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Save the Day:

Saint Vincent de Paul
September 25-26, 2021

Pastor:

Rev. Liborio Amaral

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Feliciano Merchan

Deacons:

*Franciscus Sukardi
Douglas Asselstine*

Welcome and Quick Update

Welcome everyone and thank you for your great support

Bundle Up Sunday
Saint Vincent de Paul Truck will be here
on September 25-26, 2021
(Refer to page 3 for more information)

September 11/12, Holy Land Collection

Fr Liborio's Reflection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

About two years ago we were in the midst of a Federal Election and I prepared some Pastor's Corners that dealt with the issue of how Catholic's should prepare themselves to vote wisely and prudently, with the Churches teachings as our helpmate in whom we are to vote for.

Please see page 6, 7 & 8 and you will find these Pastor's Corners that I offered two years ago. I hope these words of mine help you discern how you are to vote this coming **Monday, September 20th, 2021.**

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

p.s. Please remember to vote this coming Monday September 20th. Let us pray for each other that our discernment in faith may allow us to vote for the best candidate that will implement (as best as he/she can) the Will of Christ and thereby bring about all the more the Kingdom of God.

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Faith Formation

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



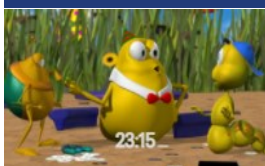
A torture device is transformed into a universal symbol of hope and peace

If the Romans had hung criminals from a gibbet, then Catholic churches would display a noose in their sanctuaries instead of a cross. Or a statue of Jesus' lifeless body would be hanging in the sanctuary from a sturdy branch with a rope wrapped tightly around His neck. If the Romans had practiced stoning as their chosen form of capital punishment, then there would be a pile of rocks for the congregation to gaze at in hope, with Jesus' body, bruised and broken, lying lifeless nearby. We are accustomed to the cross. We wear it around our necks, chisel it onto our tombstones, tattoo it onto our arms, and anchor it into rocky mountain peaks. We even top

our steeples with the cross and illuminate it at night. The Church has been so spectacularly successful in communicating its truths about suffering and death, about resurrection and life, that we perhaps don't notice that, over long centuries, a device of torture and death has been reinterpreted as the world's greatest symbol of life and peace.

[Learn More](#)

Kids Pick of the Week



Cheater Critters

Carlos would rather play computer games than study for his upcoming exams. He decides to follow Sluggy and cheat his way to good grades.

When his deceit is exposed, he learns that dishonesty doesn't pay!

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**

MOVIE
TIME

Español

Pick of the Week

The Reluctant Saint: The Story of St. Joseph Cupertino

Maximilian Schell stars as "the flying friar," St. Joseph of Cupertino, in this heartwarming and amazing true story of the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of seventeenth century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant Abbott (Ricardo Montalban) to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local Bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest. Yet some are convinced that it is the devil, not God, who is responsible for Joseph's miraculous powers--until a final miracle reveals to all his true sanctity.



Español

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Who do you
say that
I am?

Bible Verses

"What about you? He asked them. "Who do you say I am?: Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."- Mark 8:29

CHRIST

GLORY

HOPE

FAITH

TRUTH

LOVE

PEACE



News: Mexican priest helping immigrants integrate into society



Father Alejandro says his organization is long overdue. It seeks to take onboard the needs of Central American and South American migrants, as well as others from farther afield.

Channeling talents

Many of those helped by the organization are undocumented migrants, desperate to escape the poverty, violence and hopelessness whence they came.

Fr Alejandro suggests that rather than herding, corralling and almost metaphorically branding those forgotten ones as rejects, a special group should be assessing qualifications, talents, work ethic and channeling talents in sectors across Mexico.

[Learn More](#)

The Fading of Forgiveness - Bishop Barron

in today's episode of "The Word on Fire Show," Brandon Vogt and I discuss a recent article by Tim Keller, the popular Protestant pastor, titled "The Fading of Forgiveness: Tracing the Disappearance of the Thing We Need Most". Why are people increasingly skeptical about forgiveness? Keller proposes two reasons: a therapeutic culture, and religion without grace.

