

Fourth Sunday in Lent

"The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light."

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Psalter IV -- Year B

MON. March 23

12:05 PM † **LORRAINE BUTLER**

--Don & Louise Butler

TUES. March 24

12:05 PM **NO MASS**

FYI: The Principals & Priests of the area are meeting at St. Mary's Secondary School.

WED. March 25 *Annunciation of the Lord*

12:05 PM Special Intentions of **PAT FLEMING**

THURS. March 26

10:00 AM Mass at Extendicare

12:05 PM † **FR. BILL FIRTH**

--s/k James J Tracy 4th Degree KofC

FRI. March 27

9:30 AM St. Joseph's School Mass at the school

12:05 PM † **BILL DALY**

--Pug Heenan

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Saturday, March 28

5:00 PM † **GEORGETTE CORMIER**

--Edmund Cormier & Family

Sunday, March 29

9:00 AM † **FRANK HLAPOCIC**

--his Wife & Family

11:00 AM **MISSA PRO POPULO**

Next Weekend's Readings **5th Sunday in Lent**

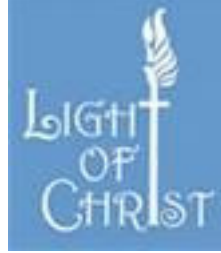
1st: Jeremiah 31.31-34 2nd: Hebrews 5.7-9

Gospel John 12.20-33

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joyce Hall, Jim Corkery, Alice Heffernan, Willard Cochrane, Marion Maguire, Jack Baggaley, Bob Whelpley, Peg Lees, Tanya Green, Shawn Pentland, Lisa Dunn, Ed Godawa, Jean Ellis, Rosemary Roth, Lisa Sampson, James Thatcher, Charles Potier, Shirley Ferguson, Marisca, Arlene Brown, Debbie Hale, Stanley Johnston, Jessica Gerber, Richard Philips, James Fullerton, Lynn Fabris, Mary Beyette, Jean Winters, Theresa Ferguson, Charles Bateman, Bob Pickett, Matilda Eikens, Noreen Mark, Antoinette Brisson, Stan Johnston, Fred Williams, Denise Palermo, Mark Martel, Diane Bartlett, Greg Heenan, *May the Lord's healing hand touch them.*

REFLECTION



God's love is clearly demonstrated in this gospel reading. Some people of Jesus' time had shallow faith and would believe only if they saw signs of God's power. Jesus helped his listeners recall an event in which God instructed Moses to lift up a

bronze serpent. Anyone who looked at the snake would be cured of poisonous snakebites. In the gesture of lifting up Jesus projected his own glory. God loved the world so much that he sent his own son. He did this to make clear to us how very much God loves us and wants to provide salvation for all of us who have failed.

Reflection for Families It is not hard for parents to understand how much God loves his people. No matter how many times we have to discipline, guide, and correct our children, our love never diminishes. We know that our efforts and energy are shaping them into the best people they can be. We only need to show them the light of God's way and walk with them in that light.

COLLECTION REPORT

☞ **A Summary of Your Generosity** ☜

March 15 Offertory \$5061.

Donations to Restoration Fund \$470.

Thank you for your support!

EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tues. 24—7:30 PM Lenten Journey in Parish Cen.

Wed. 25—12:30 PM Legion of Mary in Parish Cen.

Wed. 25—7:00 PM Lenten series at the Villa

Thurs. 26—1:00 PM Seniors Progressive Euchre at Columbus Community Centre

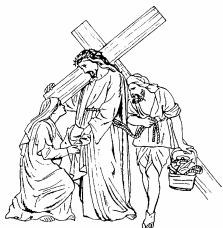
Thurs. 26—7:00 PM Prayer/Meditation Group in PC

Fri. 27—7:00 PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction in the Church

Just a reminder, that the **Lectors and Eucharistic Minister schedules** are available for pick up. Please take a moment to mark your calendar on the day you are scheduled to serve. If you are not able to fulfill this obligation, please arrange to have someone take your place, or contact your coordinators for assistance.

