

## MESSAGE FOR LENT FROM POPE BENEDICT

*Excerpts from the Pope's message for Lent: Part 3*



On the Third Sunday of Lent, the question that Jesus puts to the Samaritan woman: "Give me a drink" (*Jn 4: 7*), is presented to us in the liturgy of the third Sunday; it expresses the passion of God for every man and woman, and wishes

to awaken in our hearts the desire for the gift of "a spring of water within, welling up for eternal life" (*Jn 4: 14*): this is the gift of the Holy Spirit, who transforms Christians into "true worshipers," capable of praying to the Father "in spirit and truth" (*Jn 4: 23*). Only this water can extinguish our thirst for goodness, truth and beauty! Only this water, given to us by the Son, can irrigate the deserts of our restless and unsatisfied soul, until it "finds rest in God", as per the famous words of St. Augustine.

### Why do we pray with the Word of God?

During the entire Lenten period, the Church offers us God's Word with particular abundance. By meditating and internalizing the Word in order to live it every day, we learn a precious and irreplaceable form of *prayer*; by attentively listening to God, who continues to speak to our hearts, we nourish the itinerary of faith initiated on the day of our Baptism. Prayer also allows us to gain a new concept of time: without the perspective of eternity and transcendence, in fact, time simply directs our steps towards a horizon without a future. Instead, when we pray, we find time for God, to understand that his "words will not pass away" (cf. *Mk 13: 31*), to enter into that intimate communion with Him "that no one shall take from you" (*Jn 16: 22*), opening us to the hope that does not disappoint, eternal life.

*For the full text:*

[www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/messages/len/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_mes\\_20101104\\_lent-2011\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/len/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20101104_lent-2011_en.html)

## By helping Iraqi Christians are we discriminating against other Iraqis?

Prioritising Iraqi Christians does not mean that other Iraqi refugees won't be helped. There are many organizations that provide assistance to improve the overall condition of refugees from Iraq. However by helping out the Christians as a particular minority Canadian Catholics would contribute to better balanced conditions. The most vulnerable and the most discriminated group would receive more attention.

Supporting Iraqi Christians means supporting not only victims of an unfortunate internal war, but mostly, supporting a minority that has been attacked because of its religious affiliation.

**For more information:** Visit [www.cnewa.ca](http://www.cnewa.ca)

## SUMMERDAZE 2011 REGISTRATION



The snow is finally melting  
and you know what that means....

**SummerDaze is just around the corner!**

We have another amazing summer planned and would like to extend to you a warm invitation to join us this summer! Registration Night for campers will be held on **Friday April 15, 2011**. Doors open at **6:30pm**.

Registration forms will be made available starting **March 29** in the church office or online at [www.summerdazedaycamp.com](http://www.summerdazedaycamp.com)

Hope to see you this summer! 2011 Camp Staff

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

### Mid-Point Rally

**Sunday March 27 ~ 3:00 pm**  
**Sisters of the Good Shepherd**  
**25 Good Shepherd Court**  
[www.40daysforlife.com/toronto](http://www.40daysforlife.com/toronto)



**Join us for a screening of the 2010 pro-life  
documentary on the abortion industry –  
Blood Money**

NARRATED BY ALVEDA KING, niece of Martin Luther King Jr.

This documentary brings together an impressive array of experts and professionals to reveal in vast detail the ways in which Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers use deception and ruthless marketing to persuade women to kill their babies.

*To view the trailer, go to: [www.bloodmoneyfilm.com](http://www.bloodmoneyfilm.com)*

## THREAT TO THE VULNERABLE PERSON

**Be Informed of the Dangers of Euthanasia**

***Speaker Alex Schadenberg***

Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

**Tuesday Mar 29**  
**8:00 pm, parish hall**

**Next Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> is ShareLife Sunday**

**WORKING WONDERS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ...**

George, 64, a man with developmental challenges, was sick, undernourished, facing eviction, and had no place to turn. Mary Centre, a ShareLife agency, advocated for George to transition to a nearby nursing home. They were convinced George's life would have been in great jeopardy if he had been evicted – he likely would have died anonymously in squalor. Today, he receives care and support, sharing the small joys of life with people around him on a daily basis. *ShareLife funded agencies assisted over 20,000 people with special needs last year, affirming their value to our society.*

For those parishioners not registered with the Parish, there will be special envelopes in the pews today. Post-dated cheques are welcome. The 2011 Parish Campaign Goal is \$70,000.

**WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL TO GIVE?**

**SHARELIFE MAILER:** The ShareLife envelopes sent out by the Archdiocese do not include Envelope/Registration number. WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH YOUR NUMBER WHEN YOU SUBMIT YOUR DONATION. Thank you.

**RANSOMED FROM DARKNESS**

Former New Age practitioner Moira Noonan shares her testimony of deliverance and exorcism and the dangers of New Age occult practices. Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Francis of Assisi, 2473 Thornlodge Dr., Mississauga. Holy Mass at 7:00pm followed by talk. Love offering. For more information contact Ave Maria Centre of Peace 416-251-4245.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>** at Sts. Martha & Mary Parish in Mississauga. **SPIRITUAL WARFARE WORKSHOP** from 10:00am to 3:00p.m. (Mass at 9:00 a.m.)

**SQUIRES EXECUTIVE AND BUSINESS MEETING ~ APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**

The Dominic Savio Squires Circle executive will meet at 6:00pm followed by the Business Circle Meeting from 7:00 to 9:00pm in the Parish Hall. This is an important meeting for ALL Squires. **NOMINATIONS FOR NEW EXECUTIVE FOR 2011-2012.** Come and participate! Pay up your dues!

**NEW BEGINNINGS: FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEPARATED, DIVORCED AND WIDOWED**

Come and join us for an informative evening with Dr. Ken Fung MD. Dr. Fung is a popular speaker in the Catholic Community. His topic is **Spiritual Stress**. It will take place **TUESDAY APRIL 5;** at 8:00 to 9:30pm at Saint Bonaventure's Church, 1300 Leslie Street, Toronto: (on the west side of Leslie, south of Lawrence) No registration required. Enquiries: Deacon James Shaughnessy MSW, RSW, Psyn. D. at 416-921-1163 ext. 2227

**PARISHIONER WITH ENVELOPE #1014**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION CAPITAL FUND TARGET: \$760,000**

**SUNDAY OFFERING** \$8,545 **SECOND COLLECTION** \$ 718.50  
Average Env. Donation \$13.19 as of March 20<sup>th</sup> \$ 246,023.05

**Thank you for your ongoing generous support!**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, March 28**

8:00am Leo McKenna by St. Benedict Pastoral Team  
7:30pm Carmela Ponzo by Ponzo family

**Tuesday, March 29**

7:30pm Vincenzo Commisso by family

**Wednesday, March 30**

8:00am Jim Sammut by wife & family  
7:30pm Carmela Ponzo by Marisa & Aldo D'Andrea

**Thursday, March 31**

8:00am Leo McKenna by Victor Mildazys  
7:30pm Sonja Klaric by Lovrin family

**First Friday, April 1**

8:00am Personal Intention by Filomena  
7:30pm Trieste Marcelli by Marcelli family

**Saturday, April 2**

8:00am Giovanni Sala by Sala family  
5:00pm In memory of John Paul II by Lidia

**Sunday, April 3**

8:00am Maria Bucci by Cascioli family  
9:30am Mario Orlando by Ida & family  
9:30am For the People  
11:00am Therese Farrugia by Maria Borg  
12:45am Purificacion Bartolini by Takaoka family



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD, ESPECIALLY:**

Bruno Dal Mas & Maria Mastromarco

**Francesca Giuseppina Cribari born September 25, 1970, daughter of John and Chiarina Cribari. Please contact the Pastor for an important message.**

**Dear Parishioners:** As Easter approaches; plans are being made for the decoration of the Eucharistic chapel, church and parish hall. An offering may be made towards the flowers and decorations that will adorn our church in memory of our loved ones. Parishioners interested in making an offering are asked to complete and return the form to the parish office or drop it in a sealed envelope in the collection basket. Your name and the name of your loved one will be published in the bulletin on Palm Sunday. All memorials should be in by **APRIL 8.**

**My Easter Gift in Memory of a Loved One**

(please print clearly)

Name of Loved one

Your Name

Donation: \_\_\_\$10 \_\_\_\$15 \_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_Other

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_