

MARCH 2019

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MORE Inside...

Finding warmth in a cold month

Get ready for **Lent**

Experience Mission and Mercy



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Fr. Craig Cruikshank

## MORE FROM OUR PRIEST...

In the next month, several exciting opportunities are presented for those hoping to come closer to God. An area mission offers a great chance to renew commitment to God and invite others who may be more distant from their faith to begin taking some further steps in their faith. A day of Mercy offers a space for anyone to pause for a moment to reflect on and experience the love and mercy of God. Both of these opportunities take place during the season of Lent, a time for all to build up a hunger for the things of Heaven. Lent may still seem far away, but now is the time to plan, the time to get ready for it.

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a baptism, marriage, birthday or anniversary announcements or blessing





Praying that we may all be one



St. Blaise, intercede for us



Snow-covered Church

## FEBRUARY 2019 RECAP

It may have been a real challenge to keep warm outside, but at our parish, the cold prompted us to work hard at keeping warm in ways that are truly important. The coldness of division was met with the warmth of a prayer service and luncheon dedicated to our search for unity. Cold snow was countered by shovels welded by warm hands. The coldness of wintertime illnesses was confronted with hope inspired by Saint Blaise.



Much welcome help



# MORE COMING UP...

Make room on your calendar for the



~ mission ~

**March 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral, Peterborough  
Led by Bishop Gary Gordon**

**Each session is repeated twice daily  
at 11am and 7pm**

## Day of Mercy

9 to 9, March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
at St. Thomas More church

9:00am - Mass and Adoration  
9:30am - Morning Prayer  
9:45am to 10:15am - Confessions  
10:30am - Rosary  
11:00am to 12:00pm - Confessions  
12:00pm - Daytime Prayer and Angelus  
1:00pm to 3:00pm - Confessions  
3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
4:00pm - Mass and Adoration  
5:00pm - Evening Prayer  
6:00pm to 7:00pm - Confessions  
7:00pm - Stations of the Cross  
7:45pm to 8:30pm - Confessions  
8:30pm - Night Prayer and Benediction  
9:00pm - Finish



## SYMBOLON™

In the early Church, Christians described their Creed, their summary statement of faith, as the symbolon, the "seal" or "symbol of the faith." Through video and small group discussions, SYMBOLON is a place to learn more about our faith and to discuss how it is lived out in each person's unique life. All are welcome to any of the sessions held in the parish hall on Sunday evening's at 6:30pm.

**Coming up on February 24<sup>th</sup>: Walk through the Mass,** led by Fr. Craig

The very first Christians celebrated the Mass weekly: a tradition our Church has continued to practice and uphold. In this session, we take a look at how we encounter God in the Mass, how the Mass has developed and yet remained unchanged throughout history and how a participant can get the most out of the Mass.

*Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> – Penance and Anointing of the Sick: led by Fr. Craig*

*Mar 10<sup>th</sup> – Matrimony and Holy Orders: led by Fr. Craig*

*Mar 17<sup>th</sup> – A Catholic Moral Vision: led by John Jalsavac*

*Mar 24<sup>th</sup> – Authentic Love: led by Mary and Larry Melnychuk*

*Mar 31<sup>st</sup> – God's plan for sexuality: led by Frank and Andrea Colagiacomo*

*Apr 7<sup>th</sup> – Building a civilization of love: led by Charlene Rostkowski*

*Apr 14<sup>th</sup> – Protecting the dignity of the human person: led by Andy and Theresa Wachon*

**Full details found at [symbolon.stthomasmillbrook.ca](http://symbolon.stthomasmillbrook.ca)**



# Get ready for it's closer than you think...



*"In these days, therefore, let us add something beyond ordinary expectations of our service. Let each one, over and above the measure prescribed, offer God something of his own freewill in the joy of the Holy Spirit."*

*(Rule of St. Benedict, 6<sup>th</sup> century)*

**In only a few short weeks**, Catholics everywhere will begin the season of Lent. Through penitential practices, Catholics pay tribute to the sufferings of Jesus, the need for conversion and build up their hunger for the things of Heaven. Are you ready for Lent?

