

## Confirmation Breakfast

For boy candidates, ALL fathers  
and men sponsors

**Saturday February 26**

9:30am -12:00 pm, parish hall



## What is happening to Iraqi Christians?

This information comes from **CNEWA**,  
a papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support  
[www.cnewa.ca](http://www.cnewa.ca)

Since the US led invasion in 2003, Iraqi Christians have been living in a climate of insecurity and lawlessness. They have been subjected to kidnappings, extortion and killings by different parties due to either political agendas, fundamentalist ideologies and criminal activities.

According to a report by Human Rights Watch, two-thirds of Iraq's Christians have fled their homes; many have sought shelter in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Turkey. And while they made up less than 5% of Iraq's population when the war began (about 1 million), Iraqi Christians now make up an estimated 10% of the country's internally displaced and 20% of its refugees.

Their displacement not only threatens to end Christianity's 2,000-year history in Iraq, it also deprives the country of a huge swath of middle-class professionals at a critical time. As Christians were unable to hold government jobs during the Saddam era, they became lawyers, doctors and engineers. People with these qualifications are crucial to Iraq's recovery, but they are now scattered and afraid to return.

## Who are the Iraqi Christians?

Almost all these Christians are descendants of peoples who were already living in Mesopotamia before the Christian era set in. The first churches were founded by St. Thomas and his disciples who evangelized local population. It was called the Church of the East.

About 66% of Christians in Iraq belong to the Chaldean Catholic Church. Besides Chaldeans, they are Armenian, Assyrian and Syriac both Catholic and Orthodox traditions.



## SALESIAN Leadership Retreat February 25-27

Please keep in prayer the youth participants from our community who gather with over 70 youth from other areas and their facilitators as they take part in the SLR, Salesian Leadership Retreat next weekend.

This is an important event that gives young people an opportunity to develop their leadership skills in the name of Jesus and in the spirit of St. John Bosco.

### RETREATANTS

Angela Alimi  
Jessica Maloh  
Rita Reeves  
Michael Triolo

### YOUTH LEADER

Stephen Matti  
Andrea Carvalho

### ADULT LEADERS

Fr. Mike Pace  
Br. Bernie Dube  
Veronica Ljubicic  
Mr. Kelechi Nwosu

## Family Day Mass Time

**Monday February 22**

- no 8:00 am Mass this day
- 9:30 am Morning Prayer in Chapel
- 10:00 am Mass

*Parish Office Closed*

### Hurting After Abortion

If you or someone you know is suffering because of the after effects of abortion, help is available. There are many post-abortion counsellors that understand your pain and can help you find healing.

Contact [Angelina@secondchanceministry.ca](mailto:Angelina@secondchanceministry.ca)

## From the Heart of Don Bosco

God is merciful and just.

He is merciful to those who want to take advantage of His kindness.

He is also rigorously just with those who do not wish to avail themselves of His Mercy.



## THE POOR BOX SPEAKS

“I stand alone in the back of your Church ready to greet you, yet many coldly pass me by. You look upon me as just a box of wood, but I have a heart -- it is the heart of throbbing humanity. You do not know, will never know, what I accomplish for your unfortunate brothers and sisters. I am the antidote for pride; I am he who gives with simplicity. I am humble and teach my followers to give for the love of God.

“St. Paul said ‘now there remain Faith, Hope and Charity’, these three, and the greatest of these is Charity’. I exemplify Charity. YOU can practice Charity through me.

“I make possible the most powerful and the easiest prayer in the world; ‘Amen I say to you that when you did it to these your brothers and sisters you did it unto Me’. I keep men from despair. I feed the hungry and clothe the naked. I bring a smile to the worried face, joy to the sad heart -- BUT –



“Without YOU I am helpless.”

“I AM THE POOR BOX. PLEASE DO NOT PASS ME BY UNHEEDED.”

