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#### Save the Day:

Two-hour, Virtual Bible Conference June 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.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



### Fr. Patrick is Moving!

Please read letter on page 2/3

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we celebrate the greatest mystery of all – the mystery of God Himself – that God is three Person and yet ONE.

How do I speak about this mystery of the Blessed Trinity? Well I am not even going to try... my head hurts just thinking of making sense of this mystery to all of you... hahaha.

So I have decided to allow a few painters and Iconographers to try to share the mystery with us.

I invite you to use these paintings and icons below, for your prayerful meditation on the Most Holy Trinity.

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio







66A Main Street South Brampton, ON Canada L6W 2C6

May 30, 2021

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's,

As you are aware Fr. Patrick will be moving from St. Mary's parish on June 30<sup>th</sup> to become the Associate pastor of Transfiguration of Our Lord parish in Etobicoke. Fr. Feliciano Mechan (who is currently ministering in Montreal) will be his replacement here at St. Mary's.

This past year and a half has brought many changes as to how we live and say goodbye to our loved ones. This will be no different for our community saying our goodbyes to Fr. Patrick. We would love to provide the opportunity for parishioners to gather and wish Fr. Patrick well in his new placement and to thank him for his ministry here for the past three years. But this will not be possible with our current provincial and city restrictions.

Being unable to say one's goodbye will be difficult for many of you as it will be for Fr. Patrick. A good number of you had had to sadly experience this with the death of a loved one, where in some cases you were not even able to visit them as they were dying. We pray that God can heal this loss in all our hearts.

And yet, we need to say "thank you" and "goodbye" to Fr. Patrick. So may I suggest that you reach out to Fr. Patrick by sending him a letter of thanks, or create a short video of your goodbyes, to the following email address: <a href="mailto:stmarysbr.online@gmail.com">stmarysbr.online@gmail.com</a>. We will gather your letters and short videos and put them all into one gift of love for Fr. Patrick. <a href="mailto:Please send your letters">Please send your letters and videos to us by June 20<sup>th</sup> at the very latest.</a>

Since many of you will not have the opportunity to give Fr. Patrick your own personal gifts of thanks (monetary or otherwise), we have decided as a Parish to give one sizable monetary donation to him from all of us. Fr. Patrick will then be able to use the donation to hopefully visit his family in Nigeria one day soon and still have plenty of funds to spare to treat himself with good meals and golf rounds as well - maybe he will invite me to one of these golf rounds? J But let's not forget that the greatest gift we can give Fr. Patrick is our prayers – by offering our prayers for his intentions we support his priestly ministry.

So, on behalf of all of you, we thank Fr. Patrick for the three years of service at our parish and wish him God's speed in his new placement at Transfiguration of Our Lord parish — I hope his new parishioners will find in him the gift and grace he has been for us.

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio Amaral Pastor



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Mayo 30, 2021

Estimados feligreses de Santa María,

Como ustedes saben, el Padre Patrick se cambiará de la parroquia de Santa María el 30 de junio para convertirse en el pastor asistente de la parroquia de la Transfiguración de Nuestro Señor en Etobicoke. Padre Feliciano Mechan (quien actualmente está ministrando en Montreal) será su reemplazo aquí en la Iglesia de Santa María.

Este último año y medio ha traído muchos cambios, especialmente en la forma en que vivimos y nos despedimos de nuestros seres queridos. Esto no será diferente para nuestra comunidad despidiéndonos del Padre Patrick. Nos encantaría brindar la oportunidad a los feligreses de reunirse y desear al Padre Patrick buenos deseos en su nueva iglesia y agradecerle por su ministerio aquí durante los últimos tres años, pero desafortunadamente esto no será posible con las actuales restricciones provinciales y municipales.

No poder despedirse será difícil para muchos de nosotros como lo será para el Padre Patrick. Algunos de nosotros hemos tenido que vivir tristemente esta situación con la muerte de un ser querido, donde en algunos casos ni siquiera pudimos visitarlos en sus últimos momentos. Oramos para que Dios pueda sanar esta pérdida en todos nuestros corazones.

