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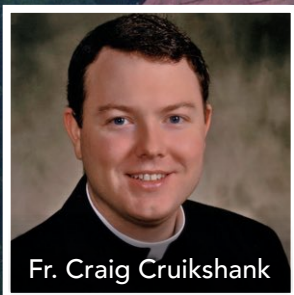
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Fr. Craig Cruikshank

## MORE FROM OUR PRIEST...

Spring is coming, Easter is coming! Our parish is excited to welcome two members who will receive all the Sacraments of Initiation and be welcomed into our Church at the Easter Vigil. For more than a year, they've been studying and learning about our great faith. A couple of our youngest parishioners will also begin preparing to receive their First Communion this month. Not only does life seem to be returning as the snow recedes, but this season also reveals life and growth in our parish! We pray that these signs of growth truly help all to see the many ways that God reveals his love. To help all prepare, our parish will host a day of mercy and a mission, led by a guest bishop, will be hosted at our Cathedral in Peterborough.

Visit [stthomasmillbrook.ca](http://stthomasmillbrook.ca) to see details about arranging  
a baptism, marriage, birthday or anniversary announcements or blessings





Beginning Lent with a cross of ashes



Pancake Sunday is a pretty good tradition



Joining prayers said round the world

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## MARCH 2019 RECAP

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Prayers, pancakes and penitence marked March as our community entered into the season of Lent. Many took on various sacrifices for the Lenten season and outwardly marked the beginning of the experience with a cross of ashes. Strengthened by a great pancake Sunday breakfast and the prayers of our Church, we pray that all will build up a hunger for things that truly endure, a longing for Resurrection and detachment from all those things that hold us back from encountering the love of Our Lord.



# 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**

**Holy Week Liturgies**  
at  
**St. Thomas More church**  
and  
**St. Bernadette Mission**

**Holy Thursday - April 18<sup>th</sup>:**  
7:30pm at St. Thomas More church

**Good Friday - April 19<sup>th</sup>:**  
3:00pm at St. Thomas More church

**Easter Vigil - April 20<sup>th</sup>:**  
8:30pm at St. Thomas More church

**Easter Sunday - April 21<sup>st</sup>:**  
9:00am at St. Thomas More church  
11:30am at St. Bernadette Mission



## THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Through downtown Peterborough

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>,**  
**begins 10am**  
**at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral,**  
**concludes 12:30pm**  
**at Immaculate Conception church**

**visit [wotc.ca](http://wotc.ca) for details**

~ **C e l e b r a t i n g 1 5 y e a r s !** ~

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS  
FOR APRIL

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators  
in war zones who risk their lives to save the lives of  
others.



# Lenten time

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 March 17<sup>th</sup>: A Catholic Moral Vision**, led by Mr. John Jalsavac

Morality is often viewed as something negative today, associated with rules that keep us from having too much fun. But in the Catholic view, morality is all about the quest for happiness. In this session, we discuss how following the plan of the God is the way to be fully alive and become all that God has created us to be.

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

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# MORE INFORMATION...

**LIFE IN CHRIST SEMINAR** - St. Alphonsus Parish in Peterborough is hosting the Life in Christ Seminar in the Parish Hall. Consider attending the Seminar on 2 consecutive Saturdays: Mar 30<sup>th</sup> and Apr 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9am. This is an awesome opportunity for spiritual renewal in Lent and to prepare our hearts for Easter. There is no cost to the participants. Simple snacks and lunch will be served. To register, please contact 705-745-8623 or [office@stalphonsus.net](mailto:office@stalphonsus.net).

**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, Mar 22-24 at JPll House (820 Frank St. Peterborough). Besides excellent talks and time for prayer, there will be sports challenges to see who takes home the Carpenter's Cup. \$30 to participate. Register at [ptbovocations.ca/carpenterscup](http://ptbovocations.ca/carpenterscup). Call 705-874-1871 with questions.

**SHARE LENT** - In 1990, a peaceful community in the south of Nigeria became the victim of what has been recognized as the first crime committed by an oil company. Traumatized by a massacre of unparalleled violence, a large majority of the members of this community fled to neighbouring communities, never to return home again. To make sure that their story is never forgotten and to combat impunity, Development and Peace's partner Social Action is supporting the Umuechem community in their legal action against the oil company.

*Share the journey with Peterborough & Toronto Development & Peace members at St. Francis of Assisi Parish-Newcastle Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 10am guest speaker Isaac Asume Osuoka, Director of our partner Social Action Nigeria. Email [kstaunton@cogeco.ca](mailto:kstaunton@cogeco.ca) for details.*

**UNBOUND CONFERENCE** - International speaker Miriam Wright and Fr. Rob Arsenault CC, The Father's Blessing. Sat., Mar 30<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 4pm at Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata. Mass at 8am celebrated by Bishop Christian Riesbeck CC. Info and registration: [unboundottawaregister@gmail.com](mailto:unboundottawaregister@gmail.com) by Mar 20<sup>th</sup> Cost: \$25 payable on the day of the conference. Lunch not provided. See more at: [catholicottawa.ca/unbound](http://catholicottawa.ca/unbound)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4pm - For Fr. Bill Fellion

Sun, Mar 24<sup>th</sup>, 9am - For the people  
11:30am - For Fr. Bill Fellion

Sat, Mar 30<sup>th</sup>, 4pm - For the people

Sun, Mar 31<sup>st</sup>, 9am - For Fr. Bill Fellion  
11:30am - For Fr. John Maskey

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Those who are sick, especially:

Erica Perk, Mary Brennan & Dorothy Sharp

as well as those who have died, especially:

Fr. Bill Fellion & Fr. John Maskey

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for four weeks.



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 O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine  
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 Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the  
 Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother  
 O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I  
 Humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to Succor  
 me in this necessity (make request). There are none that  
 can withstand your power.  
 O show me herein you are my mother. Sweet mother, oh  
 Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse  
 to thee (say 3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your  
 hands (3 times).  
 Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine.  
 This prayer must be said for 3 days and after 3 days the  
 request will be granted (will never fail).  
 The prayer must be published immediately. HW

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