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The **Squires and the Knights of Columbus** are hosting a **PANCAKE DINNER ON TUESDAY MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>**, from 5:00-7:00pm in the parish hall. The cost is \$7 per person, and includes pancakes, eggs, and sausages will be served. *Tickets will be available after all the masses on February 26 & 27 and March 5 & 6.*

The **Men’s Spirituality Group** will meet in the Parish Hall after the evening Mass on Tuesday, February 22. All men are invited for a period of prayer and reflection on how the Lord’s message can be applied in our lives as husbands, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers... in this world today. We can change the world by bringing change to the family one step at a time. New members are always welcome. We hope to see you there.

Ever thought of serving Christ as a missionary priest or a lay missionary? **Join us for our “Call to Mission – Discernment Retreat on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> (6:45pm) – Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> (noon) at Scarboro Missions 2685 Kingston Rd., Scarborough, ON. Come, Pray and Reflect** with us on the Missionary vocation for our world today. Meet Scarboro priests and lay missionaries. Hear their stories. It’s a weekend that may change your life forever! To register, please contact us at: 416-261-7134 ext. 265 or email: [lmo@scarboromissions.ca](mailto:lmo@scarboromissions.ca) Cost \$100 – upon arrival. Subsidized costs available

### LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION CAPITAL FUND TARGET: \$760,000

<b>SUNDAY OFFERING</b>	\$10,087	<b>SECOND COLLECTION</b>	\$695.00
Average Env. Donation	\$16.32	as of February 6 <sup>th</sup>	\$218,633.12

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 21

8:00am CANCELLED  
10:00am Benefactors & members of our Salesian family by Salesian Sisters  
7:30pm Memorial Mass – Joseph Marchese

### Tuesday, February 22

7:30pm Margaret Connell by Friends of Lisa

### Wednesday, February 23

8:00am Our Lady of the Snows favours received by Theresa McIntosh

### Thursday, February 24

8:00am Wilson & Aurora Adalia by Balderosa family

### Friday, February 25

8:00am Margaret Rita Connell by Mary Cachia & family

### Saturday, February 26

8:00am Bruna & Italo Zorzi by Tony & Kathleen Zorzi & family  
5:00pm Tiago Julius DeSouza by DeSouza family

### Sunday, February 27

8:00am Stephen Szakacs by Eleanor & family  
9:30am Giuseppe Marin by family  
9:30am For the People  
11:00am Consuelo Ramirez by family  
12:45am Giovanni & Filomena De Francesco by family



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD, ESPECIALLY:

GERTRUDE DOUGHERTY  
CARMELA PONZO

## DONATION RECEIPTS - YEAR 2010

Receipts are available and may be obtained by dropping a stamped self-addressed envelope in the collection basket or by stopping in at the parish office during office hours.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Peter Calzavara, Matthew Murdoch, Griffin Brown, Margot Low, Dorita Hilder, Flora MacDonald, Bill Batulis, Nellie McGlynn, Rebecca Bautista, Vincenzo Macri, Bernardino Pede, Marie Demers, Robert Cellupica, Helen Bondi, Rhoel Val Rodrigo, RONALDA CAMPBELL, Patricia Waters-Holst, Sean Waters, Joe Borg, Beverley Martin, Jean Bradbury, Thelma Noronha, Nathan Bertucci, Jonathan and Sarah Pupulin, Aidan Downey, Helen Dryshak, Severino Bucci, Stephanie Thomas, Maureen Timms, David Duimet, Margarida Fernandes, Paul Sheppard, Janice Rama, Olga Evangjeli Gheciu, Victoria Titi Idowu, Rita Birch, Evellin Gleciu, Bernadette Arulthasan, Donna Gillespie, Jameel Giscombe, Eva Periera, Paul Mati Lincoln, Irene Furbacher, Vittorio Rovito, Savannah Lewis (4 yrs old), Sofie Defend, George Ellul, Ray Track, Evelyn Cletus, Amy Hallett, Teresa Calabria, Mary White, Helen Brunning, Giuseppe Miceli, Maria Mastromarco, Debra Ferguson, Jeannette Gregory, Anne Misquitta, Denzil Smith, Kate Bachinski, George Galison, Paul Lewin, Antonio De Santis, John Roberto, Nicolas Sabastiano