

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 16th

9:00 a.m. † Bashar Shaheen

Tuesday, March 17th

6:30 p.m. † Tony Ramalho
-and- † Sabina Novarra

Wednesday, March 18th

9:00 a.m. Special Intention for
Peter Misek & Family

Thursday, March 19th

9:00 a.m. † Fr. Denis Mazerolle

Friday, March 20th

9:00 a.m. † Fr. James Greer
6:30 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*
7:00 p.m. † Fr. Joseph McHenry

Saturday, March 21st

9:00 a.m. † Fr. Joseph Sellars
5:00 p.m. † Michael Angelone

Sunday, March 22nd 4th Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. † Fr. Anthony Botek
-and- † Gaetano Tavone
10:30 a.m. † Ben Lapenskie
-and- † Sheila Rose Jenkinson
12 noon † Theresa Pereira
6:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph,
Living & Deceased

ST. JOSEPH CWL

The St. Joseph CWL is supporting an initiative headed by the St. Catharine's Central Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the people of Naujaat in Nunavut with the crushing cost of food which is a major contributor to poverty in the village. They will be collecting cake, cookie and muffin mixes during the month of March which will be shipped during the summer. Please ensure that expiry dates are September 2020 or later. Collection bins are located in the lobby. The CWL thanks you for your generous support of our fellow Canadians in the North.



PEROGIES

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PEROGIE RUN FOR MARCH 25TH HAS BEEN CANCELED.

Annual Diocesan

RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS

Celebrated by

Most Rev. Gerard Paul Bergie

Bishop of St. Catharines

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

A Special Diocesan Mass

to thank God for the gift of life
to pray for human life in all its stages
to pray for those wounded by abortion.

Reception to follow in the parish hall

Hosted by the Diocesan CWL

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

On Saturday, March 28th, in every parish across the diocese, a priest will be available from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to hear individual confessions. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration during this time. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION DATE CHANGES

With the increased caution in regards to the prevention of the spread of the COVID-19 virus and with respect to Public Health and safety - Bishop Bergie and I have decided to postpone the upcoming Confirmation dates (originally scheduled for March 26, April 1, April 2).

The rescheduled dates for Confirmation are as follows:

Confirmation Dates

Tuesday May 5, 2020 – 7:00pm – candidates from Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School

Saturday May 9, 2020 – 10:00am – candidates from St. John Catholic School

Saturday May 9, 2020 – 2:00pm – candidates from St. Joseph Catholic School

I thank Bishop Bergie for offering these other dates and times for us. I also thank all parents and families for understanding the need to change these dates. Please let the confirmation sponsors, and your extended families and friends know about these changes.

Fr. Rico

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

FR. RICO'S GOD TALK – Bible Study

This is a weekly Bible Study that meets on Tuesday's beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m. Our next meeting is Tues., March 17th. The topic is Jeremiah Chapter 6-13. ALL are welcome.

The Mura: beset by buffaloes, plagued by potash



For several years now, the Mura people of Brazil's Amazonas state have sought to assert their claim to their ancestral lands. To their frustration however, it has been much easier for cattle herders and a potash mine to occupy and control those lands than it has been for them to have their rights respected. Development and Peace's partner, the Indigenous Missionary Council (CIMI), helps them advocate for, defend and publicize their cause more effectively.

"On behalf of the Mura in my region, I want to thank Canadians. We are very happy to have your support. It helps us in our struggle to have our rights and our land respected." — Jeremias Oliveira, representative of the Mura community, Brazil

Watch the Mura's testimony at devp.org/campaign/mura.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL WITH FR. RICO!

After much prayer and reflection, I have determined that God has put on my heart to lead another pilgrimage this year for our community. After having led pilgrimages to the Holy Land and to Italy to celebrate the beginning of our Church, I have decided that our next pilgrimage should focus on the Blessed Mother - Mary. I will be leading a Marian pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes. I am very excited to be able to take those who may be interested to the sites of great healing in Lourdes and the very spot where Mary appeared to the three shepherd children – Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta in Fatima. We will also be taking in the culture of France, Spain and Portugal – visiting the historic site of Normandy at Juno Beach and thanking God for the witness of our Canadian soldiers who fought for our freedom, the amazing cities of Barcelona, Paris and Madrid to name a few, and enjoy the tasty foods and cultural beauty of these cities. Those interested may speak to me directly or fill out the registration form and send it in immediately. This pilgrimage promises to be a sell out! Don't be disappointed. Join us!

Fr. Rico

PILGRIMAGE – INFORMATION MEETING

There will be a Pilgrimage Information Meeting for Fr. Rico's Marian pilgrimage on Wednesday March 25 @ 7pm in the Church. Anyone interested in the Pilgrimage is invited to attend. Note that Fr. Rico and Edgar – the travel agent – will be present.

Knights of Columbus

CUT-A-THON

Sunday, March 29th from 1-5 p.m.

St. Joseph Church Gathering Room

Cuts are \$25 and you can purchase your ticket in advance by March 22nd by contacting

Chris at 905-643-3375 or Kyle 905-570-9490

All proceeds go towards supporting Chez Marie Refugees Assistance Centre in our diocese
(No one should be forced to flee their home)



EASTER FLOWERS

Flowers not only enhance the beauty of the church, they also are a special way to honour loved ones. If you would like to make a donation to our Flower Fund and to honour your loved ones, please fill in their name and place your donation in an envelope (please note that this donation is non-receiptable). Those who you wish to be remembered will be included in our Book of Life and placed in front of the Sanctuary during the Easter season.

Please include this slip of paper with the name of your loved one.

Your Name:

In Memory of:
