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Lent Food Drive
March 6th and 7th

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



Lent Food Drive March 6th and 7th

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting the food in the parking lot on **Saturday, March 6th from 10:00am to noon** and **Sunday, March 7th from noon to 2:00pm**.

It is expected that you should have your tax receipt in hand by this week. Thank you again for all your support!



Fr Liborio's Reflection

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' righteous anger to those who are using His Father's house into a marketplace.

Righteous anger and the necessary actions that follow from it are not in any way sinful. We hear "Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!'"

We too can experience 'righteous anger' when we see and hear injustice – this is often directed at our poor and innocent brothers and sisters. At times we need to find our 'righteous anger' within us so that we can speak and stand up for those who are unable to do so. As a result of doing this, also brings up the possibility that others will retaliate against us. But we should not be afraid; we have the Lord on our side.

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

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be always in my mind,
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*Que la Palabra de Dios
esté siempre en mi mente,
en mis labios y en mi corazón*

Faith Formation



Journey Through Lent

"We need to Spiritually cleanse our own temple of the Holy Spirit"

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Lent with the Most Rev Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines.

Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Lent 2021.

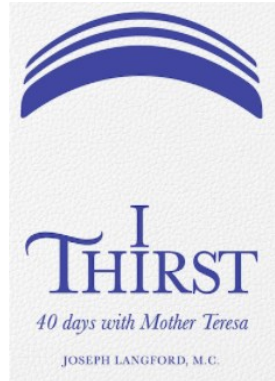
[Learn More](#)

FORMED Now: "Pray as Thirst"

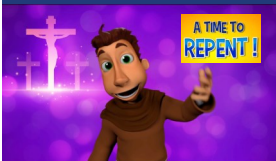
Book Discussion - (Part 2)

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 the Week



A Time to Repent

Learn and pray with Brother Francis this Lent. This 4-part series will help children learn more about what Lent is all about and why it is so important. A new episode will be released each of the first 4 Sundays of Lent.



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

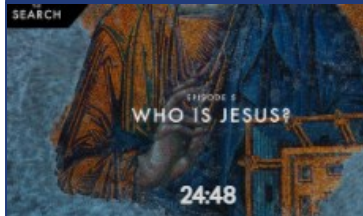
Register for FREE to watch Picks of the Week & More :

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



Who is Jesus?

The Search // Episode 5 //

The most beautiful part of this story is this we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history? Christianity isn't simply a philosophy for life – the center of Christianity is a person. We look at the life of Jesus and what he came to do. Ultimately, we need to decide if Jesus really was who he said he was. We can't sit on the fence. Because if Jesus really was who he said he was, we need to make him the Lord of our lives, and everything changes.

[Spanish](#)

[MOVIE TIME](#)

Bible Verses



"God is a righteous judge and always condemns the wicked. If they do not change their ways, God will sharpen his sword..." - Psalms 7:11-12

"The Lord is merciful and loving, slow to become angry and full of constant love. He does not keep on rebuking; he is not angry forever" - Psalms 103:8-9

"If you become angry, do not let your anger lead you into sin, and do not stay angry all day. Do not give the Devil a chance" - Ephesians 4:26-27



Pope's prayer intention for March: The sacrament of reconciliation

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March seeks to highlight the joy that the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings, and reminds us that it's a loving and merciful encounter between us and God.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Receiving this Sacrament isn't a matter of standing before a judge, but of going to a loving encounter with a Father who receives us and always forgives us.

When I go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul. To leave with greater spiritual health. To pass from misery to mercy.

The center of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need.

The center of confession is Jesus who waits for us, who listens to us and forgives us.

Remember this: In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes.

And let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God. And let us pray that God may give his Church merciful priests and not torturers.

[Español](#)



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Live Your Faith

Learning from the Saints

St. Frances of Rome - Patron Saint of widows and motorists



Today's saint, born into a wealthy noble family in the Eternal City, was married to a man from a similarly privileged family when she was just thirteen. Saint Frances earnestly sought to do the will of God in serving her husband, her children, and her home while also attempting to live a high level of holiness modeled on the life of a nun. She had desired to enter religious life from a young age, but her father refused to break his promise to give Frances in marriage to a fellow nobleman. Frances struggled with an internal conflict between her married state and the religious state to which she had originally felt called. This was not a choice between a good and a bad option. It was a natural tension in the soul of a holy woman who saw two paths open before her, both of which led to God. After her husband died and her children were grown, Saint Frances did live the ordered life of a religious, albeit outside of a convent.