A pesar de las circunstancias, tenemos que decir "gracias" y "adiós" al Padre Patrick. Me gustaría sugerirles que se despidan del Padre Patrick enviándole una carta de agradecimiento, o realizando un video corto con su despedida y buenos deseos. Favor de enviar la carta o el video al siguiente correo electrónico: <a href="mailto:stmarysbr.online@gmail.com">stmarysbr.online@gmail.com</a>. Recopilaremos sus cartas y videos cortos y los pondremos todos como un regalo de amor para el Padre Patrick. **Por favor envíenos sus cartas y videos a más tardar el 20 de junio.** 

Dado que muchos de nosotros no tendremos la oportunidad de darle al Padre Patrick nuestros propios obsequios personales de agradecimiento (monetarios o de otro tipo), hemos decidido como parroquia darle una donación monetaria considerable de parte de todos nosotros. Dicha donación podría ser utilizada por el Padre Patrick para visitar a su familia en Nigeria en un futuro cercano y gozar de los beneficios de unas buenas comidas y unos buenos partidos de golf; tal vez me invite a uno de esos partidos de golf??. Pero no olvidemos que el mejor regalo que podemos darle al Padre Patrick son nuestras oraciones: al ofrecer nuestras oraciones por sus intenciones, apoyamos su ministerio sacerdotal.

En nombre de todos nosotros, agradecemos al Padre Patrick por los tres años de servicio en nuestra parroquia y le deseamos buena suerte en su nueva parroquia Transfiguración de Nuestro Señor. Espero que sus nuevos feligreses encuentren en él el don y la gracia que ha sido para nosotros.

Bendiciones,

Padre Liborio Amaral Pastor

### Faith Formation





Join us online Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. (MDT)

Join us for this free, two-hour, virtual Bible conference on the weekend of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, also known as the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. But what does the Holy Bible have to say about it?

**Register for free** 

### **Kids Pick of the Week**



#### The Saints: Our Heavenly Friends

Join Brother Francis as he introduces children to their heavenly friends, the saints! Learn about the wonderful comfort. encouragement, and help given through those who serve God in His Heavenly Kingdom.

Rosary Rosario

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

Click on the link

Register using your email (Create New Account)

3. Enter St. Mary's Church, Brampton 4. Access Code: 8b36b3



<u>Español</u>

### Pick of the Week



This film tells the inspiring story of Gregor Mendel (1822 - 1884), who is considered the father of modern genetics, a science that changed the world. He was a Catholic priest and Augustinian monk who lived in the nineteenth century in the Austro-

Hungarian Empire.

Starring Christopher Lambert as Mendel, the movie reveals how he combined his vocation as a priest and training as a scientist to impact the world by courageously following his passion for the truth.

### Bible Verses

The Father the Son and the Holy Spirit

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." - 2 Corinthians 13:13

"The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." - Luke 1:35

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." - Matthew 28:19



#### Vatican: Ignatian Year

May the Ignatian Year help us see all things new in Christ - pope Francis

The online prayer initiative is being celebrated as an opportunity to mark the 500th anniversary of the conversion of Saint Ignatius of Loyola who went on to found the Society of Jesus.

The wound that shattered Ignatius' worldly dreams in an instant "changed the course of his life, and the course of the world", the Pope noted, but "God had a bigger dream for him" that was about "helping souls". He said this dream was about redemption, reaching out to the world, "accompanied by Jesus, humble and poor". This conversion took place daily, the Pope noted, and rarely was it a "once and for all" experience, rather something ongoing "throughout his life, day after day".

Oración en Español



The Pope said we too should "listen to others" and "read situations", since "conversion is always done in dialogue, in dialogue with God, in dialogue with others, in dialogue with the world.'

Learn More

## Live Your Faith



#### St. Justin

The cut and thrust of philosophical debate led him to the Truth

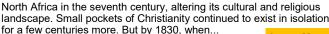
Today's saint was a philosopher in the Greek tradition, born around 100 A.D. in Samaria to Greek parents. Saint Justin wrapped himself in the white, toga-style cloak of a Greek philosopher even after his conversion. He is the most well-known apologist of the second century, the only true Christian thinker known between the time of Saint John the Evangelist and Origen in the first half of the third century. Justin mercilessly criticized the intellectual dead end of the ancient paganism in which he was raised, seeing it as not merely neutral but as an obstacle to discovering the truth.

**Learn More** 

#### Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Young African Christians die like the martyrs of old

Many of the faces of the saints in heaven that shine with the light of God are dark faces. North Africa was one of the first regions to be evangelized and was home to a vibrant, diverse, and orthodox Church for over six hundred years. North Africa had over four hundred bishoprics and enriched the universal Church with a wealth of theologians, martyrs, and saints. That Catholic culture drowned under the crushing waves of Arab Muslim armies that inundated



**Learn More** 

#### "Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief." - St. Augustine

#### **Prayer in Time of COVID**

Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of COVID-19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life.

