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**ST. MARY'S**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 14, 2021



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### Save the Day:

Daylight Saving  
March 14<sup>th</sup>

### Pastor:

Rev. Liborio Amaral

### Associate Pastor:

Rev. Patrick Ezimora CCE

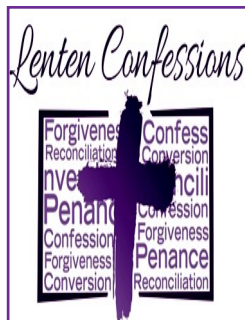
### Deacons:

Franciscus Sukardi

Douglas Asselstine

## Welcome and Quick Update

Welcome everyone and thank you for your great support



Monday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am - 12noon	5pm - 7pm
Wednesday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 12noon	5pm - 7pm
Friday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 12noon	5pm - 7pm
Saturday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 12noon	-
Monday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 12noon	5pm - 7pm
Wednesday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	10am - 12noon	5pm - 7pm

## Fr Liborio's Reflection .....

Dear brothers and sisters Christ,

In today's Gospel there is included we have one of the most commonly known scripture passage, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (Jn.3:16)

The letters and numbers "Jn.3:16" has been used in many a sports event and as signs in many a protest and advocacy gatherings. It has and continues to be used as a tool for evangelization for those who do not know to what extent the Lord loves us. For us Christians we know that God's love is so great that He gives us His only Son Jesus Christ and allows that Son of His to die on the Cross. Yes, there is no greater love than for a person to willingly lay down their love for another.

I encourage you to pray this short passage of scripture (Jn.3:16) and let it seep into you – even to the very marrow of your bones. Let us appreciate all the more the gift of God's Son Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

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*For God so loved the world that he gave his only  
Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not  
perish but might have eternal life - John 3:16*



# Faith Formation

## 7 Amazing Archaeology Finds That Support The Bible



In this episode you will learn:

- What is the oldest recorded mention of God ever found?
- The find that proves the existence of the House of David
- The evidence for the prophet Isaiah
- The location of the "first" Church
- The historical record of Pontius Pilate
- The shocking oldest depiction of Jesus ever found
- and more!

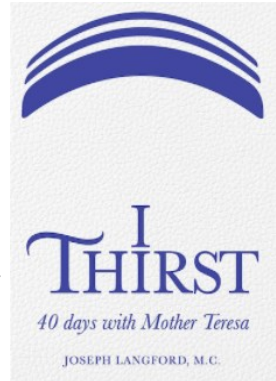
[Learn More](#)

## FORMED Now: "I Thirst"

Book Discussion - (Part 3)

Walk with Saint Mother Teresa throughout the season of Lent with I Thirst: 40 Days with Mother Teresa accompanied by this seven-part book discussion between Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Daniel Moloney. Throughout Lent, Dr. Akers and Fr. Moloney will dive into Mother Teresa's spirituality, her teaching on prayer, the life of faith, and much more.

[Learn More](#)



## Kids Pick of



Lent with Brother Francis:  
Episode 3 -

**A Time to Wash Someone's Feet**



Plus, join Brother Francis in praying a special Stations of the Cross for children.

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**

[Stations of the Cross](#)

[MOVIE TIME](#)

## Pick of the Week



### Am I Saved?

The Search // Episode 6 //

What Jesus did for us through his life, death and resurrection was the greatest act of love in history. He saved us. He did this for each one of us. Personally. But some might feel unworthy of this gift of love. We may feel we have too much

baggage. We may feel unlovable. But God didn't come to reveal himself to us on a pedestal, he came to enter into our messy human condition. To fix us from within. To transform us from the inside out. Some might be surprised by how generous the love of God really is. We don't deserve God's love, but that's the amazing reality of God's mercy. This relationship with God isn't all about our love for Him. It's about His love for us that changes our lives forever.

