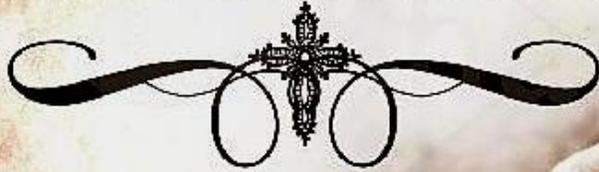


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March 6, 2019

6:45 AM	Liturgy
9:00 AM	Mass
4:00 PM	Liturgy
5:30 PM	Mass
7:00 PM	Mass



St. Mary's Parish



Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known."

Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigils
5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM
9:30 AM Family Mass
(C.L.O.W. Sept. – May)
11:30 AM Sung Mass

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from
9:30-10:30 AM

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Rectory Phone: (508) 429 - 4427 or (508) 879 - 2322

Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

Fax: (508) 429 - 3324

Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please call the rectory to register. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St. Mary's to kneel together for a silent Hail Mary at the end of Mass.

Please join in!

Confession: Saturdays from Noon – 12:45 PM in the church or anytime by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time by appointment. Please call as soon as you are aware of a serious illness or upcoming surgery.

Baptism: The 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. To register for Baptism Preparation call 429-4427.

Marriage: Please call at least 6 months in advance of your desired wedding date.

THIS WEEKEND - 2019 CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2019 Catholic Appeal is underway. This weekend, St. Mary's joins with all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston in supporting the 50 ministries that benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable and educational programs. Your generous support and participation is critical to the success of the 2019 Catholic Appeal at St. Mary's and helps move us forward in hope as we seek to better embody the Gospel message in our lives. For more information on the 2019 Catholic Appeal, please visit BostonCatholicAppeal.org. Thank you for your prayers and support as we all help further the Church's mission. To join with St. Mary's in our goal to raise \$87,486, please pledge your support. Envelopes are available at all church entrances. Online pledges may be made at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org. Please be sure to identify St. Mary's, Holliston as your parish. Thank you for your support of this important annual effort!



** Only one collection is taken up this weekend. Please place both regular offertory and your Catholic Appeal Pledge Envelope all in the one collection basket – today or any weekend going forward. God bless you.*

PARISH STAFF:

- Rev. Mark J. Coiro, Pastor
- Rev. Jim Flynn, Weekend Assistance
- The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance
- Deacon John D. Barry, Permanent Deacon
- Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon
- Mr. Steven Booth, Seminarian
- Mrs. Fran Crespi, D.R.E., Grades K-7
- Mr. Jake Thiringer, D.R.E., Grades 8-12
- Mr. Kevin Lyczak, Director of Music
- Mr. Leo Racine, Director of Contemporary Music
- Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary
- Mrs. Paula O'Brien, Religious Education Secretary
- Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
- Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
- Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
- R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ~ SECOND COLLECTION: NEXT WEEKEND
 March 10, 2019, not Wednesday, March 6, 2019.



LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: \$ 9,631.00
 Automatic Giving: \$ 2,796.50
 Total Offertory: \$12,427.50

St. Mary's thanks all those who support their parish so faithfully each week. May God bless you.

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

- Saturday March 2**
 5:00 Nicholas Rossini
 7:30 Theodore Mankus, 1st Anv.
- Sunday March 3**
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
 9:30 Walter "D" Robbins
 11:30 Pat McDonald
- Monday March 4**
 9:00 Lillian Fritzie Schuh
- Tuesday March 5**
 9:00 Brenda Chamberlain



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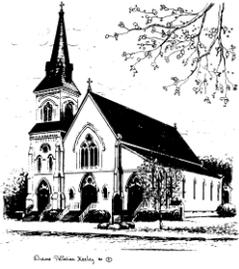
March 6 - See Cover Schedule

- Thursday March 7**
 9:00 Holy Souls
- Friday March 8**
 9:00 Leslie Higgins
- Saturday March 9**
 9:00 Holy Souls
 5:00 Peter & Shirley Blair
 7:30 William Kreinsen
- Sunday March 10**
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
 9:30 Girl Scout Sunday
 11:30 Maryellen Miller, 11th Anv.

ROSE FOR LIFE: Sponsored this week by the Polise family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.

ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GROUP: Will meet Wed., March 13 in the Parish Library from noon until 2 PM for our Spring meeting. Bring your crochet supplies for making something new and enjoy a social afternoon.

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#530	#548	#548
Offertory	#518	-	-
Communion	#497	#323	#368
Recessional	#375	#537	#537



Saint Mary's Parish

8 Church St. ~ Holliston, MA ~ 01746 ~ (508) 429-4427

March 3, 2019
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.
For every tree is known by its own fruit."* Lk 6:43-45

Dear Members of the St. Mary's Parish Family,

Today we stand at the very threshold of Lent, which begins this coming Wednesday. The launch of the annual Catholic Appeal today invites us to enter early into the Lenten practice of Almsgiving, and to live out our Christian vocation of charity to those in need.

