

March 27, 2016



**ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS**

DATE	TIME	MASS FOR
Saturday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Parishioners
Sunday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Monday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Basil Harrington
Tuesday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Dorothy Harrington
Wednesday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Howard Martin
Thursday, March 31 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Anne Tierney
Friday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Nelson Puetz
Saturday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+Jim Murphy
Saturday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00 p.m.	+Howard Martin
Sunday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+Howard Martin
Sunday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30 a.m.	+Brenda Ronald
Monday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	+Dorothy Harrington
Tuesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Basil Harrington
Wednesday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Howard Martin
Thursday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Howard Martin
Friday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Tom & Mabel Kelly
Saturday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+Reg & Melba Carpenter

Masses offered for the deceased (+)

**Rosary:** 20 minutes prior to weekday and Saturday morning Masses

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Daily from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Bible Study:** Every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Prayer Group Meeting:** Every Tuesday 9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**The 33 days to Morning Glory will end with a Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. On this coming Tuesday, the last group discussion will be held from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Rectory.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Please Pray For: Angela Gonsalves, Maria Sousa, Maria Dias, Antonia Pickarz, Ethan-Nicholas Galdick, Pamela Murray, Mary Dunham, Ivor (Buster) Johnston, Aaron David Martin, Kathleen Scott, Rod Kerr, Kelly Corran

Kindly let us know when the sick are blessed with healing.

<b>Finance Committee</b> Herb Phillipps 705-484-0547	<b>Fundraising Committee</b> Mary Jane Whalen 705-484-0063	
<b>Liturgy Committee</b> Choir: Joan Dunbar 705-484-5287 Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Diane Conway 705-484-5925	<b>Cemetery Board</b> Ruth Windatt 705-426-7117	<b>Foley Catholic School</b> 705-484-5940 Pat Shannon Principal
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## **UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BATTLE OF THE BRAINS:** On Saturday, April 16th, we will be hosting a Battle of the Brains competition. Battle of the Brains is a game of question and chance (similar to Jeopardy), that will give you and your teammates a shot at bragging rights as being the most intelligent beings within the Ramara area for the year 2016 . Tickets are \$100 per team with a max. of 5 members per team. There is a poster at the back of the church with more details. If you are interested in submitting a team, please contact Mary Jane Whalen or Debbie Leroux.

**NUMBERED ENVELOPE:** Would the person(s) using Offertory donation envelope #97 please put your name and mailing address on the next few envelopes you use. Thank you.

## **THE POWER OF EASTER EXPERIENCES**

No matter how we explain it, in the beginning, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters. Then God created light, and the sky, the earth, the vegetation, the stars, the fish, the birds, all kinds of animals and – as the final good gift, the most noble creatures of all – humans. God looked at everything He had made, and He found it very good.

The story of the human race from then on is less glorious – the fall of Adam and Eve, their son Cain murdering his brother Abel, the sometimes perverse “People of God”, and the wars, pollution, destruction, murder, rape, robbery, and other evil things that people have brought about ever since.

The story stimulates questions. Is it really good for the human race to have been created? Have we served any purpose? Would the universe have been just as well off had we never been? If our highest purpose is to give honour and glory to God, have we done so? One thing is sure. The human race made necessary a new beginning comparable to the sparkling newness of the days of creation.

That new day came with the first Easter Sunday. The resurrection of Jesus was the most momentous occasion since the week of creation. New hope came with the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus the risen Lord by the Apostles. On Good Friday the Church showed us a Peter who had denied even knowing Jesus, and who was reduced to tears at the realization of his failure. On Easter Sunday, we see a different Peter.

May our reflections on Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection remind us that unlike other dramas, we’re not mere spectators, but participants. We are invited to ask ourselves, “Am I Pilate? Judas? Peter?” Above all, “Am I Jesus?” Do I follow Him in suffering – in my attitude towards the disappointments, pains, and anguishes of my life? Do I reflect the victory over suffering and death that Jesus showed in His total composure throughout His passion? May our thoughts this day make us all-around better human beings!

**HAVE A WONDERFUL AND BLESSED EASTER SEASON! MAY WE ALWAYS REMIND OURSELVES THAT JESUS LOVES EACH ONE OF US.**

*Truly in Christ,*

*Fr. Anthony Gonzalez*