[Spanish](#)

[MOVIE TIME](#)

## Bible Verses



"Neither the world above nor the world below - there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord. - **Romans 8:39**

"And God showed his love for us by sending his only Son into the world, so that we might have life through him. This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven. - **John 4:9-10**

"...for God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to us - **Romans 5:5**



## Vatican Museums: The Works of Mercy #1

"Only when the difficulties and suffering of others confront and question us may we begin our journey of conversion towards Easter. It is an itinerary which involves the Cross and self-denial.

Today's Gospel indicates the elements of this spiritual journey: prayer, fasting and almsgiving (cf. Mt 6:1-6; 16-18). All three exclude the need for appearances: what counts is not appearances; the value of life does not depend on the approval of others or on success, but on what we have inside us."

(Pope Francis – Ash Wednesday – 5 March 2014)



# Live Your Faith

## St. Joseph

## Learning from the Saints

## St. Patrick

### SAINT JOSEPH

4-PART SERIES

WITH DR. BEN AKERS AND TAYLOR KEMP

FORMEDNOW

### St Joseph: Old and New (Part 1 of 4)

In this Year of Saint Joseph, proclaimed by Pope Francis to be December 8, 2020, through December 8, 2021, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to reflect on

the earthly father chosen by the Heavenly Father for his Son, Jesus Christ.

This four-part series will begin by looking at Joseph from the Old Testament and comparing him with Saint Joseph from the New Testament, and then move into reflections on three of Saint Joseph's titles; Guardian of the Redeemer, Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron of the Domestic Church.

[Learn More](#)

St. Patrick may be the most popular, yet least-known, figure in Christian history. Each year revelers hold parties and parades to celebrate his day, yet the average person likely has no idea who Patrick of Ireland truly was.

St. Patrick: Pilgrimage to Peace unearths the true story of this fifth-century Christian who was brought to Ireland as a slave, where he labored six long years before finally escaping. But after returning home, Patrick shocked his contemporaries by voluntarily returning to the place of his enslavement in order to bring the gospel message to the Irish people.

Go beyond the legends and clichés to discover the real St. Patrick, a man whose life continues to call us to the peace of Christ.

[Learn More](#)

### St Patrick

PILGRIMAGE TO PEACE

**"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

### Pleading for Mercy and Forgiveness of Sin

O loving and gracious God, have mercy.  
Have pity upon me and take away the awful stain of my sin.  
Oh, wash me, cleanse me from this guilt. Let me be pure again.  
For I admit my shameful deed-it haunts me day and night.  
It is a sin against You and Your infinite mercy.  
Create in me a new, clean heart, O God.  
Purify me and make me white as snow.  
Cleanse my thoughts and desires.  
Restore to me again the joy of your salvation,  
and make me willing to obey you.  
Jesus, have mercy on me.  
Jesus, have mercy on me.  
Jesus, have mercy on me.  
Jesus, I trust in You.  
Jesus, I trust in You.  
Jesus, I trust in You.  
**Amen.**



### 3 minute Prayer Retreat



In the Name of Jesus

**"There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."**

- Acts of the Apostles  
4:12

[English](#)

[Español](#)

### Is This a Sin??



If you intended to sin but stopped, did you already sin?

Fr. Mike Schmitz goes through different scenarios that show you things you may want to confess.

We're offered two different scenarios. In one, the person is prevented from sinning due to external factors that

make it impractical or impossible to commit the sin they had planned on. In the second scenario, we see someone preparing to sin, but then freely and rationally choosing not to. The first scenario is a sin, but the second is a virtuous act. Why?

[Learn More](#)

### The Second Idol of the 21st Century: HAPPINESS

Our Associate Pastor Fr. Patrick C. Ezimora CCE shares *the second idol of the 21st Century: Happiness*.

I guess you didn't think that happiness could be an idol. You should therefore feel challenged to read and discover the 'god' called 'Happiness'.

