### **ONLINE SCRIPTURE STUDY (VIDEO) FOR LENT—Last chance to register**

The same group that brought us the excellent Scripture Study series "The Bible and the Sacraments" and "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" have produced a new series called "Genesis to Jesus". Scott Hahn has called God's covenantal love for us the most important story ever told. Now, discover your own place in the story and live it out to the fullest with Genesis to Jesus. This study presents the whole sweep of salvation history, and helps you make sense of the Bible, literally, from Genesis to Jesus. By the end of Lent, you'll understand the importance of Easter as the eighth day of creation in light of God's unified plan for our salvation.

To watch this series on your computer, you will need to register here: https://stpaulcenter.com/ streaming/?utm source=gtj&utm medium=email&utm campaign=gtj&utm content=button-gtj

Hint: the easiest way to do this is to go to our online bulletin, copy the address there, and paste it into your browser.

Once you do, the links to the videos will be sent to you via e-mail, beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing until Easter. This is a free gift to anyone who wants it. Why not use it as a part of your Lenten Journey this year?

Catching the Flame: The 5<sup>th</sup> annual New Evangelization Summit is Back! You are invited to join us Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> (8:45am - 4:45pm) for the New Evangelization Summit at St. Benedict School. This year's conference will include 6 world class speakers live-streamed from Ottawa, providing inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how we as Catholics & Christians can effectively evangelize. This FREE event includes lunch and light refreshments. Anyone wishing to attend can register at the parish office or on-line at newevangelization.ca For more information, visit www.newevangelization.ca, email infonesummit@gmail.com or call 705-566-1876.

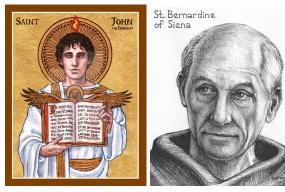
ADOPT AN UNBORN BABY: This year, we are once again invited to spiritually adopt an unborn baby who is in danger of abortion. The slips to do this are available in the entranceway of the Church. If you wish to participate, pray about your baby's name and choose it. For a boy, write it on a blue slip; a pink slip for a girl. Return the left side, with your baby's name printed clearly, to Fr. Michael. Pray for your baby by name every day. Keep the right side portion as a reminder; it has a prayer that was suggested by the late Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

For context, abortion is the number one cause of death in Canada, and throughout the world. 23% of all pregnancies end in abortion. Last year, world wide, 42 million babies were killed through abortion. That means abortion took more lives than cancer, malaria, HIV/AIDS, smoking, alcohol and traffic accidents combined. There is a great evil that has descended upon the consciences of mankind, whereby human life has become so marginalized and demeaned. In the face of such evil, it is easy to despair. What can a single person do? Well, since the root of this is evil, a single person can pray. God can change hearts. God can change the heart of a woman who is pregnant today, and considering abortion. That's what we are invited to do this year. Simply pray. On the Feast of the Holy Innocents and the Holy Family this year, the names of all the boys and girls we adopted will be read at Mass, as those Masses will be offered for them and their parents.

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## LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY

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# March 3, 2019 **8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Tuesday & Thursday (Closed Wed)** 10:00 am. to Noon



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<u>SUNDAY M</u>	ASSES:		
Saturday Sunday	4:30 pm. 9:00 am.	St. John the Evangelist St. Bernardine of Siena	
Sunday	10:30 am.	St. John the Evangelist	
WEEKDAY	MASSES: See i	nside for this week's schedule	
RECONCILIATION: Saturday mornings 11—Noon (Use the side entrance)			
CALL THE P	ARISH OFFICE	(Fr. Michael) REGARDING:	
<ul> <li>Home Visit &amp; Communion or Anointing of the Sick</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Individual Celebration of Reconciliation</li> </ul>			
FOR BAPTISM , HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION &			
MARRIAGE			
Please spea	ak with Fr. Mic	hael at any weekend Mass	
(6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)			

Mass Schedule March 4 —March 10, 2019					
St. John the Evangelist					
Date	Time	Mass Intention			
Monday, March 4	No Parish Mass				
Tuesday, March 5	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners			
ASH WEDNESDAY Wednesday, March 6	7:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners			
Thursday, March 7	9:30 a.m.	For Melina Fraser by Stella Astgen			
Friday, March 8	9:30 a.m.	For Dave DellaVedova by Foley Markle			
Saturday, March 9 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	4:30 p.m.	For Mark Kehoe by Shirley & Bruce Robillard			
Sunday, March 10	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners			
S	t. Bernard	line of Siena			
Sunday, March 10	9:00 a.m.	For Richard Ducharme by Marc & Micheline Grandmaison (Rescheduled from February 24th)			

<u>**CWL Diocesan Convention:</u>** The 99th Convention takes place this year in Sault Ste. Marie, April 26—28th, at the Quattro Hotel. If you are interested in going, please contact Sue Quackenbush at 693-2467.</u>



**<u>CWL General Meeting:</u>** On Monday, March 4th in the Parish Hall beginning at 1:30 pm.

<u>Crafts Every Wednesday:</u> For fun, friendship and artistic creativity, come join in the craft making sessions. We begin right after the morning Mass and continue into the afternoon. Bring your lunch.

LAUDS BEFORE MASS: Given this week's Mass Schedule, we will pray Lauds before the **Thursday** morning Mass, rather than on Wednesday.

**<u>Registration forms</u>** for the 2019 cycle of preparation for Holy Eucharist and Confirmation will soon be available. Watch the bulletin for details. Those who will be 7 years of age or older this year may register for the preparation needed to begin receiving Holy Eucharist. Those who will be 12 years of age or older this year may register for the preparation for Confirmation.



Although Catholics are free to substitute the Friday abstinence from meat with another form of penance throughout the year, such a substitution is not permitted for either Ash Wednesday or Good Friday. On those days, every Roman Catholic in the world voluntarily abstains from meat as a universal sign of our common entry into this Holy Season. Those 2 days are also days of fast, a form of which may be chosen by each, according to their own circumstances.

<u>CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE</u>: Come and enjoy a cup of java and conversation in the Meeting Room following Mass. No topic has been suggested, so who knows where the chat will take us this week—come and see.

**CHRISTIAN SEDER MEAL**: Fr. Michael will host a Christian Seder Meal on Holy Thursday, and is now accepting guests on a first come basis. Seating is limited to 18 guests. The cost is \$40.00. A portion of that will be dedicated to sponsoring a child through Chalice this year, in the name of our Parish family. Please see Fr. Michael personally to register for this event.

**<u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u>**: Every Friday during Lent, join us in praying the Stations of the Cross in the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

CWL Members will lead us this Friday at 7:00 p.m. as we journey with a Saviour. Everyone is welcome!



**This Share Lent let's create a culture of encounter:** For this year's Share Lent, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada encourages us to reach out to forcibly displaced persons and to share their journey. How? 1) Donate online at devp.org/give or give during the Solidarity Sunday collection on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent on April 7. The funds collected are used to support over 162 projects in 37 countries around the world! 2) Take part in a solidarity walk in solidarity with forcibly displaced persons on Saturday, May 25th at the

Bell Park Boardwalk from 10am—2pm. 3) Read the Development and Peace Share Lent materials as a way to encounter children, women and men who have been forcibly displaced and to learn how their partners are making a difference. For more information, please contact Doreen Merkas at 705-693-0424 or by email at zagorja@sympaticoca.



### St. John the Evangelist YOUR OFFERINGS for Feb. 24, 2019

Envelopes: \$987.00 Loose: \$82.00 Heating: \$90.00 Native: \$10.00 Pre-Authorized Deductions: \$852.50 Total: \$2,021.50