Many thanks, to Sharon Hammill, Pat Andersen, Lois Dickson, and Bob Clement for their commitment and ongoing dedication to the ministries.

Stations of the Cross Benediction –Friday, March 27



There will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction every Friday during Lent (7:00 PM to 8:00 PM) in the Church. This is just one other opportunity in making your Lenten journey more meaningful. Try to mark at least one of these Friday's for you to spend some *extra time* in the presences of the Lord.

Italian Tour

You are invited to travel on a journey, and deepen your faith first hand as you visit and experience places that are the very foundations of our Catholic faith. On March 22 at 2:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Newcastle an information seminar highlighting a spectacular tour to Italy will be held. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Jodi at 905 987-4681

Caregiver Education Day & Information Forum March 28, 2009 at 1:00 PM

A special event for caregivers, potential caregivers, patients, professionals; everyone who is interested in caring for a loved one is invited. This forum will take place at the Columbus Community Centre, this Saturday, March 28 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. This free event will highlight: Dr. David Moorsom—celebrating the role of caregivers; Janet Irvine—12 lessons learned as a caregiver and professional. Also information will be available about resources you will need and its availability within our community. Contact Hospice Northumberland at 905 373-8875 for more details.

National March for Life 2009 –May 13-15

This year marks the 40th anniversary of abortion on demand in Canada. Every year over one hundred thousand pre-born babies are killed by abortion in hospitals and clinics throughout our country. Each year ten thousand pro-life people gather on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. If interested, a bus is being arranged from Peterborough on May 14. Cost is \$33.00 per person-return trip. For more info call Ali at 705 745-3820 or Paul Morgan at 705 741-4000.

**THE CWL ARE STILL ACCEPTING PIE MAKERS!
CONTACT CAROL LAWLESS AT 905 372-2742 TO
MAKE YOUR PLEDGE OR DONATION.**

You're Invited A Study Day on St. Paul will be held on Wed., March 25 at 7:00 PM. This event will be held at St. Paul's Church in Norwood. Guest speaker will be Mr. Doug Finbow. All are welcome.



**Development
and Peace**

Please read today's insert on Development & Peace. The

annual collection is next weekend, March 28/29!

Lenten Journey with St. Paul

Did you know that you could follow this Lenten Journey with St. Paul on our website? Under Faith Formation, click on the appropriate link.

WHEN: Tuesday (March 24, 2009)

TIME: 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM

WHERE: St. Michael's Parish Centre

Facilitators: Henriette & Laszlo DeRoth

Don't miss this opportunity to learn and deepen your knowledge about the first Christian communities. We will have prayers and reflections on the Lenten Sunday readings from the Letters of St. Paul. Take this opportunity in preparing yourself for Easter!

Flowers for Easter



Once again we are asking that monetary donations be made for flowers for decorating the Sanctuary for our Easter celebrations. If you would like to do so in memory of a loved one, please mark an envelope 'Flowers' with your name and address on it. Your donation will be recorded for income tax purposes. Thank you for your support.

Villa St. Joseph

Lenten Reflections on Wednesdays during Lent from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Next date: March 25.

Looking ahead the Villa is offering a **LENTEN STILLNESS WEEKEND** on April 3 to 5, 2009. *Take time to: ~reflect on the gift of the sacred in life's struggles, ~hear a personal call to conversion in the quiet of their surroundings, ~discover in the beauty of nature the healing presence of God...* Call 905 372-2741 to register. Cost for this retreat is \$110.

RESPECT LIFE OFFICE FUNDRAISER



To support Respect Life Office in Peterborough why not purchase THE SOLID BELGIAN CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS! These 80g all natural ingredients are still only \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. These eggs will be available to purchase after all Masses next weekend, March 28/29, and also at the Parish Office during office hours.