*"Happy is he whose help is the God of Jacob; whose hope is in the Lord his God" (Psalm 146:5)*

Hopefully this article will assist you and your loved ones during this holy season of interior renewal.

[Learn More](#)





# Live Your Faith

## The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz



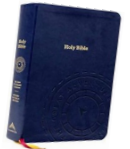
### New Podcast

From Fr. Mike Schmitz, featuring  
Jeff Cavins: *The Bible In A Year*

### If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you.

Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes (you can start any day of the year) Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- ◆ two to three scripture readings ◆ a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz and ◆ guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.



Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure Bible Timeline® learning system, a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins.

*The Holy Bible is like a mirror before our mind's eye. In it we see our inner face. From the Scriptures we can learn our spiritual deformities and beauties. And there too we discover the progress we are making and how far we are from perfection - Pope St. Gregory the Great*

[Register](#)

## SCATTERED SEEDS

### Pray for Vocations



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St. Paul reminds us that we are  
"created in Christ Jesus for  
good works."

If you think God's plan for you could be 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### Virtual Come & See Weekend: March 26-27 via Zoom

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a virtual Come & See Weekend, via Zoom, **for men who are 17+ years of age**. This event will take start on **Friday, March 26 (7 to 9 p.m.) until Saturday, March 27 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)** The weekend offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. We encourage you to promote this wonderful event in your parishes. Thank you in advance for your generosity as we work together to build a culture of vocations.

**REGISTER:** [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**POSTER:** <http://bit.ly/VirtualComeAndSee2021>

## Free Virtual Bible Conference— March 27<sup>th</sup>



AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE  
UNDERSTAND, LIVE, AND SHARE YOUR FAITH

Seeking a way to grow your  
parish's love and knowledge of

God's Word this Lent? Looking for a Lenten program to offer when in-person parish missions and small groups cannot gather?

Join some of the nation's most dynamic Scripture scholars on **March 27** for a one-day virtual event that will be streamed via Zoom. This virtual event is free for all registrants!

[REGISTER FOR FREE](#)

## Thank you!

On Behalf of **Ste. Louise Outreach**, the Knights of Columbus thank the Parishioners of St. Mary's for their generous support of the Food Drive on the weekend of March 6/7.

We collected two full truckloads of well packed and organized donations of non perishable food and toiletry items. We also collected \$185 in cash donations. Ste. Louise Outreach very much appreciated your support.

**Thank you!**

## BAZAAR

This week we continue to feature items for the children as well as a cozy coat for your pet. If you spend time in the kitchen and your little ones want to help why not check out the aprons so they can look great and stay tidy at the same time!

The CWL thanks you for checking out the link and supporting our efforts. If you see something that interests you please contact Fran at 905-867-7595 or email at [fern0@rogers.com](mailto:fern0@rogers.com). Click [HERE](#) to see inventory.



**\$30.00** adult and child set, hot pepper lined aprons



**\$10.00** each, Mickey Mouse child's lined aprons



**\$6.00** child's ponytail hats (open at top)



**\$8.00** each Baprons, various patterns and colours, more than shown here



For the Week

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

**Monday - March 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am - Mass

**Tuesday - March 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am - Mass

**Wednesday - March 17<sup>th</sup>**

St. Patrick

9:00 am - Mass

**Thursday - March 18<sup>th</sup>**

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

9:00 am - Mass

**Friday - March 19<sup>th</sup>**

St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am - Mass

**Saturday - March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

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Yes, Lord! A Lenten Liturgy of the Word for Kids



Tune into Salt + Light Television on Friday mornings during Lent for a kid-friendly approach to the Sunday Mass readings and homily. Whether you are worshipping at home due to the pandemic or are just looking for a way to boost your family's faith life, you won't want to miss this brand new series!

SCHEDULE:

Fridays 9:30am ET

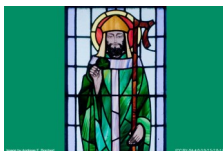
Saturdays 4pm ET

Sundays 7:00am and 2:30pm ET

[Learn More](#)

## FAMILY CORNER

### Praying with St. Patrick



Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,  
Christ in the eye that sees me,  
Christ in the ear that hears me.