[Podcast](#)

Freedom of Religion - Chris Stefanick

Freedom of religion is more than the ability to say your prayers – it's the ability to LIVE your prayers.

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

"... you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, as you feed yourself spiritually on the words of faith and of the true teaching..." - 1 Timothy 4:6

[Register](#)

"All the things in this world are GIFTS OF GOD, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully" - Saint Ignatius of Loyola

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.

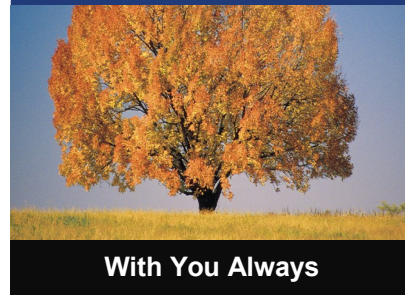
Grant restored health to the sick, comfort and hope to the dying, eternal peace for those who have died, strength to family members, relatives, clergy, friends and volunteers, renewed energy to hospital workers, PSWs, nurses and doctors, and perseverance to all in the health care professions.

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

3 minute Prayer Retreat



With You Always

Loving God, thank you for calling me into relationship with your Son, Jesus. Help me to trust that he is with me always.

[English](#)

[Español](#)

SCATTERED SEEDS

Stewardship Sunday - September 19, 2021



SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

- Bundle Up



Cardinal Thomas Collins has announced the institution of Stewardship Sunday as an annual occurrence across the entire Archdiocese on the 25th

Sunday of Ordinary Time. As such, Stewardship Sunday will be on September 19, 2021.

[Stewardship Sunday \(September 19, 2021\) Homily](#)

We are collecting your donations at **St. Mary's Church** on **September 25th and 26th** (Parking Lot)

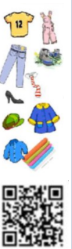
We ACCEPT:

Bedding, drapes and textiles, boots and shoes, Clothing, coats, towels, **new** toys ONLY.

We DO NOT ACCEPT:

Appliances, baby or regular furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction material or video tapes.

For more information visit www.ssvptoronto.ca



New Beginnings

New Beginnings Online Bereavement and Separated/Divorced Introductory Program

Program Goals • Understanding the fundamentals of grief and mourning • Explaining the transitional dynamics of loss • Developing skills for emotional management and practical care • Renewing faith and rediscovery of personal spirituality

Program Access.

Bereavement: Start date & time: **September 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

Separated/Divorced: Start date & time: **September 23, 2021, at 7:00pm**

The program provides 4 weeks of psycho-education which assists and accompanies the bereaved and separated/divorced in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith.

Total cost: **no charge**

For more information and to register Contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE (416) 921-1163 ext. 2225 alimanni@cfstoronto.com



St. Mary's Church

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

Monday - September 13th

St. John Chrysostom

9:00 am - Mass

Tuesday - September 14th

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 am - Mass

Wednesday - September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 am - Mass

Thursday - September 16th

St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian

9:00 am - Mass

Friday - September 17th

St. Robert Bellarmine & St. Hildegard Of Bingen

9:00 am - Mass

6:00pm to 7:00pm Holy Hour

followed by

7:00pm Mass

Saturday - September 18th

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

Sunday - September 19th

St. Januarius

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Daily at 9:00am

Sunday Mass in English at 11:00am

Sunday Mass in Spanish at 2:00pm

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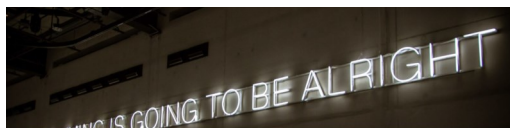
Online Blue Table Webinar
4: Ethics and Ecology

Wednesday, **September 22 – 8 a.m.** A virtual event recommended by the office for promoting Christian Unity and Religious relations with Judaism

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/EthicsAndEcology>

Webinars will be held every fourth Wednesday of the month from September into November 2021.