I am as aware as you of all the attention focused in recent days and months on what today's Gospel would call "*the bad fruit produced by evil persons*" – sadly within our Catholic Church. Our Church is facing challenging times to be sure. But times of crisis test our resolve. And as we work to heal and purify our Church, we must not lose all the good fruit - those beautiful ministries that go to the very heart of who we are as Catholic Christians.

I myself will give to the Catholic Appeal because I will not allow the crimes and failures of others to prevent me from feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, healing the sick or any other of the good and holy works I help accomplish with my Catholic brothers and sisters through the Appeal each year.

I will give to the Appeal because it funds the Office of Child Safety, providing essential training and background checks for all who minister in our Archdiocese. I will support the Appeal because when a pregnant young woman came to our Church after having been kicked out of her house by family, I was able to bring her to Pregnancy Help – an organization funded by the Catholic Appeal.

I will support the Appeal because if we eradicate the bad fruit without continuing to produce good fruit, we are then left with barren soil instead of the lush garden of grace that God intends. I will support the Appeal because in today's Second Reading St. Paul told us to "*be firm, steadfast, and always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*"

It would be easy to feel that the evils that have assailed our Church from without - and more terribly from within - make all our efforts in vain. That we have been stripped of credibility and lost all trust. But the truth is that we will never be healed if we give up doing good works and providing holy ministry. There is so much more good than bad in the Church, and we need to redouble our efforts not only to eradicate evil in our midst – but to produce good fruit in Jesus' Name.

Do you remember the gas explosions in the Merrimack Valley last fall? In the midst of all the terrible news about the disaster - and the heartbreaking news at that same time of scandalous past failures of the Church - there was also a beautiful ray of light. The news carried several stories about the Cor Unum Meal Center at St. Patrick Church in Lawrence, a place where displaced and suffering families were able to come and be fed and comforted. I was proud of that news. The work of Cor Unum gave the world a glimpse of the *real* face of our Church. And I will support the Appeal because I want more of that face – the compassionate face of Jesus – to be revealed to the world.

I hope that you will join me in doing the same.

God bless you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark J. Coiro". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

ST. PAUL'S BOY CHOIR ~ LENTEN CONCERT

**This Friday, March 8, 7-8 PM
in St. Mary's Church.**

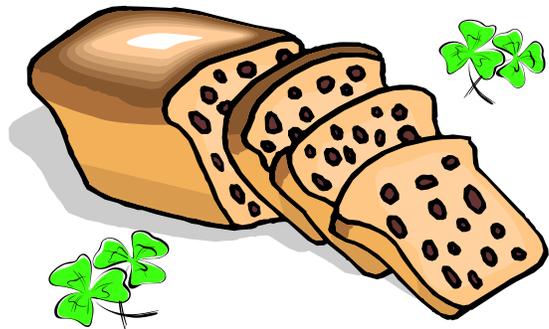


**Start your Lent with an evening
of rapturous music by the internationally
acclaimed Boys Choir of St. Paul's
Archdiocesan Choir School in Cambridge.**

**Directed by John Robinson and
accompanied by Organist Jeremy Bruns.**

**The Choir will perform works by Rheinberger,
Lalouette and Fauré, among others.**

The Concert is free and open to all.



MISSION TRIP IRISH SODA BREAD SALE: After all Masses on March 16 and 17. Homemade just hours before by our Mission Trip teens in support of their trip to do relief work in Gainesville, Florida this summer. For \$5 a loaf you help our teens help others!

CREATION CARE TEAM: The season of Lent is upon us. Here are two ideas/resources to help you make your experience of Lent creation-centered this year. BTW, our next Team meeting is on Saturday, March 9 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. We will be sponsoring a showing of the film “A Plastic Ocean” on Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 AM in

Rooms 3 & 4 in the Center. Please feel encouraged to join us on either Saturday this month! The Lenten ideas/resources are: A Lenten Study Course on climate change sponsored by Operation Noah, an ecumenical organization in Great Britain (<https://bit.ly/2BU0TUM>); and Stations of the Cross, entitled On the Path to Ecological Conversion, sponsored by the Catholic Climate Covenant (<https://bit.ly/1ChxOrD>).