Grant restored health to the sick, comfort and hope to the dying, eternal peace for those who have died, strength to family members, relatives, clergy, friends and volunteers, renewed energy to hospital workers, PSWs, nurses and doctors, and perseverance to all in the health care professions.

Grant wisdom to scientists for the development of effective and moral vaccines, discernment and right judgment for legislators, aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable, courage and justice for front-line workers and all who risk their lives for the benefit of others, and keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

2.Understanding

7.Fear of the Lord

1.Wisdom

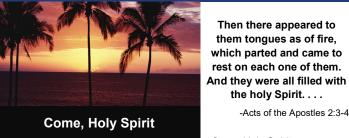
3.Counsel

5.Fortitude

6.Piety

4.Knowledge

## 3 minute Prayer Retreat



-Acts of the Apostles 2:3-4

Come Holy Spirit, renew my heart, fill me with the grace I need to witness the Good News of Jesus to those in mv life.

Then there appeared to

them tongues as of fire,

which parted and came to

rest on each one of them.

the holy Spirit. . . .

**English** 

**Español** 

#### Christ and Cancel Culture



#### **Christ and** Cancel Culture

Fr. Michael Schmitz

From the 18th Annual Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference Held on Saturday, April 24th, 2021

Listen to Fr. Mike's Podcast and learn more about "Christ and Cancel Culture"

Podcast

#### The Spirit and Our Lady



Fruits of the Spirit

- Love
- Joy
- Peace Patience
- **Kindness**
- Goodness
- **Faithfulness**
- Gentleness Self-Control

#### The Spirit and Our Lady

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." - Luke 1:35

Our Lady, from the moment of her conception, was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit. As the Spouse of the Holy Spirit she models for us what our lives can look like when we say "yes" to God's will and fully give ourselves over to the actions of the Spirit of God. Mary's fiat led her to the cross, the empty tomb, and ultimately the upper room where she was once again overshadowed by the Holy Spirit. If we have the courage, as Mary did, to say yes to God's Spirit and to surrender our will to his, we too will experience the power of the Most High overshadowing us.

## 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 BibleTimeline® learning system, a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins.

> Read the Scripture ("... according to the spiritual meaning which the Spirit grants to the Church" 81). -113 2. Catechism of the Catholic Church

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**SCATTERED SEEDS** 

#### In the Darkness We See Farther



In The Darkness We See Farther - Pondering The Paradox Of The "Dark Knowing" Of Faith

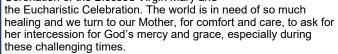
As human beings, we are very visual and there is a certain demand of our flesh to see on its own terms. But of course, God, who is pure spirit, will not be seen in this way.

How can the human eve perceive what is spiritual? It is not designed to do so. We cannot see God, as God, any more than we should expect to be able to see justice sitting down to lunch with humility. These are not physical concepts; they are metaphysical ones. We may see evidence of their existence, but we do not physically see them. And so also with God. We see lots of evidence of His existence, but we do not see Him with our earthly eyes. **Learn More** 

#### Flores de Maria - Virtual Event

May is a Marian month and thus, we are doing another virtual event, this time to honour our Blessed Mother. On Sunday, May 30 at 2 pm, join us as the Filipino Community of St. Paschal Baylon Parish.

It will include a Healing Rosary, the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and



Live on the Facebook & YouTube channels of St. Paschal Baylon Parish and @500yocTO (www.ph500toronto.com)

#### **Ministry with Maturing Adults**

Prescription for COVID: A Daily Dose of Faith, Hope, and Love. Saturday, June 5, 2021, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is a free event.

These unprecedented times have been upsetting, unfair, and challenging for maturing adults. We need our daily dose of faith, hope, and love to fight off the fear, gloom, and dread. As we reflect on what helped us through this past year, we discover that it was and continues to be the strength of the Gospel that provides us with answers to the trauma and fears of the pandemic.

All men and women in the second half of life (50+), including volunteers, parish leaders, parish staff, and priests are welcome to join this webinar.

**Register Here** 

#### St. Teresa of Avila - Spiritual Life Series

#### A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY NEWMAN **CENTRE CATHOLIC MISSION**

Mondays, May 31, June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26 and August 9th - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join a new spiritual life series based on the book, The Interior Castle, by St. Teresa of Avila. This new six-segment series will begin on Monday, May 31 and will be presented by Fr. Peter Turrone, pastor of the Newman Centre. There will be time for group discussions.

