

# *First Sunday of Lent*

## *March 10, 2019*



### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MARCH 9 – MARCH 17

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 9</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
4:30 pm	Vito Tarica	His daughters
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 10</b>	
9:00 am	Agnes O'Donnell	Marie Foggo
11:00am	Our Parishioners	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 11</b>	
8:30 am	Water Gargul	Ed & Helen Samoluk
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 12</b>	
8:30	Shirley Anne Follett	Peter & Norma
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 13</b>	
8:30 am	Rina Reda	family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 14</b>	
8:30 am	Gerard Crotty & Vera Ruffolo	family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 15</b>	
8:30 am	Jose Victoria	Children of the Light Prayer Group
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 16</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 17</b>	
9:00 am	In thanksgiving	Robilla Cabatic
11:00 am	Fr. Peter Clarke O.P.	Dawn & Gerry Richardson

#### SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

March 10: Barbara Kray, requested by Helen & Manfred Adam

March 17: Jack Scimone, requested by Connie.

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Alfred Kolodnicki*, husband of Wilhelmina, father of Rina Callard; *Joseph Strutynski*, husband of Denise, father of Michael, John and Joanne.

#### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH 2/3**

Offerings: \$ 4,903.85

Next special collection: March 10 - Helping Others

**HEALING SERVICE:** We invite you to join us on Monday, March 18<sup>t</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Our evening includes Eucharistic Adoration, prayerful music, scripture, and reflection. The sacrament of Reconciliation is available as are our Prayer Teams.

#### **FAITH FIRST**

Level 1/2 (SP3) Gathering #3 Friday, March 15th

Confirmation Reconciliation Celebration Saturday, March 16th 10am-noon

## POPE'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2019



“Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Each year, through Mother Church, God ‘gives us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed... as we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ.’ We can thus journey from Easter to Easter towards the fulfilment of the salvation we have already received as a result of Christ’s paschal mystery—‘for in hope we were saved’ . This mystery of salvation, already at work in us during our earthly lives, is a dynamic process that also embraces history and all of creation. As Saint Paul says, ‘the creation waits with

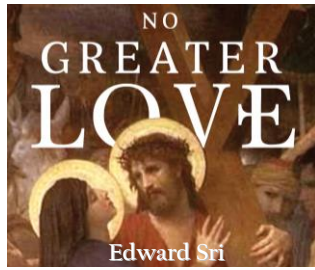
eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.’ . . .

When we live as children of God, redeemed, led by the Holy Spirit and capable of acknowledging and obeying God’s law, beginning with the law written on our hearts and in nature, we also benefit creation by cooperating in its redemption. That is why Saint Paul says that creation eagerly longs for the revelation of the children of God; in other words, that all those who enjoy the grace of Jesus’ paschal mystery may experience its fulfilment in the redemption of the human body itself. When the love of Christ transfigures the lives of the saints in spirit, body and soul, they give praise to God. Through prayer, contemplation and art, they also include other creatures in that praise, as we see admirably expressed in the ‘Canticle of the Creatures’ by Saint Francis of Assisi. Yet in this world, the harmony generated by redemption is constantly threatened by the negative power of sin and death. . . .

Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion. It invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

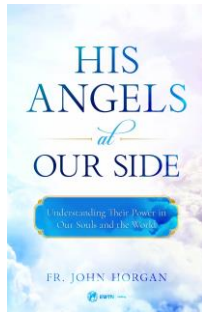
Fasting, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to ‘devour’ everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts. Prayer, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy. Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God’s plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.

Dear brothers and sisters, the ‘lenten’ period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the desert of creation had the goal of making it once more that garden of communion with God that it was before original sin. May our Lent this year be a journey along that same path, bringing the hope of Christ also to creation, so that it may be ‘set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God’. Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus’ Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ’s victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation."



**NO GREATER LOVE: A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION:** Every Friday, 7 to 9:00 pm, until April 12 in Cahill hall. A new video study program on Jesus' passion which explores Jesus' final 18 hours on Earth before his death on the cross. Filmed in 2018 in the Holy Land. Experience the sights and sounds of the places where Jesus walked, prayed, suffered, and died.

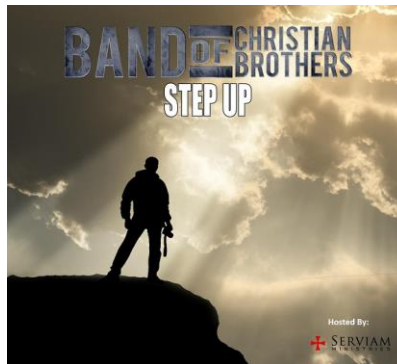
### WORTHWHILE READING



***His Angels at our Side***, by Fr. John Horgan

Why God created angels, their cosmic role and why guardian angels are charged with a significant role in our lives. There is a temptation for sophisticated or educated Catholics to disregard the existence of angels. That is our loss. Although we will only fully appreciate their role when we die and meet God face to face, it is a pity not to enlist their help and pray to them for guidance and protection during our lives. Father John G. Horgan is a priest of the Archdiocese of Vancouver in British Columbia. A native of Cambridge, Massachusetts, he graduated from Harvard, as well as the Angelicum in Rome, before being ordained by St. John Paul II in 1986. He has lectured and consulted on questions of moral theology and healthcare ethics in Canada and the United States.

### MEN'S CONFERENCE IN MONTREAL



Join us at our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Band of Christian Brothers men's conference (the first in Montreal). It is a one day intensive men's retreat consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer. The family and the Church are under attack. Society has lost its way. As men, it is time that we step up and become the men God created us to be. Our society is in need of men to step up as leaders (both temporal and spiritual) of their families, community,

parish (for priests), and work.

**Featuring:** Guest Speakers are Al Smith, Marco Mastromonaco, Archbishop Christian Lépine of Montreal and David Gilbert.

**Location:** St. Jean Bosco Parish, 2510 rue Springland, Montréal, QC (Near Monk Metro)

**Date:** Saturday March 16, 2019, 10:00am – 5:00pm. Catered pasta lunch, coffee and snacks are included in the \$25 cost

**Register:** [www.serviamministries.com](http://www.serviamministries.com)

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**2019 MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS LECTURE: THE SPIRITUAL ROOTS OF MONTREAL** Thursday, March 21, 4:00 - 5:30 pm, at the Newman Centre of McGill University, 3484 Rue Peel, with Sister Lorraine Caza, CND, theologian and former professor at the Dominican College of Philosophy and Theology of Ottawa. Free 514-398-4106.

**WEEKEND CUSTODIAN NEEDED** Our weekend custodian, Robbie Krauss, will be leaving us at the end of April to begin working in his field. We wish Robbie all the best in his future endeavors, and will keep him in our prayers. Anyone wishing to apply for the position of weekend custodian, please send your CV to Fr. Peter Sabbath at [psabbath@gmail.com](mailto:psabbath@gmail.com)