



Weekend of 17-18 February 2018
First weekend of Lent

Masses / Intentions for the week of 19-25 February

Monday 19 February

7:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday 20 February

7:30 a.m. † Intentions of Antonio Careri / Careri

Wednesday 21 February

7:00 p.m. † Margaret Milton / Bob and Lorie Milton

Thursday 22 February

7:00 p.m. † Joan Thomas / Valerie and Brian Finley

Friday 23 February

7:30 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Stations of The Cross

Saturday 24 February

9:00 a.m. Special Mass for Peace

Sunday Liturgies

5:00 p.m. † Paula Petrosniak and Michael Boyle /
 Annette and Peter Watson

Sunday 25 February

9:00 a.m. † Vera Moher / Eldon and Anne Marie Werry

† Deceased members of the Tangney and
 Wansborough families / Marg

11:00 a.m. † Ana Zerdin / Stan

FOR THE SICK

Especially Kerry Polito, Teresa Ralph,
 Randall Cote, Dan McCormick, Brian
 Hough and Helena Lessard; may the
 Lord's healing hand touch them.



AND FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

Especially Nancy Demoe, Lisa Przyklenk and John Eagles.
 May they receive the gift of eternal life in heaven.

DONATIONS LAST WEEK

Offertory	\$5,667
Preauthorized payment	\$1,597
Total offertory	\$7,264

If you would like to use donation envelopes or a
 preauthorized payment method instead, please
 contact the parish office at 705-324-4828.



Have you prayed over your stewardship support level?

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During lent on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm we will have
 the Stations of the Cross. Various parish groups will
 be leading them and you are invited to come
 especially for these Lenten devotions. They run
 approximately a half hour. The schedule is:

February 23 - K of C	March 16 - D & P
March 2 - SVDP	March 23 - Rite to Life
March 9 - Youth	March 30 - Youth

TUNING IN TO THE MASS!

With Hearing Assistance

Our hearing impaired channel is 106.7



Did you know you can listen to Mass with a portable FM
 radio tuned to 106.7. If you are hard of hearing or just
 can't hear clearly from your favorite pew then this is an
 option for you. Contact Tony Reitzel at 705-324-7627 or the
 rectory for radio recommendations.

FIRST COMMUNION REMINDER

It is very important that you come to the first
 session. At least one parent must attend all
 sessions with their child.



Session #1 First Communion meeting
 Sunday February 18 at the 9 or 11 a.m.

Mass in the Church and one hour after in the St. Mary's
 School. This is the Inscription where each child brings
 his or her own card to the altar to enroll in the program.

Session #2 Sunday March 18 at the 9 or 11 a.m. Mass
 in the Church and one hour after the Mass in St. Mary's
 School. This is the Bestowal of the Prayerbook for each
 child at Mass.

Session #3 Sunday April 22 at the 9 or 11 a.m. Mass in
 the Church and after the Mass a tour of the Church with
 emphasis on the altar and tabernacle.

There is also a retreat at St. Mary's School and practice
 in the Church on Friday April 27 from 9:15 a.m. till 12
 noon.

**These sessions are also for the children in Public
 School.**

April 29 First Communion at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

40 HOURS DEVOTION

Please join us for 40 continuous hours of prayer before
 the Blessed Sacrament. This devotion began about 500
 years ago and is a way for us to spend time of personal
 prayer with our Lord. Prayer begins at 8 am on Fri. Feb.
 23rd and concludes at Sat. Feb. 24th at midnight. Please
 sign up for a time on the sheet at the North Entrance of the
 Church.

CWL NEWS

We introduce our new **CWL Executive**: Lillian
 O'Connell, Gloria Broad, Marion LeBlanc, Helena
 Lessard, Jane Antal, Becky Bloom, Marg
 Johansen, Audrey Johnson, Alison Lynch, and
 Marnie Suggitt. **Thank you** to the outgoing
 executive for all of their work for the council over the last two
 years.



SPRING FLING, SHOPPING TRIP & DINNER

Sponsored by Blythe Chapter IODE,
 When - Monday **February 26**
 Where - Fairview Mall Toronto (Shopping) and Mandarin
 Restaurant Pickering (Dinner)
 Cost \$70 per person; includes trip, dinner and all gratuities.
 For more information and booking please call
 Barb Boyd 705-324-3175 or Rita Twohey 705-324-5122

**WHAT IS THE DAY OF GRACE AND
 RECONCILIATION**

On **Saturday March 17** the parish is having a day of Grace
 and Reconciliation which will mean we will have one or two
 priests in the confessionals all day long from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Father. Balonwu, Eric, Bill, Charlie, and visiting priests will be
 available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Church.
 Instead of a parish reconciliation service in the afternoon or
 evening it has been decided that we will have this approach in
 Lent so as to be more available to all of you to receive the
 Sacrament. I invite you to take advantage of this time to know
 God's grace, healing and forgiveness. Drop in to reconnect
 with God as we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 all day long to promote an atmosphere of prayer and presence.
 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his
 appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be
 reconciled to God" 2 Cor.5: 20

YOUTH NEWS



"Anyone who piously and earnestly ponders the Sermon on the Mount — as we read in the Gospel according to Matthew — I believe he will find therein... the perfect standard of the Christian Life."

