

# "I Do Not Condemn You. Go and Sin No More!"

# March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 - The Fifth Sunday in Lent

## THIS WEEK AT ST.THERESE

Psalter I

### MONDAY March 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:00 pm – Youth Meeting  
7:00 pm – Mass- † Franca Posteraro-Gatti  
Req. by Vince and Maria Posteraro  
7:30 pm – Parish Finance Meeting

### TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### 9:30 am- Holy Trinity Mass at School

5:00 pm – Legion of Mary  
7:00 pm – Baptism Meeting in hall  
7:00 pm – Mass- † David Gutteridge  
Req. by P. Swan  
7:30 pm – Social Justice Meeting/ Office Conference Room

### WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup>

**6:00 pm** – Mass – † Bert Viera  
Req. by the CWC  
6:30 pm - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Dinner in Hall  
6:30 pm – Bible Study (library)

### THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup>

#### 9:00 am Good Shepherd Mass at School

#### 10:15 am – Mother Teresa Mass at School

7:00 pm – Mass- † Encarnacio Francisco  
Req. by the Passey Family  
**ALSO** – † Mario Scanga /Req. by Guerino Scanga  
7:30 pm – RCIA  
7:30 pm- Parish Council Meeting

### FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup>

#### 12 Hour Confession at St. Joseph's in Bowmanville

9:30 am – The Intentions of Michael Rodrigues and Gerald Correia  
Req. By Noel and Jean Rodrigues  
10:00 am – 6:30 pm ADORATION (Chapel)  
**6:30 pm – Stations of the Cross (Youth)**  
7:00 pm – Mass – † Silvestri Villocillo  
Req. by The Jardin Family  
7:30-8:30pm - Choir Practice

### SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am – Mass- in Convent  
9:30 am – 10:30am – Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass – The People of Our Parish

### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup>

#### PALM SUNDAY - PSALTER WEEK II

9:00 am – Mass- † Geraldine Beardmore  
Req. by Ted and Yvonne Majoor  
11:00 am – Mass - † Ed, Mary and Dennis Terech  
Req. by The Terech Family  
5:00 pm – Christopher Leadership Course  
7:00 pm Mass- † Frances Byrnes  
Req. by The CWC

The first step in receiving God's forgiveness, is to admit that we need it.



## PASTORAL WEEKLY REFLECTION

The first part of the Gospel of John is called the Book of Signs because most of the miracles of Jesus, as well as all his actions are seen as pointers to who Jesus is. The signs and activities of the Lord are seen more for what they reveal to us about Christ than what they reveal about us. As we reflect on the readings, I invite you to think of what Jesus did in the Gospel today. A woman who was about to be executed for committing adultery is set free by Jesus and given a second chance. In the eyes of everyone this woman did not deserve to live anymore, but in the eyes of Jesus there was the possibility of mercy, self-recovery, and new life. In the eyes of the people, this woman was a public sinner, rejected by her family and friends, but in the eyes of Jesus, this woman was a child of God who needs to be liberated from sin by God's mercy, so that she can live again. We have a God who does not judge us harshly like many people do. We have in Christ a God who accepts us as we are so that he will transform us to make us what he wants us to be. We have a God who gives us a second chance. We have a God who wishes to forgive us. Sin condemns us to death, but in Christ, grace liberates us from sin, and save us from death. It is God who has revealed himself in Christ as the one who is "about to do a new thing" in our lives who is calling us today: Come Back to Me!

Father Stan

## PRAY FOR US!

Frank Siciliano, Fred Gimblett, Vince Roti, Carol Ward, Gail Gerrow, Lina Vervoort, Serge Corbin, Annelies Bromley, Richard Barnoski, Evelyn Gowans, Del Stark, Chris Greentree, Terry Fisher, Ann Newton, Mary Ann Cogt, Michael Rodrigues, Evan Young, Gary Meade.

## STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for putting your name on the front of your donation envelope each week.

