Bulletin - March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent

When we were baptised we received the life saving water of life for the first time. As life goes on we need to be constantly in touch with this fountain of life giving water, which Jesus gave us, otherwise we wither and the miracle of growth in Godliness does not take place. If we are suffering from thirst, His spirit is always at hand to refresh us. -Desmond Knowles-

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

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns

FOR THE INTENTIONS OF OF GILLES DEBERNARDI

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

3rd Sunday in Lent - March 12, 2023

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

Tues. Mar. 14-9:00 am - unannounced Wed. Mar. 15-9:00 am - Mary Boyle (Jack) Thurs. Mar. 16-9:00 am - Unannounced Fri. Mar. 17-9:00 am - Mary Boyle (Jack)

4th Sunday in Lent - March 19, 2023

Sat. Mar. 18 -5 pm - Jim Coulter (Coulter Family)

Sun. Mar. 19 - 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. Saturday and Sunday after Mass, we will have some of their beautiful art for sale in an effort to support the Christian presence in The Holy Land.

Holy Family Parish is Hiring: Part-time Administrative Assistant

Do you have office administration skills? Do you want to join a dynamic mission-driven team? Please contact **Karen Keough at holyfamilychurch@cogeco.ca** to receive an information package. Letter of Interest and Resume due by 4:00 pm Monday, March 20th, 2023.

Lenten Lecture Series

Saturday mornings March 11th - March 25th

Saint Paul the Apostle Parish will be hosting a Lenten Lecture Series on the Liturgy on Saturday mornings 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the Parish Hall.

Speaker is Father John Hibbard. TOPICS: **March 4** - Spirituality of the Liturgy; **March 11** - Elements and Tools of Liturgical Spirituality; March 18 - Spirituality of the Eucharistic Prayer; **March 25** - Eucharist: Paschal Meal, Sacrifice and Covenant.

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.

<u>The Call of the Catechist - a webinar series offered by the Canadian Conference of Catholic</u> Bishops (CCCB)

Beginning on March 28, 2023, the CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will offer a webinar series, The Call of the Catechist. This three-part series will explore the needs of the catechist today and will be of interest to those involved in evangelization and catechesis. Keynote speakers include Sherry Weddell (Catherine of Siena Institute), Sr. Janet Schlaffler, OP (Adrian Dominican Sisters), and Anne Walsh, D.Min. (Redemptorist Lay Missionary). To Register: https://cccb-

ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/2916776042783/WN_Dhjog2k8R8i626WAcmCu1Q

Prison Ministry Information

Tuesday evenings (April 11th - May 9th, 2023); 6:30 to 8:30 pm Francis J. Spence Pastoral Centre (390 Palace Road, Kingston)

Have you ever wanted to do some type of Prison Ministry but weren't sure what's involved or how to go about it? This workshop series is designed for you. Also, this is a good refresher training for Volunteers currently in this ministry. Over the course of five weekly, 2-hour sessions, participants will be introduced to key aspects, skills, and themes surrounding this ministry. Some of the topics include:

- Call to Prison Ministry
- Communication Skills
- Boundaries
- Restorative Justice
- Self-care
- Prison culture
- And more!

For more information contact Mary-Jo Mackinnon Simms at <u>religioused@archkingston.ca</u>. To sign up contact Gorett DaSilva by phone 613-548-4461 ext. 112, or e-mail: <u>pastoralservices@archkingston.ca</u>. **The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 5th, 2023**.

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

<u>Lenten Retreat</u> - <u>Renewing my relationship with Jesus</u>

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 Gorett 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.