-- St Augustine

This week at Chosen we learned about the natural moral law "which is written and engraved in the soul of each and every man" (CCC 1954). We also learned about the Old Law which was revealed to the people of Israel in the Old Testament through the Ten Commandments. Finally, we learned about the New Law which is the perfection of the natural moral law and the Old Law. The New Law, which primarily we hear about in the Sermon on the Mount, calls for a transformation of heart in living out our faith in words and actions. We learned that when we keep the Commandments and act out of love rather than fear we live in true freedom and have true and lasting joy. We also had fun playing dodgeball, acting out a skit from the virtuous life of St Francis and one of his friars, Brother Juniper, enjoyed chocolate chip pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and closed our evening with time for quiet prayer in the church. Grade 7 and 8 students, please join us this week when we will learn about grace, justification and the Church. New members are always welcome! Next meeting **Tuesday February 20th 7-9pm, St Mary's School.**

Ora et Labora
Prayer and Work

Our next Ora et Labora meeting will take place on **Friday February 23rd 7pm.** High school students please join us. We will begin in the Church praying the Stations of the Cross, then move to the school to enjoy pizza and a game of volleyball and finish back in the church – joining in the 40 Hours Devotion with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for Confession.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN

On March 10 please join the women of St Mary's Parish for a Day of Recollection with the Sisters of Life, a active-contemplative religious order dedicated to the promotion of the sanctity of all human life. The Sisters will give two talks: "Beauty Will Save the World" (on the dignity of women) and "Prayer". The day starts at 9:00 am with the celebration of Holy Mass. The Day will also include the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Confession and conclude at 3:30 pm. Please register by calling the parish office 705 324 4828. The Day of Recollection is free of charge but a donation to cover the cost of lunch is appreciated.

ST. PATRICK'S - CELTIC GOSPEL CONCERT WITH RHYTHM AND GRACE

Join us **Friday March 16th** at 7:30 pm for a dynamic, musical, Faith-filled experience as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Rhythm and Grace— a musical family from Lakefield, Ontario. Miriam and Alex, with their 6 oldest children ages 6 to 16, will help us get our feet tapping and our hands clapping through harmonious song, energetic step-dancing, vibrant fiddling, and more. This event promises to be a life-giving experience for all ages. Free-will offering.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE CORNER

For this year's Share Lent, Development and Peace is encouraging us to come together for peace! You will find inspiring testimonials in the Mini-magazine distributed in church today.

During this first week, our search for peace takes us to Cambodia to meet ICSSO, a Development and Peace partner that works with minority Indigenous communities to help them have their rights recognized by the government, defend their land against corporate interests, and develop sustainable economic activities that enable them to live with dignity.

To find out more about Share Lent, please contact Dorothy Carroll at 705-324-7750

MEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION WITH FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

Called to Greatness: "...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant..."

On 24 March from 8am-4pm please join the men of St Mary's Parish for a Day of Recollection lead by Fr Ignatius Mary of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal is a religious community of men who imitate the Lord Jesus Christ and St Francis through prayer, fraternal life, and service the materially poor throughout the world. The day will include Holy Mass, two talks by Fr Ignatius, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Stations of the Cross, and the opportunity for Confession. Please register by calling the Parish Office at 705 324 4828. There is no cost to register but a donation to cover the cost of Lunch is appreciated.

BIBLE STUDY- THE WILD GOOSE

The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit awakening the hearts of all those participating to God's love and transforming power.

This is a love that has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and that leads us to our heavenly Father.

A chance to meet the Holy Spirit in a deeper and new way on this 7 weeks - 2hr. sessions in the sacristy.

**Monday, April 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 21, 28; from 1-3pm
Tuesday April 10, 17, 24; May 2, 9, 16 and 23; from 7-9pm**

There is no cost for this Bible Study. If interested contact Lorie at 705-320-9913 or Carole at 705-324-7221.

SUPPORT CARDS

OVER 3 MILLION DOLLARS SOLD

We have President Choice, Food Basic, Lamantia, Tim Hortons, Swiss Chalet, Canadian Tire, Home Hardware Cards, and Giant Tiger.

PLEASE LOOK AT THE FIGURES BELOW. Its time to get on board to help us

RESTORE YOUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH. If you are not able to donate money to the church this is one way you can. You have to eat so every time you buy a card you are donating 5% to the church restoration. You can get your Gift Cards at the church or at the office during office hours. For every dollar you spend we receive money to help restore this beautiful church.

Sales to date	\$3,235,045
Weekly sales	\$10,585
Profit to Date	\$172,291
Weekly Profit	\$536