REGISTER: https://stteresaofavila.eventbrite.ca **CONTACT:** lenita.lopes@newmantoronto.com WEBSITE: www.newmantoronto.com

POSTER: http://bit.ly/StTeresaWebinar

#### **Pray for Vocations**



God the Father. Creator: God the Son. Redeemer; God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier. When we go out to "make disciples of all nations", we have a lot to tell! God is present everywhere.

Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God's love and presence in your life as a priest, religious or deacon? If so, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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

#### Estudio de la Biblia en Español - Iglesia Santa María

Continuaremos un estudio de los cuatro dogmas marianos tomados de las enseñanzas de la iglesia.

- Maternidad divina
- Virginidad perpetua
- Inmaculada Concepción
- La Asunción

El estudio bíblico en español continuará el 29 de mayo de 8:00pm a las 9:00pm

Si está interesado favor de enviar un WhatsApp al Tel. 416-809-5864 - Martha Guzmán

¡Esperamos verte en nuestro próximo Estudio Bíblico!



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

#### Monday - May 31st

Visitation of the Blessed Virgen Mary

9:00 am - Mass

Tuesday - June 1st

St. Justin

9:00 am - Mass

Wednesday - June 2nd

Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

9:00 am - Mass

Thursday - June 3rd

Sts. Charles Lwanga and Companions

9:00 am - Mass

Friday - June 4th

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

Saturday - June 5th

St. Boniface

9:00 am - Mass

Sunday - June 6<sup>th</sup> St. Norbert

- Livestream at 9:30am Mass in Spanish
- •Livestream at 11am Mass in English

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#### "Tearful Smiles"

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" "That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

### FAMILY CORNER

Spiritual Smoothie: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's description of her First Holy Communion will inspire you to cherish the gift of the Eucharist every time you go to Mass.

... At last GOD IS MINE AND I AM HIS! ...

Video Clip

#### **Describing Family and Faith Identity**

Simple Ways to Talk with Your Kids about Faith

#### **Faith Themes**

Through the Holy Spirit, Christ unifies us and makes us holy.

The marks of Christ's church are one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

#### **Natural Teachable Moments**

- Before a family reunion, or when visiting grandparents or attending a get-together with extended family
- When celebrating a family tradition that your child loves
- When looking at our country's flag or that of another country.

Many families have particular ways to identify themselves. For example...

#### Starting the Conversation

Talk about any crest, symbol, traditional celebration, ritual, sign, or fabric pattern that identifies your family as coming from a particular heritage or tradition...

#### To Help You Pray

Begin prayer with your child by inviting him to still his heart and mind so as to focus quietly on God's presence. After praying...

Learn More

"The joy of the Lord is your strength." - Nehemiah 8:10



Beware of bad news! Why is it that we're so attracted to negative news? It can really get you down, huh? It's because your brain didn't evolve to keep you happy—it evolved to keep you alive. I address this in today's short video... and offer a simple solution.

Short Video

#### The Catholic Foodie



A Greek Fest Inspiration: Garlic Shrimp with Tomatoes, Peppers and Feta

Greek Fest is not the only exciting thing that happens in May. The Louisiana spring shrimp season usually starts in April or May, and fresh shrimp are always plentiful in June and July.

Those two events - Greek Fest and the opening of shrimp season - are the inspiration behind this simple and delicious recipe: Garlic Shrimp with Tomatoes, Peppers and Feta.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 pounds large or jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 6 cloves of garlic, minced
- Zest from 1 lemon
- Coarse-ground Kosher salt, to taste
- Freshly-ground black pepper, to taste
- Cavenne, to taste
- 1 medium to large Vidalia onion, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 3 to 4 Creole (or homegrown) tomatoes, peeled and chopped (reserve juice)
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 4 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- About 8 ounces of Feta cheese, crumbled
- 3 to 4 tablespoons ouzo (optional)

Instructions

### Thank You for your Offering!

May 23, 2021 Regular Collection \$3,901.65

# St. Mary's Church Schedule

During Lockdown (As of April 19th, 2021)

## Office Schedule

### Closed until further notice.

Please contact us by email or phone. stmarysbr@archtoronto.org 905-451-2300 (Meetings by Appointment Only)

## **Church is Open for Private Prayer**

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

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**

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

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