions for the Week

All masses below are private and can be seen via Live-Stream via our YouTube or Facebook channels

Monday - February 8th

St. Josephine Bakhita,
St. Jerome Emiliani

9:00 am - Mass

Tuesday - February 9th

9:00 am - Mass

Wednesday - February 10th

St. Scholastica

9:00 am - Mass

Thursday - February 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 am - Mass

Friday - February 12th

9:00 am - Mass

Saturday - February 13th

9:00 am - Mass

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"Tearful Smiles"

Every year at the beginning of the school year, my husband comes in and I introduce him to my Kindergarten class. I tell them how long we have been married and show them a picture of our family.

My husband will usually take a few minutes to talk to them, also. On this particular occasion, after the short introduction, I told him goodbye and gave him a quick peck on the lips. As he turned to leave, one of my little girls sitting in the front turns to her friend and says "Do you think she kisses all the parents?!". I just about died laughing. - -

- Mrs. Travers

FAMILY CORNER

FAMILY LENT CALENDAR

Print the Lenten family calendar and post it in a prominent place in your home to help you honor the

season of Lent. **With ideas for practicing the traditional pathways of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**, your family can take simple steps to a meaningful Lent.

Lent is an important season in our common life as a Church. We take this season seriously. We use it as a time to become closer to God. It's a time to remove distractions and to sharpen our focus so that we might better know God's ways and become more loving in the world, on the job, and in our own homes, far beyond the 40 days of Lent.



Exploring the Good Word This Week as a Family

Preparing for Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

Families can make the most of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass by preparing ahead of time to listen to these readings in the assembly. It can be hard for children (not to mention adults) to take in the details of an Old Testament story, an often-abstract message from an epistle writer, and a reading from the Gospel in rapid succession. A little time spent discussing at least one of these readings each week can help the whole family grow in understanding.

- ◆ Choose a Bible
- ◆ Share the Readings Together
- ◆ Discuss the reading
- ◆ Plan an activity to bring the message home
- ◆ End each activity time with a prayer

[Learn More](#)



In this episode, you will learn:

- What is causing so many people to be unhappy?
- What effect does social media have on unhappiness?
- Does having religion make you happier?
- The 6 things saints say you must do to be happy
- and much more

[Learn More](#)

Office Schedule

Closed Until Further Noticed

Church Schedule

Church Open for Private Prayer

Monday to Friday	9:30am to 8:00pm
Saturdays	9:30am to 11:00am
Sundays	12:30pm to 4:00pm

Livestream Masses

Monday to Sat.	9:00am Mass
Sundays	9:30am Spanish 11:00am English

Confession Times

Fridays	6:00pm to 7:00pm
Saturdays	9:45am to 11:00am

Only 10 persons will be allowed at any one time – this will include the priests hearing Confessions.

Weddings, funerals and baptisms will now be restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry (priest, cantor, etc.).

Interreligious Dialogue on Ecology: Pope Francis and Asian Religions on the Protection of the Environment

Thursday, February 11 – 7 to 9 p.m.
A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY SCARBORO MISSIONS

POSTER: <http://bit.ly/scarboromissionslecture>

WEBSITE: <http://bit.ly/FraserCentreWebsite>

EMAIL: fraser.centre@utoronto.ca

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January Total Online-Donate Now
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January Total PAG
\$9,999.21