**Giving Something Up** - Lent is based on sacrifice, so most Catholics choose to stop eating a favourite food or pursuing a favourite activity. However, you can also choose to do something instead: for example, say an extra prayer each day, go to church twice a week, or read some scripture daily. Many find it harder to commit to doing something extra in this forty-day period, while others see it as the easy option. Whether you give up or start something is completely your choice, so choose wisely, always remembering that this penitential practice should help us get ready for Easter and come closer to Our Lord. Not sure what to give up? Maybe consider one of these ideas:

## **Top Ten Things given up for Lent 2018 according to Twitter**

Social networking / Twitter / Alcohol / Chocolate / Swearing (you shouldn't be doing this anyway)  
Meat / Sweets / Soda (pop) / Coffee / Fast food

## **Some more creative ideas...**

**Give up...** snacking between meals, listening to music in the car, wishing for someone else's life, possessions or relationships, complaining or buying anything that you don't truly need

**Take up...** praying daily (if you don't already do this), giving away something every single day, be it time, money, or something you own, giving a note of affirmation to someone for each time you catch yourself gossiping, exposing your weaknesses by doing an examination of conscience every night, reading a spiritual book, saying three nice things to your spouse and family members daily, replacing 20 minutes of screen-time with 20 minutes of prayer time, inviting a friend to the area mission on March 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, mentioning something about your faith to someone every day.

# MORE INFORMATION...

**UPCOMING RETREATS ADD PILGRIMAGES** See the poster in the entrance of the church to learn more about upcoming retreats and pilgrimages.

- 13 Day Pilgrimage to Spain
- Holy Land Pilgrimage, November 19-29, 2019
- Pilgrimage to Germany Spring 2020
- 11 Day Pilgrimage to Hungary, Poland, Austria, Czechia
- The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Peterborough Area Mission, March 18th to 20th

**LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2019**, The 27th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held on Mar 2nd, 2019. Program features separate adult and youth conferences. Learn more at [lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca](http://lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca) or see the poster at the entrance of the church.

**PETERBOROUGH AREA MISSION** Bishop Gordon of the Diocese of Victoria in British Columbia will deliver a Lenten Mission for all parishes in Peterborough from Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> till Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. The Mission will be given at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral. There will be three separate presentations and each will be shared twice per day at 11am and 7pm. Plan to attend and be sure to invite and encourage everyone!

**THE CHRIST OF THE APOCALYPSE** with Monsignor Robert Nusca, author of The Christ of the Apocalypse: Contemplating the Face of Jesus in the Book of Revelation and facilitated by Sacred Heart College. Discover more about the multifaceted and compelling portrait of Jesus Christ in the Book of Revelation on Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am - 2pm At St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School, 730 Medical Dr. Peterborough Pre-registration is required: [sacredheartcollege.ca](http://sacredheartcollege.ca). For more information, contact Laura Mason at 705-745-5549.

**CARPENTER'S CUP RETREAT** - Young men in high school are invited to the Carpenter's Cup retreat with Fr. John Perdue from Mar 22-24 at JPIL House (820 Frank St. Ptbo). Besides excellent talks and time for prayer, there will be sports challenges to see who takes home the Carpenter's Cup. Early-bird registration is \$25, \$30 after March 8. Register at [ptbovacations.ca/carpenterscup](http://ptbovacations.ca/carpenterscup). Call 705-874-1871 with questions.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Those who are sick, especially:

Erica Perk

as well as those who have died.

Contact Fr. Craig to have a name added to this list for four weeks.

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 4pm - For a special intention

Sun, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 9am - For the intentions of the CWMC

11:30am - For the people

Sat, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4pm - For David Van Dreumel

Sun, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 9am - For George Coutu

11:30am - For the people

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<b>February 17</b> 8:15 - 8:45am - Confessions 9:00am - Mass 10:00am - Coffee Sunday 11:30am - Mass	18 Family Day	19 9:00am - Mass	20 5:30pm - Mass	21 9:00am - Mass	22 March 1 2:00pm - World Day of Prayer at St. Johns church, Ida	23 2:45pm - 3:45pm - Confessions & Adoration 4:00pm - Mass
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