FAMILY CORNER



SPEAK TRUTH

Remember, friends: **Saint Paul was in “quarantine”, too.** He was under house arrest for two years. And you know what was crucial in impacting his attitude is how he perceived his own self in his circumstance. While awaiting his execution, he was writing things like, “In all these things, we are more than conquerors.” And why? Because of him who loved us.

[Learn More](#)

DIEZ PILARES PARA CONSTRUIR UN MUNDO MAJOR

Hubo un día en que decidí no ver más las noticias antes de acostarme, la magnitud de los problemas es tan grande que en ocasiones llego a pensar que no hay futuro para nuestro planeta.

No obstante, logro mantener mi fe en Dios de dos maneras. Primero, **Jesús ha proclamado el Reino de Dios**, y aún en nuestros días, pese a las circunstancias, todo lo sucedido se encamina en dirección al Reino. Segundo, durante la celebración del año nuevo, en 1972, el papa Pablo VI ofreció un conciso remedio para solucionar los problemas de nuestro mundo: **“Si quieres paz, trabaja por la justicia”.**

1. Dignidad humana
2. Respeto a la vida humana
3. Asociación
4. Participación
5. Protección preferencial de los pobres y vulnerables
6. Solidaridad
7. Cuidado de la tierra
8. Subsidiariedad
9. Igualdad humana
10. El bien común

[Aprenda Más](#)

Virtual/Online
Worldwide
Marriage Encounter



Discover the possibilities of a marriage lived as God intends it!

Join us for a weekend:

October 22-24, 2021

Live your best life in love! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance.

The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be; a special weekend to spend in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

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:** www.me.org

“Who do people say that I am?” Who do you think Jesus is?

The depth of our faith is rooted in our answer. Is God calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon? If you think you are being called to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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

Religious Article Store

IS OPEN!

Please enter via the Parish Hall entrance.

- ◆ **After the Saturday 5 p.m. mass until 6:25 p.m.**
- ◆ **After the Sunday 8 a.m. mass until 9:25 a.m.**
- ◆ **After the Sunday 11 a.m. mass until 12:25 p.m.**

We have a good selection of religious gifts and cards for all occasions, including First Communion. Our volunteers will be happy to help you.

Please wear your mask and follow physical distancing.

Thank You for your Offering!

September 5, 2021 Regular Collection
\$7,878.75

Office Schedule

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am to 8:00pm

Mass Intentions by phone. Please call 905-451-2300
during the office schedule

(Meetings by Appointment Only)

Church Open for Prayer

Monday to Friday

8:00am to 8:00pm

Saturdays

8:00am to 4:00pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday to Saturday

9:00am Mass

Friday Evenings

**6:00pm to 7:00pm Holy Hour followed by
7:00pm Mass**

Sunday Mass Schedule

5:00pm Mass

6:30pm Mass

8:00am Mass

9:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

12:30pm Mass

2:00pm Mass (*Spanish*)

The Church **will be open 30 min**
before each Mass

REGISTRATION is REQUIRED through Eventbrite

Visit our Parish website to register
or call the parish office for support

Confession Times

Fridays

6:00pm to 6:45pm

Saturdays

9:45am to 11:00am

Livestream Masses:

Daily at 9:00am (*English*)

Sundays at 11:00am (*English*)

& 2:00pm (*Spanish*)

Article One:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A past Governor of the State of New York, Mario M. Cuomo, speaking about politicians and their faith, once said:

“It’s always been safer not to talk about religious beliefs, because religious beliefs are so personal that they tend to antagonize.”

This seems to be true even in today’s political climate in Canada. The noble vocation of entering into the political arena is not for the meek and mild. Politics is tough and one needs to have a tough skin to enter into it. For a person to be an elected representative in parliament, he/she requires the necessary votes from the constituency population they wish to represent. Acquiring the necessary ‘votes’ is often the main focus of politicians – the kissing of babies and attending BBQ’s are all part of the play book. But less and less is the importance of a politician introducing themselves in who they are and what forms their moral and ethical groundings that will influence their voice in parliament. Sadly, more and more politicians will say anything to get our vote and cover up their inner beliefs. Many politicians are willing to speak about their hard core beliefs only when it is advantageous to do so. But when a politician is pushed to speak about what he/she believes as morally right or wrong and what their personal beliefs are on such hot topics like Abortion, Euthanasia, Same Sex Marriage, etc., then the statement above by Mario M. Cuomo, must come to mind for most of them. And this is why we often hear politicians hide behind the non-statement of ‘my personal beliefs are private and they will not affect the way I will govern if I am elected.’ This statement is said in many different ways, but they all mean the same. It is clear that the non-statement is a way to avoid the subject, because “It’s always been safer not to talk about religious beliefs...” Politicians should not be allowed to hide behind ‘non-statements’, because their personal beliefs can and often do have an impact on the society we live in. Please allow me to explain how this is so.

We all have our personal thoughts on a multitude of issues that surround us as members of a society. These thoughts are formed by life experience, education, reason and faith. People have different thoughts on such issues as the minimum hourly wage, daycare subsidies, gas tax, marijuana use, Sunday shopping, environmental pursuits, abortion, euthanasia, same sex marriage, etc. These thoughts will form the way we see society and how it should be run - what rules and regulations should be implemented, what policies should be pursued, etc. We should not think that politicians are different from us. They too have their thoughts on these issues as we do. But it is the politician we elect who will have a say at the table in Ottawa with all the other representatives.

Since the person we elect will represent us we need to know who they are. We should not expect that a politician, if elected, will mirror our thoughts and beliefs. If a politician is pro-choice, pro-euthanasia, pro same sex marriage, and is elected, then those in his/her riding should not be surprised that he/she will vote for these things - even if the majority of his/her riding is pro-life, pro-palliative care and pro marriage between a man and a woman. We should not expect a politician to go against what he/she believes to be true and right. This is why we should inquire what our candidates believe in, what they hold as true for themselves, especially on the most hot-topic issues of our day. We should not accept our candidates to hide behind the catch phrases that become part of the ‘non-statements’ we hear. We should clearly know what they will promote and protect with their votes in Ottawa.

So I encourage you to get to know who is seeking your vote in this October's election. Find out what your candidates' views are on the many topics of importance to our society, because it is only in doing so that we can vote responsibly and with confidence.

I will pause at this point and allow us to consider what has been written above.

I will continue this line of thought in next week's Pastor's corner.

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

p.s. I renew my clarification statement that what I have written and will write is not meant to lead you to vote for one candidate or one party over another - I just offer these thoughts to help you 'discern' how you will use your vote this October.

Article Two:

Dear brothers and sister in Christ,

Allow me to continue from last week's Pastor's corner as a means to offer some considerations as you discern how you will vote this coming month.

As Catholics we are called to see the world and the society we live in through the lens of faith. As believers, we should not be ashamed of what we believe to be true and just. Jesus does not leave us in limbo regarding how we are to live together as a society. It is true that Jesus Christ and the Church He founded does not specifically give direction as to how some topics should be resolved – issues such as the gas tax, minimum wage, daycare subsidies, the homeless, etc. And yet, the main moral and ethical principles we hold as true can and does play a role in all of these issues – they form the basis for the answers people should be looking for. Let's look at the issue of the minimum hourly wage that politicians and parties will continue to struggle with. As Catholics we hold that people should be given a just wage for the work they do. But if people are receiving the minimum hourly wage and yet are unable to provide for their family, then we should make our politicians aware of the justice of increasing the minimum wage. In this case of the minimum hour wage, what Jesus taught about justice can and should play a part in the decisions that are made.

Then there are the other issues of heated contention, such as Abortion, Euthanasia and Same Sex Marriage, where Jesus and His Church have clear views that cannot be watered down. As Catholics (be we politicians, or those who vote them in) we are clearly told the TRUTH about these topics and how we are to live them out in society. Sadly this TRUTH is not always believed by all Catholics. This TRUTH can and should impact our decision as to how we vote.

I will leave you with this parting thought from a person whom I believe was a prophet in his own time and his words are still prophetic in ours. This is not my statement; it comes from the past Archbishop of New York, John J. Cardinal O'Connor, who once said he did not "see how a Catholic in good conscience can vote for a candidate who explicitly supports abortion."

I now invite you to consider what has been written above before I continue this line of thought in next week's pastor's corner.

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

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Article Three:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Allow me to continue my thoughts from last week's pastor's corner.

Last week I left you with a quote from John J. Cardinal O'Connor, a past Archbishop of New York, who said that he did not **"see how a Catholic in good conscience can vote for a candidate who explicitly supports bortion."** I would like to reflect on this statement and unpack what it might mean for us and our upcoming vote. I will use as my reflection the example that was told to me by a friend to shed light on the quote above – I have taken the liberty to expound on what my friend said.

Imagine if you will, the scenario where you have been in a coma for 25 years. As you awaken from the coma you realize that much has changed in society – and one of these changes is that 'Slavery' is now the law of the land. Confused as to how this could possibly have come about, you ask someone the history of this law of Slavery. You are told the following: 25 years ago society was dead-set against Slavery – it was unthinkable even to raise it as a possibility for limited and unique situations. But slowly the consensus of people was to allow it to exist. Slavery was first allowed as a 'personal choice' - those who needed money to pay off huge debts would be able to sell themselves for a period of time, to work off the debt. People were ok with this law, because it was a free choice that people were making after all. Then this law of Slavery expanded to include prisoners. Those who were imprisoned were given the option of slavery instead of remaining in jail for the rest of their lives. Soon the prisoners were no longer asked, but forced into slavery. People were content with this developing Law of Slavery, because prisoners were criminals after all and they did not deserve to be 'free' to decide what their fate should be. Finally, slavery was extended to the poor and the handicapped – these people were seen as mooching off societies resources and were not giving back as productive members of society. As you leave the hospital, confused and shocked that Slavery could actually have become the law of the land, you notice lawn signs signifying a general election is underway. As you turn on your T.V. you hear that there are political voices that are supporting the expansion of the Slavery law to now include children who have become orphans.

It is here that you take your stand. Now is the time to have reason once again to prevail. You search out the four candidates who are running in your riding and ask them where they stand on 'Slavery'.

The first candidate tells you that he is totally in favour of the expansion of the Slavery law and even has other suggestions to expand it further to those who are mentally ill.

The second candidate says that although she personally disagrees with Slavery, yet she will continue to follow the will of the people and vote accordingly.

After hearing your objections to Slavery in all cases, the third candidate sympathizes with you and makes it clear that he is a good 'Catholic' and was even an altar server when he was young. He understands the Church's teachings on Slavery, but he believes that people have the right and freedom to choose how society will be formed – although he is against Slavery personally, he will not change the law that people want.

The final candidate explains that although she is personally against Slavery, her party affiliation is for it. She is not free to be anti-slavery and at the same time a member of her party. She is saddened by the lack of political freedom she has, but feels that she can still promote other important initiatives that affect society as your representative.

If you were this person who came out of a coma and found yourself in this scenario, what would you do with your vote? All four candidates would not change the Law of Slavery. Now comes the big decision. What would you do with your vote?

May I suggest that the dilemma of whom to vote for above is the same dilemma (and I dare say even greater) that many of us have when one or all of our candidates respond in similar fashions to such critical issues effecting society as Abortion, Euthanasia and Same Sex Marriage.

I wonder if, in our futuristic scenario of the existence of a Slavery Law, John J. Cardinal O'Connor's would permit us to alter his quote above so that it would read that he did not **see how a Catholic in good conscience can vote for a candidate who explicitly supports slavery** – I think he would approve of this slight change as remaining consistent to his original intent.

At this point I will bring my reflections on the upcoming Federal Election to a close.

Blessings, Fr. Liborio