BLESSED MOTHER SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship Applications are now available in the Religious Education Office. This scholarship is granted in recognition of exceptional service to the St. Mary’s Parish Family. Applicants must meet the following criteria: Graduating from High School in the Spring of 2019; Accepted to a four-year college or university to commence classes in the Fall of 2019; Family registered at St. Mary’s Parish for at least two full years; Completed Religious Education and received the Sacrament of Confirmation; Attend Mass weekly at St. Mary’s and are otherwise living out their Catholic faith. Applications are due to the Scholarship Committee by Palm Sunday, April 14.



WINGS (Women in God’s Spirit): Is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. WINGS is on hiatus for the next two weeks. Please join us Wednesday, March 20, from 9:45 to 11:30 AM, for the first session in our six week Spring Season: “Surrendering to God’s Will”. All women are welcome at WINGS whether they can just drop in once or attend each week. Nurturing childcare is provided for those with young children. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Linda Calabrese at (508) 893-7919.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Our next MSYG meeting is Sunday, March 17, from 6:30 – 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. There will be Lenten sandwich making for the homeless and signups & payments for both this summer’s Whitewater Rafting Trips. All 6th, 7th & 8th Graders are invited for faith, friendship and fun. Bring a friend! Next Events: The St. Paul’s Boys Choir on Friday, March 8, the Monday, March 18, 8th Grade BINGO service trip to St. Patrick Manor, and the March 22 Late Night Cosmic Bowling Trip! All 6th, 7th and 8th Graders are welcome. Bring a friend!

ST. MARY’S EPIC: Save these dates for this very busy month!

March 10 - Our next EPIC Meeting is from 7:30 – 8:45 PM in Father Haley Hall.

March 17 - St Patrick’s Day - Mission Trip Fundraiser selling Irish Soda Bread, with baking on Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16 and selling after all masses on March 16 and 17. For \$5 a loaf you help our teens help others!

March 24 – Join EPIC in Father Haley Hall at 7:45 PM for a service project preparing blessings bags which will be distributed by Boston Sock Exchange to families in need.

March 31 – EPIC Meeting from 7:30 – 8:45 PM.

More info on all of these events will be coming out soon. Please email our youth minister Jake Thiringer with questions at stmarysym1870@gmail.com.



ALL ARE INVITED TO A LENTEN AFTERNOON MINI-RETREAT- NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10 AT 3:30 PM: Please join us and prepare your hearts through this journey of Lent and spend one hour with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration with a reflection by Sister Confida on Jesus’ Divine Mercy and love. Lent is the time for repentance, a time for spiritual renewal, a time for forgiveness and a time to re-commit our relationship with the living Christ.



LENTEN OFFERINGS

Resources to help
prepare for your
Lenten journey

LENT is the time of spiritual preparation prior to the Easter season, just as Advent is for Christmas. Jesus taught us clearly that there is no resurrection without the Cross, and Lent is the Church's great spiritual journey as she, the Bride of Christ, joins her Divine spouse in His great suffering on our behalf.

Basically, we don't experience the full joy of Easter without the self-sacrifice of Lent; the disciples of Jesus follow in His footsteps, including His service and sacrifice...

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (this year March 6, 2019) and ends on Holy Thursday (this year April 18, 2019). On the evening of Holy Thursday, the Sacred Triduum begins. The 40 days of Lent correspond to the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness to fast, pray, and endure the temptations of the devil, all in preparation for His public ministry which would culminate in his death on the Cross.

"Each year, Lent offers us a providential opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives, and it stimulates us to rediscover the mercy of God so that we, in turn, become more merciful toward our brothers and sisters. In the Lenten period, the Church makes it her duty to propose some specific tasks that accompany the faithful concretely in this process of interior renewal: these are prayer, fasting and almsgiving." - Pope Benedict XVI

ABSTINENCE -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

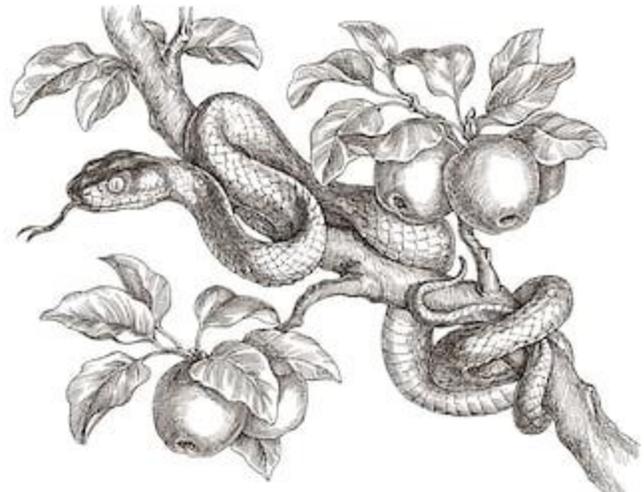
FASTING -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

EVENING PRAYER: Come enjoy Lenten Evening Prayer, 7 PM in the Church, (15-20 minutes). This is the daily prayer of the Catholic Church consisting of psalms, hymns, and intercessions. Come find peace at day's end. March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, & 16.

