

Bulletin - March 5, 2023

2nd Sunday of Lent

The story of the Transfiguration is a good example of the strength and assurance we can derive from prayer while facing the difficulties of life. We need periods of peace and tranquility so that God's voice is not crowded out. Prayer is about being in the presence of God, listening to Him and experiencing His strength in our movement through life. *-Desmond Knowles-*

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament.
This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns*

IN THANKSGIVING

If you wish to sponsor the sanctuary lamp for one week the stipend is \$10.00

Please do not attend any Mass if you are experiencing any symptoms such as a stuffy or runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever, headache, pink eye, decreased appetite etc...

Mass Intentions

2nd Sunday in Lent - March 5, 2023

Sat. Mar. 4 -5 pm - for the people
Sun. Mar. 5 - 9:30 am - Mary Boyle (Jack)
Tues. Mar. 7 -9:00 am - unannounced
Wed. Mar. 8 - 9:00 am - Mary Boyle (Jack)
Thurs. Mar. 9 -9:00 am - Unannounced

Fridays Mass is cancelled

3rd Sunday in Lent - March 12, 2023

Sat. Mar. 11 -5 pm - unannounced
Sun. Mar. 12 - 9:30 am - for the people

Lenten Confessions: Saturday April 1 from 4 to 5 pm and then again after mass as necessary.

Holy Land Wood Art

The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem-The Holy Land-is selling their hand-crafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. Some Christians responded by fleeing the area due to declining tourism, but the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy Sites. On March, 11th&12th we will be having some of their beautiful arts held for sale at Holy Name of Jesus in an effort to support the Christians presence in The Holy Land.

Veronica's Veil Overnight Warming Center Seeking Male Volunteers

Male volunteers needed to staff 4-hour shifts throughout the night for a men's shelter at the St. Mary's Parish Centre. Contact Ann Lyn: (613)572-4892 or annlyng96@gmail.com

<https://stmaryscathedral.ca/dropincentre/>

St. Patrick's Day Musical Afternoon Thursday, March 16th, 2023, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

St. Joseph Parish (392 Palace Road, Kingston, ON)

The Social Committee of St. Joseph's Pastoral Council will provide an afternoon of musical entertainment, featuring Chris Murphy, Jon McLurg and Noah St. Amand (of Turpin's Trail), for those who are Irish and for those who "wish they were." Please join us in the church for an opportunity to enjoy local musicians. Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall. Come and bring a friend or two! A free-will monetary offering would be appreciated, proceeds for Veronica's Veil Overnight Warming Center.

At this time of year many Gr. 12 students are awaiting responses from the universities or colleges that they've applied to for Sept 2023. A good way to help them deepen their faith and get to know other youth with sound values could be to let them know about the student residences run by faithful of the Prelature of Opus Dei in the different cities, which are really outstanding (see links below). They are usually located right in the heart of the student ghetto, and are very well-appointed, with excellent meals, stunning chapels, full-service laundry, access to priests, and most importantly, a family tone where Christian charity is really lived. Note also that non-practicing Catholics, non-Catholic Christians, and non-Christians are welcome too in those residences/centres.

Men's Student Residences in Canada

1) Quebec City - Boisgomin

<https://boisgomin.ca/>

2) Montreal - Riverview Centre

<https://www.riverviewcentre.ca/>

3) Ottawa - Parkhill

<https://www.parkhillresidence.ca/>

4) Toronto - Ernescliff

<http://www.ernescliff.ca/>

5) Calgary - Bowmont

<https://www.bowmont.org/>

Women's Student Residences in Canada

1) Quebec City - Trimar

<http://centrecultureltrimar.com/>

2) Montreal - Fonteneige Centre

<https://www.fonteneige.ca/>

3) Ottawa - Valrideau

<https://www.valrideau.com/>

4) Toronto - Kintore

<https://www.kintorecollege.ca/>

St. Mary's Drop-In Centre Looking for Volunteers

260 Brock St Kingston Volunteer your time to help one of our teams: We need your help with staffing shifts, collecting/organizing donations, working at our Community Garden, and fundraising. Our guests regard the church as a safe haven and we continually hear that our loving volunteers make all the difference. We strive to see Jesus in all those who come through our doors (Mt 25:40). We are always in need of more volunteers, particularly to staff the shifts at the Drop-In Centre and to provide pastoral care to our guests. To volunteer, please get in touch with **Paty Velazquez, Coordinator. Email: paty@stmaryscathedral.ca; Phone: (613) 546-5521 <https://stmaryscathedral.ca/dropincentre/>**

Oct-Dec 2022 Lottery Donation and the Feb to April 2023 Knights of C 50/50 Lottery

Thank you, families and friends of the knights who participated in the Oct, –Dec 2022 lottery. Your Knights of Columbus council received \$175 from this lottery, and this was donated to **St. Vincent de Paul Society Lunch program**.

The early bird draws of the **Feb-Apr 2023 Lottery**, \$500, \$250, \$250 on **March 1st and April 1st** with the final **grand prize draw on April 30th** at 10 am. Our portion of the lottery funds, 25% of ticket sales sold from our website will be dedicated to **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. 25% goes to our Provincial Knights organization the 50% from each council website ticket sales goes to the grand prize winner.

You may purchase tickets for the present lottery at:

<https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=11886>

Note: If you are apprehensive of buying on-line contact Robert Charest at 613-547-4731 or Jim Laudanski at 613-544-9489 who will buy them, upon payment when you see him next he will give you the photocopy of the email of the tickets purchased

Lenten Retreat - Renewing my relationship with Jesus

Saturday, April 1st, 2023; 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Francis J. Spence Pastoral Centre, Room A (390 Palace Road Kingston, ON)

Presenter: Deacon Bill Gervais D Min

In our sessions together, we will be guided by the gospels, church traditions, aspects of Ignatian spirituality, and especially the wisdom of Pope Benedict who claimed being a Christian requires an intimate relationship with Jesus. *"If my desire is solely to be devout, and to perform my religious duties, then my friendship with God will grow arid It will become loveless."* (Deus Caritas Est, 18)

This is a free event but registration is required (light lunch and beverages are provided). Please register by Wednesday, March 29th, 2023. To register, contact Goret at

ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca or call 613-548-4461 ext. 112. When registering please indicate any food allergies.

The facilitator for this program of prayer is Deacon Bill Gervais, DMin. He has advanced degrees in pastoral ministry and spirituality. His ministries include pastoral care, spiritual direction, as well as facilitating days of reflection, retreats, and writing a monthly religion column for the Kingston Whig-Standard.

Pray for Ukraine: Prayer of Invocation to Our Lady of All Nations

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth.

Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations

that they may be preserved from degeneration, disasters, and the ravages of war.

May Our Lady of all Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our advocate.

Blessed Mother, Queen of Peace, pray for the people of Ukraine.

Amen.