Her sterling example of piety and service led her to found a group of like-minded women who lived in the world but who bound themselves to a life of prayer and service. The group was later recognized as an order in the Church under the title the Oblates of Saint Frances of Rome.

Saint Frances of Rome, through your intercession, aid all wives and mothers to live lives of generous service to their families. Help them to serve the domestic Church by creating, and fortifying, that cradle of holiness and culture the Church so needs to flourish.

[Learn More](#)

I said "I am falling"; but your constant love, O Lord, held me up. Whenever I am anxious and worried, you comfort me and make me glad. - Psalms 94:18-19

Prayer for Anxiety

Today, I pray For all those who suffer from anxiety in the midst of this exceptional situation we are going through.

May they get comfort, Lord, both in your unlimited Love and in the community.

Holy Spirit, be our light so that we keep faith in the heart of our daily lives and in that way, we may transform fear into hope.

Amen.

(Thanks to our colleagues at Prions en Eglise for sharing this prayer.)

- Living with Christ

3 minute Prayer Retreat



Newness of Life

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

[English](#)

[Español](#)

- Romans 6:4

2021 National Catholic Women's Conference

The First Idol of the 21st Century: the Self



MY
Peace
I GIVE YOU
John 14:27
2021 National Catholic Women's Conference
MARCH 12-14, 2021

What if you could be at peace most of the time?

Exhausting - Busy - Chaotic

How often do you use those words when describing our day? As Catholic women, many of us with kids, spouses, jobs, (and now add homeschool teacher to the list), it is easy to feel like

everyone wants a piece of our time and energy.

And when that time and energy just isn't there to give, it can leave us feeling guilty.

If only we had more time, more energy, more hands! Then we could get it all done.

Then we'll have earned the right to some peace.

March 12-14, 2021 [Register For FREE](#)

Our Associate Pastor **Fr. Patrick C. Ezimora CCE** shares the first idol of the 21st Century: the Self (Iam3).

Did you know that the individual ego is arguably the first idol of our world today?

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

[Learn More](#)



[James Chapman video](#)

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.

*"May the Word of the Lord be always on my mind,
in my lips and in my heart"*

[Register](#)

SCATTERED SEEDS

Pray for Vocations



Pray for Vocations

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money - changers. He was angry; He was zealous; **He spoke with authority.** He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder.

Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be 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



Natural Family Planning Association

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. Come learn the highly effective Billings Ovulation Method™, initial presentation.

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

To register go to www.toronto.naturalfamilyplanning.ca

Encuentro Matrimonial - marzo 19-21



Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial invita a parejas interesadas en reconstruir o fortalecer sus matrimonios o relación de pareja por medio de un **Fin De Semana virtual** que se llevara a cabo en Marzo 19-21, 2021.

*No deje marchitar su matrimonio, atiéndalo y renuévelo.
Inscríbase pronto. Espacios limitados.*

Para más información contactar a Mario y Beatriz Escobar al Tel (647) 668-5067 mario.beatriz.escobar@wwme.org o en la página web de Encuentro Matrimonial Toronto Hispano www.emmtorontohispano.ca

[VIDEO](#)

Padre Pio Prayer Group - St. Mary's Church

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

[Newsletter](#)



BAZAAR

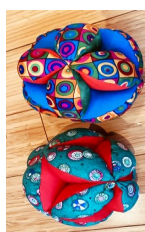
This week our virtual bazaar is featuring some items with a St. Patrick's Day theme as well as more lovely items for young children. The knitted bunnies are wonderfully made with clothes (and little tails)! So cute! Please know that your support helps our Council assist a number of charities in the Brampton/Peel region as well as a foster family/child in farther reaches of our world. If you are interested in items shown on our virtual bazaar link please contact Fran at 905-867-7595 or email at fern0@rogers.com. Thank you. Click [HERE](#) to see inventory.



\$25.00 each, knitted bunnies with removable Clothes, 14 in. tall



\$6.00 per pair, child's non-slip slippers Watermelon approx. size 2 & Duckies size 3



\$5.00 each baby grab balls, 5" diameter



\$35.00 reversible St. Patrick's table topper, both sides shown above, 23" X 23"





For the Week

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

Monday - March 8th

Saint John of God

9:00 am - Mass

Tuesday - March 9th

Saint Frances of Rome

9:00 am - Mass

Wednesday - March 10th

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

Thursday - March 11th

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

Friday - March 12th

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

Saturday - March 13th

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

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"Tearful Smiles"

This happened at the beginning of this year. At one point all the students were doing their assignments and on task. It was a lovely few minutes! LOL Anyway, this one girl all of a sudden yelled out "I'm tired of this! Raise your hand if you want to go home!" Well, of course most of the class raised their hands and that lovely time was over. She reminds me, in some ways, of Junie B Jones and I think that comment is something she might say. I try to laugh them off (in my head) but oh, how sometimes it's really a challenge.

- Angela Watson

FAMILY CORNER

Signing Head, Lips & Heart at the Gospel



Your question is probably more about the "why" we do this. The answer is simple. This gesture of signing ourselves with the Cross is a way of praying, **"May the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart."**

[Learn More](#)

Living Lent as a Family (Part 2 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](#)

7 Keys to Men's Confessions

The Jeff Cavins Show (according to Matthew James Christoff)

Ask yourself these questions before entering the confessional, based on seven attacks Satan makes on the family:

1. Satan searches to disrupt the union between man and woman: "Is my unity with my bride in Christ strong, and getting stronger?"
2. Satan attacks in a way to create chaos: "Have I established and maintained strong paternal authority, order, and a Catholic culture in my family?"
3. And more...



Lenten Activity: What's with the Pretzels?



Explain that, because we are called to pray and fast during Lent, the pretzel has come to be seen as a Lenten food, because it reminds us of the prayer posture of early Christians and it is a simple food that we can eat in place of a meal.

Tell the children that, according to tradition, an Italian monk in the early 600s invented the pretzel as a reminder to his brother monks to pray during the season of Lent. He named his creation "little arms," which in Latin is *bracellae*. From this word came the German word *bretzel* (eventually pretzel).

For a simple pretzel recipe that you can provide to the children, visit <http://daniellebean.com/recipes/breads-and-rolls/lenen-pretzels/>.

[Learn More](#)



Growing in Grace

by Fr. Thomas J. Connery

God Delivered all the Commandments.

He did not deliver some, or most, but **all** of the commandments. We are not to pick and choose the ones we wish to follow. We are not the arbiter. We surrender in obedience to all his commandments. It does not mean that we won't fall short in keeping them. But it does mean that we will do our best to keep them. We are called to accept the commandments - **all** the commandments - as coming from God.

If you have put yourself in the place of God and decided which commandments are valid and which are not, this Lent is your opportunity to seek a change of heart.

Father, I fail in keeping your commandments. Worse still, at times I may dismiss God's commandments as being out of step or not applicable to today. I realize that is my pride speaking. I want to live a life in total obedience, no matter how difficult that may be. I will struggle, but I intend to follow you wholeheartedly. I need your grace, so I pray in the name of your son Jesus. Amen.

Development and Peace

Typhoon Haiyan: Ensuring participation and justice in the reconstruction process.



[Learn More](#)



We are looking forward to Fr. Charles Anang's

Lenten Retreat on the Holy Spirit and the Abandonment of the Saints. All are welcome to join us on Saturday, **March 13, 2021, from 9:30am to 1:00pm** for this virtual retreat. Mark your calendars and register before Friday, March 12, on our [Eventbrite Page](#).

Thank You for your Offering!

February 28, 2021 Regular Collection
\$5,478.00

St. Mary's Church

Lent Schedule 2021

Stations of the Cross

Friday 8:00 pm Live-Streamed

Church is Open for Private Prayer

Monday to Friday	9:30 am to 8:00 pm
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Saturdays	9:30 am to 12:00 noon
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Sundays	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
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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)

Confession Times During Lent

Fridays	5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
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Saturdays	9:45 am to 12:00 noon
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Office Schedule

Closed until further notice.

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(Meetings by Appointment Only)