

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said,... 'Be made clean!' "

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Psalter II -- Year B

MON. February 16 FAMILY DAY

12:05 PM † **ALAN NICKERSON**

--his Wife

TUES. February 17

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

12:05 PM † **GORDON KELLY & JANE RAUEN**

--The Kelly Family

WED. February 18

12:05 PM † **MARGHERITA CANNATELLA**

--Staff of Automated Products & Supplies

THURS. February 19

10:00 AM Mass at Golden Plough

12:05AM † **FRED CAVANAUGH**

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

FRI. February 20

12:05 PM † **GINO MOSOLE**

--The Mosole Family

Saturday, February 21

5:00 PM † **DELORES MARCH**

--The Family

Sunday, February 22

9:00 AM † **DEACON JIM BLOMELEY**

--Grandchildren, Heather & Ian

11:00 AM **MISSA PRO POPULO**

Next Weekend's Readings **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st: Isaiah 43.18-19, 20-22, 24-25 2nd 2 Corinthians 1.18-22

Gospel Mark 2.1-12

REFLECTION

A leper approached Jesus. He had a very strong faith and knew that Jesus could heal him with just a touch. Jesus was moved by the man's faith and the circumstances of his disease. Jesus touched him and healed him. Jesus was also concerned that the law be fulfilled and told the man to see a priest and cleanse himself. He also asked the man not to tell anyone how he had been cured, but the man was too full of joy to keep the news to himself. He told many people of the miracle Jesus had performed in his life.

Reflection for Families Not many things break the heart of a parent so quickly as seeing their child rejected by another person. Sometimes children are cruel and shun others or exclude them. Even more difficult are circumstances where adults or someone once trusted turn away from a child. Most of us don't witness these acts in our lives personally, but we certainly read about them in the paper or hear about them on the news. We get just a small glimpse of what it might have been like for the leper in today's gospel who was not even allowed to live with healthy people. We also better understand the courage and compassion of Jesus who touched the man and accepted him.

COLLECTION REPORT

✠ **A Summary of Your Generosity** ✠

February 8 Offertory \$5165.

Donations to Restoration Fund \$1375.

Thank you for your support!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Shawn Pentland, Lisa Dunn, Ed Godawa, Jean Ellis, Marg Stimers, Rosemary Roth, Lisa Sampson, James Thatcher, Charles Potier, Shirley Ferguson, Marisca, Arlene Brown, Debbie Hale, Stanley Johnston, Jessica Gerber, Richard Philips, Isabel Hogan, James Fullerton, Lynn Fabris, Mary Beyette, Jean Winters, Theresa Ferguson, Charles Bateman, Andy Amelia, Bob Pickett, Matilda Eikens, Noreen Mark, Antoinette Brisson, Julie Black, Stan Johnston, Fred Williams, Denise Palermo, Mark Martel, Diane Bartlett, Greg Heenan,

May the Lord's healing hand touch them.

EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon. 16—7:30 PM ULTREYA in the Parish Centre

Wed. 18—12:30 Legion of Mary in Parish Centre

Wed. 18—12:30-7:30 PM **BLOOD DONOR CLINIC** at the Columbus Community Centre

Thurs. 19—1:00 PM Seniors Progressive & Bid Euchre at Columbus Community Centre

Thurs. 19—7:00 PM Prayer/Meditation Group in Parish Centre

PLEASE NOTE: The office will be closed Monday, February 16 for Family Day. *Enjoy!!!*

MURAL RESTORATION

Name plaques can now be ordered through the office. Call Ria at 905 372-6844 to order yours today! Why not leave a note to let future generations know you've contributed!

Family Day-February 16

Mark this Monday, February 16, 2009, as a day to spend some quality time with your family. There is nothing more valuable to families than time together. And yet it seems tougher than ever to find, with so many of us living such busy lives. So take this opportunity on Monday to be with your family!

SHROVE TUESDAY

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a

PANCAKE SUPPER ON TUESDAY.

FEBRUARY 24 FROM 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

Cost for Adults \$5.00—Children 5-12 \$2.50

All are Welcome!



Pancakes are associated with the day preceding Lent because they were a way to use up rich foodstuffs such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting

season of the 40 days of Lent. The liturgical fasting emphasized eating plainer food: in many cultures this meant no meat, and in some, no food prepared with dairy or eggs. Therefore, rich ingredients were cooked to use them immediately prior to the commencement of the fast. Pancakes and doughnuts also provided a minor celebratory feast prior to the fast itself.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please note for those students in Grade 7, or older, and in the public school system, and who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to please contact the office ASAP at 905 372-6844 to register. Confirmation is Sunday, May 31, 2009.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent store in Bowmanville is always happy to receive clothing, bedding and small appliances. **Presently there is a great need for these items.** If you have any donations, it's as simple as making a call to St. Vincent de Paul phone line at 905 373-9391 and leave a message. Volunteers will arrange to pick up your slightly used goods. Thank you for thinking of those less fortunate at this time.

New Advertiser!!!

Please welcome parishioner J. Tatarek. Painting & Decorating for all your interior and exterior needs. Please check out this new ad, as well as familiarizing yourself with all our advertisers.

Lenten Journey with St. Paul

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WHEN: Tuesdays (March 10, 17 & 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. This program can be another way for preparing yourself for Easter!

CWL EVENTS

REMINDER: CWL are having a breakfast meeting this morning (Sunday, Feb. 15) following the 9:00 AM Mass at Columbus Community Centre. All ladies of the Parish are welcome.

ELECTION WORKSHOP: The CWL Diocesan Council will host an Elections Workshop on Sat. February 28 in Ennismore. The registration fee is \$20.00 which includes a luncheon. Please contact President Anne Marie at 905 377-8907 if you are interested in attending.

CWL DUES: Just a reminder that CWL Membership dues of \$20.00 can be paid by using the pink offertory envelope.

2008 Income Tax Receipts

These receipts will be mailed by the end of the month. Please ensure we have an updated address for you. Thank you.



ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL

We welcome everyone to take some time to come and visit the newly renovation Chapel.

St. Joseph's Chapel will be opened Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Take the opportunity to visit this quiet sanctuary for prayer and reflection. It really is a beautiful place.

KofC Community Breakfast Buffet

Today, Sunday, February 15, the KofC will be serving breakfast buffet from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Columbus Community Centre (corner of D'Arcy & Spencer St.). Everyone is welcome to join in this Community breakfast. Cost is Adult - \$8.00, Children 5 to 12 years \$2.50. Hope to see you out!

Villa St. Joseph Upcoming Events

Monthly **Sabbath Weekend Retreat** is scheduled for February 20-22

Personal Retreat Day's are on February 24, 25, 26 or 27. Choose one, two or all week for personal **Day of Stillness**. Call 905 372-2741 to register.