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2nd Sunday of Lent ~ 1st March 2015

hen a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. _ Mk 9:7-8

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First Reading + Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 Second Reading + Romans 8:31b-35,37 Gospel + Mark 9:2-10

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 2 NO MASS SCHEDULED **Tuesday, March 3** 5:30pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLYHOUR **6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS 7:00pm+Tom/Diane COFFIN, 50th Ann – B/M McCallum Wednesday, March 4 8:00am+Brian DURKAN, RIP – B/M McCallum Thursday, March 5 8:00am+Eleanor WHELAN, RIP – E Durkan 10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community Friday, March 6 12:10pm+Tone,Ivancac,Jose SVETINA, RIP~ D Sventina Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass 7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS Saturday, March 7 (Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception) 9:00am+Ronald MacFeeters, RIP – J/R Farrugia 5:00pm+Eugene DEVEREAUX, RIP - Family Sunday, March 8 9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 10:30am+John ALMEIDIA, RIP – M Almeida (Christian Initiation – First Scrutiny)

Saint of the Week

God's will--peacefully do at each moment what at that moment ought to be done.

- Saint Katharine Drexel (1858-1955), Patron Saint of Racial Justice, Feast Day March 3

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

A Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins

Last Monday, the Liberal Wynne government announced its revised Health & Physical Education curriculum, which includes controversial elements of "sex education." The new curriculum will begin being taught in schools this coming September. Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto and President of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario, has issued this statement:

As Catholics, we understand that parents are the primary educators of their children, and that especially in the teaching of family life issues, the parental role is vital.

For more than thirty years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have provided a family life curriculum consistent with our faith. The goal is to present a Catholic view of human life, sexuality, marriage and family, complementing the efforts of parents to teach their children at home.

While Catholic schools have a responsibility to follow the curriculum set out by the Ministry of Education, they have always sought to do so in a way that conveys, respects and models Catholic Christian principles to our students. They will continue this tradition.

A group of Catholic educators will produce resources that support Catholic teachers so that the new curriculum is implemented in a way that is consistent with our Catholic teachings and appropriate within the context of a Catholic classroom.

That was Cardinal Collins. Now for my own comments:

As citizens we ought to be alarmed at the imposition of a curriculum which is an assault the sexual innocence of children. It is furthermore the mark of a totalitarian mentality that education is too important to be entrusted to the discretion of parents. When one "sexual educator" was asked how they should respond to the objections of parents, the answer was that parents also need to be "educated."

As Catholics in Ontario — with a constitutional guarantee of freedom for Catholic education — we can at least tailor the curriculum so that it is consistent with Catholic faith and morals. But you can be sure that the proponents of the new morality will not be happy with that. This, I fear, is only the beginning of a long battle.

In the 1897, Pope Leo XIII wrote an encyclical on the "Manitoba school question." The Manitoba government had decided, contrary to constitutional guarantees given in the Act of Union, to abolish tax-supported Catholic schools. Pope Leo forcefully defended the right of parents to determine the manner of their children's education in faith and morals. No government, he wrote, has the legitimate authority to override the wishes of the parents in this matter. Parents — not the government — are the first educators of their children.



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-Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

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SPECIAL MASS

Thursday, March 19th 8:00a.m. and 7:00p.m.

Saint Joseph, Patron Saint of Canada Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Calendar of Parish Events

Mar 3 – Symbolon Session 3 at 7:30pm Mar 5 – LSS Prayer Group at 7:30pm Mar 5 – K of C Executive Mtg. at 7:30pm Mar 6 – Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm Mar 6 – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm Mar 11 – 1st of 3 Baptism classes at 7:30pm



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Upcoming Weekend May 22-24, 2015 Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga For more info contact Doug & Natalie Meier 905.890.1682 Or email at: <u>doug.natalie@bell.net</u>

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained Episode 6: The Paschal Mystery



The Mystery of Jesus' Death and Resurrection?

Through Jesus' death on the cross, God reveals himself most profoundly as the God who is love. Christ's sacrificial love saves us from sin and shows us the pathway to true human happiness. We are made to live like Christ, in total, self-giving love.

Next Session - March 5th Thursday mornings at 9:15a.m. ~ Following the Rosary

NOTE:

The evening series is being run on Tuesday's at 7:30pm

Session 3 – **THE BIBLE:** GOD'S LOVE LETTER HUMANITY

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Defeat for Humanity! <u>Next Edge ~ March 7, 2015</u> <u>6:15pm</u> 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass <u>5:00 pm Life Teen Mass</u> <u>Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8</u> A night to Help Youth understand the effects of war and the need to actively work for peace.

Statement from Cardinal Collins & Resources re: 2015 Health & Physical Education Curriculum On February 23, 2015, the Government of Ontario released its revised Health & Physical Education Curriculum. Visit <u>www.archtoronto.org</u> to view a statement from Cardinal Collins in addition to a resource answering questions regarding implementation from a Catholic school perspective.