To help them take this prayer to heart, I will tell the young people that they can pray the words, "Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me," every time they do one of the following:

- ♦ do a kind deed for someone.
- ♦ become the recipient of a kind deed.
- ♦ take a moment to rest.
- ♦ think of someone they love.
- ♦ think of someone they dislike.
- ♦ hear someone compliment another.
- ♦ see someone in need of help.

[Learn More](#)

### Living Lent as a Family (Part 3 of 4)

Have you ever wanted to live more liturgically but not known how? We want to help all families by providing these discussions on liturgical living during Lent to be a resource for the Domestic Church—the home. We pray that these discussions bless you and your family. Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Keenan and Bri Fitzpatrick, parents of four, to discuss liturgical living during Lent and marks of the Christian home in our world today.

[Learn More](#)

### The Examen Can Help Teens with Anxiety



This pandemic has taken its emotional toll on all of us. Stephanie Cloutre Davis suggests that the Ignatian Examen can help teens with anxiety. She writes, "Praying the Examen can help teens become aware that God is gently accompanying them. And knowing that they are not alone can greatly reduce any feelings of anxiety."

1. The first step in the Examen is to become aware that the Holy Spirit is with us.
2. The second step is gratitude

[Learn More](#)



### Growing in Grace

by Fr. Thomas J. Connery

**A missionary to Africa told the story of an elderly woman who came to faith.** Though she was blind and could neither read nor write, she wanted to share her newfound faith with others.

She went to the missionary and asked for a Bible in French. When she received it, she asked the missionary to underline the verses of **John 3:16** in red and mark the page so she could find it. The missionary later learned what she would do with the Bible.

In the afternoons, just before school let out, the woman went to the school's front door. As young people came out, she would stop and ask one if they knew how to read French. If someone replied "yes," she would ask them to read the verse marked in red in her Bible. Then she would ask, "Do you know what this means?" And she would tell them about Christ.

We have good news. **God loves us so much that he gave us his only Son that we may have eternal life.** This great news is not just for us alone, but for others. This is where we struggle. We need to find our way. The blind woman discovered her method; we need ours. Maybe it is simply giving someone a pamphlet to read. (Maybe this booklet?) Or we might invite someone to church. Be a missionary. Take the risk. Someone's eternity may depend on it.

*Father, this is great news – we got to live for eternity. It is such great news that we are to share it, but I need help. I ask for the grace to be courageous. May I take that important step—in faith! May I bring his goodness to others.*

Amen

Thank You for your Offering!

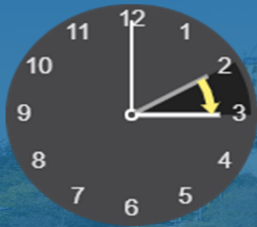
**March 7, 2021 Regular Collection**  
\$7,411.50

**February Total Online-Donate Now**  
\$4,174.98

**February Total PAG**  
\$10,807.67

# St. Mary's Church

## Lent Schedule 2021



Time Changes in  
**Canada**

**Mar 14, 2021 - Daylight Saving Time Starts**

### Stations of the Cross

**Friday 8:00 am Live-Streamed**

### Church is Open for Private Prayer

<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>9:30 am to 8:00 pm</b>
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<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>9:30 am to 12:00 pm</b>
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<b>Sundays</b>	<b>1 pm to 4:00 pm</b>
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Note: Only 10 people allowed in the building at all times.

### Sunday & Weekday Mass Schedule

**All Masses are temporarily canceled.**

### Livestream Mass Schedule

**Daily at 9:00 am (English)**

**Sundays 9:30 am (Spanish) & 11:00 am (English)**

### Office Schedule

**Closed until further notice.**

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(Meetings by Appointment Only)