### LAST WEEK

Offertory	\$ 3,955.02
Development & Peace	\$ 137.00

If you are new to the Parish, you may register by filling out a Registration/Census form that can be found at the entrance to the Church. This can be placed into the Offertory basket. Thank you.

## CONFIRMATION STUDENT REMINDER

Confirmation Students are reminded that their letter to the Bishop and their completed workbooks are due to the parish by Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup>

## ACT OF CONTRITION



O my God, I am heartily sorry for all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and I fear the pains of hell, but most of all, because they offend thee, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly intend, with the help of thy Grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to avoid what leads me to sin.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday at 6:30 pm. Please join us.

## 12 HOUR PENITENTIAL SERVICE IN BOWMANVILLE

On Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> there will be 12 hour confession available at St. Joseph's Parish in Bowmanville. Priests from all three local parishes will be available throughout the day.

## EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

If you would like to donate flowers for our Easter altar, we are asking for Easter Lilies. They can be brought to the parish by Holy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you.



## THANK YOU MOTHER TERESA SCHOOL



Mother Teresa students were recently challenged to collect 1000 food items for our food bank. The principal of the school promised that if they collected the 1000 items that

someone could throw a pie in his and the VP's faces. Well, the students went well above their goal and brought 1200 items to our food bank. Thank you to all those who donated and to Mr. V and Mrs. Bier for their willingness to promote the need we have at our food bank. Congratulations.



## ANNUAL APPLE PIES MADE BY OUR YOUTH



Once again the delicious apple pies that have been made by our youth each year, will be available for your Easter dinner table. To order yours, please fill in the sign up sheet at the entrance to the Church. The cost for pies will remain the same at \$9.00 each and they will be available for pick up in the Church hall on Holy Saturday from 10am – 3pm.

## JESUS

"Look at His adorable face.  
Look at His glazed and sunken eyes.  
Look at His wounds.  
Look Jesus in the Face.  
There, you will see how He loves us."  
St. Therese of Lisieux



## QUESTIONS ABOUT LENT

**Question:** Why are acts of repentance appropriate at this time of year?

**Answer:** Because it is the time leading up to the commemoration of Our Lord's death for our sins and the commemoration of his resurrection for our salvation. It is thus especially appropriate to mourn the sins for which he died. Human have an innate psychological need to mourn tragedies, and our sins are tragedies of the greatest sort. Due to our fallen nature humans also have a need to have set times in which to engage in behavior (which is why we have Sundays as a set time to rest and worship, since we would otherwise be likely to forget to devote sufficient time to rest and worship), it is appropriate to have set times of repentance. Lent is one of those set times

**Question:** What is Lent?

**Answer:** Historically, Lent is the forty day period before Easter, excluding Sundays; it began on Ash Wednesday and ended on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter Sunday). In recent years, this has been modified so that it now ends with evening Mass on Holy Thursday, to prepare the way for Triduum.

## THANK YOU

- There are many people in the parish who do so much work behind the scenes. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Legion of Mary for going into our local Catholic Schools to help the students make rosaries and sacrifice beads. Your commitment and help is very much appreciated.

- Thank you also to the ladies who prepared food for our Deanery Meeting last week. The Bishop and the priests commented that the meal was one of the best they have had. Thank you to Kim Anderson, Marg Delore, Gloria Viera, Maha Tadros, Freda McKenna, Aldith Whorms, Laura Anderson and Shirley Connell for your help and for offering your talents to our parish.

- Thank you to the CWC for purchasing the beautiful new fridge in the hall kitchen. Once again, we are so very fortunate here at the parish to have such wonderful parish groups working together.

Father Stan and Father Peter

St Therese Parish belongs to every parishioner. Your gifts and talents are needed in the parish. Do not sit on the fence. Speak to one of the priests of the good things which God is doing in your life and how you can use your gifts to serve him in our faith family — Fr Stan and Fr Peter