SUNG CHORAL VESPERS: Wednesday, March 13 from 7-7:30 PM and Sunday, March 31 from 6-6:30 PM. Vespers, part of the Liturgy of the Hours, is meant to give thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. Sung by our talented Youth Choir, Vespers includes the singing of psalms, intercessions and prayers. Come experience the beauty of sung prayer.

LOVE ENDURES ~ A THREE-PART LENTEN SERIES: *"It appears that the Genesis serpent got it right on every account. (Genesis 3:1-5). Adam and Eve didn't die; their eyes were opened; and they became 'like' God, knowing good and evil. The serpent was right because he kept his conversation to the natural order. What he knew, but did not say, was that there was a greater, supernatural order."*

Join our Seminarian, Steven Booth, for "Love Endures", a three-part series, where we will examine the "Greater Supernatural Order," the Cross which stands at its center and the God-given virtues of Faith, Hope and Love that make living the Christian Life possible. All are welcome for this time of reflection, discussion and questions about our Catholic Faith. Register by emailing Mary Beth at St.Marys1870@gmail.com. Wednesdays, March 27, April 3, and April 10 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in Classrooms 3 & 4.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: Bring the whole family and friends to enjoy a homemade meal, prayer and friendship every Friday during Lent from 6 to 7 PM. * Friday, March 8 at 5:30 PM (so you can hear the Boys Choir at 7 PM). Come meet other families in the parish as we seek the Lord anew. Start a new tradition or continue with an old one by helping to prepare a soup, salad or delicious cheesy pasta. Don't like to cook? Bring a savory bread or just help out with setting up or breaking down. It's easy to volunteer, just visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2019-Lenten-Soup-Supper> and sign up. Have a blessed Lent!



40 HOURS DEVOTION: In celebrating this devotion, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar at St. Mary's for forty continuous hours. The church will be open throughout and people may stop in at any time to visit with the Lord in prayer. The Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Additionally, three special dimensions surround this devotion:



- the protection from evil and temptation;
- reparation for our own sins and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory;
- and deliverance from political, material, or spiritual calamities.

Sunday, March 31

- 11:30 AM Opening Mass
- 6:00 PM Sung Choral Vespers
- 7-7:30 PM Organ Music
- 8:00 PM Scripture Reflection

Monday, April 1

- 9:00 AM Morning Mass (Hall)
- Noon Holy Rosary
- 6:00 PM Evening Prayer
- 7-7:30 PM Organ Music
- 8:00 PM Scripture Reflection

Tuesday, April 2

- 9:00 AM Closing Mass with Benediction

THE POPE'S 2019 LENTEN MESSAGE was released on Tuesday. The theme chosen this year is "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rom 8:19).

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Each year, through Mother Church, God "gives us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed... as we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ" (Preface of Lent I). We can thus journey from Easter to Easter towards the fulfilment of the salvation we have already received as a result of Christ's paschal mystery – "for in hope we were saved" (Rom 8:24). This mystery of salvation, already at work in us during our earthly lives, is a dynamic process that also embraces history and all of creation. As Saint Paul says, "the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rom 8:19). In this perspective, I would like to offer a few reflections to accompany our journey of conversion this coming Lent.

1. The redemption of creation

The celebration of the Paschal Triduum of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, the culmination of the liturgical year, calls us yearly to undertake a journey of preparation, in the knowledge that our being conformed to Christ (cf. Rom 8:29) is a priceless gift of God's mercy. When we live as children of God, redeemed, led by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 8:14) and capable of acknowledging and obeying God's law, beginning with the law written on our hearts and in nature, we also benefit creation by cooperating in its redemption. That is why Saint Paul says that creation eagerly longs for the revelation of the children of God; in other words, that all those who enjoy the grace of Jesus' paschal mystery may experience its fulfilment in the redemption of the human body itself. When the love of Christ transfigures the lives of the saints in spirit, body and soul, they give praise to God. Through prayer, contemplation and art, they also include other creatures in that praise, as we see admirably expressed in the "Canticle of the Creatures" by Saint Francis of Assisi (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 87). Yet in this world, the harmony generated by redemption is constantly threatened by the negative power of sin and death ...

[Read the Pope's complete Message at: <https://bit.ly/2EfkGyc>]

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, March 3, the children will remain in the church with Fr. Mark and learn what Jesus teaches us in the Gospel reading

WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Mar. 03	PRE-K at 9:15 AM	GR-2 at 8:10 AM
	GR-2 at 10:45 AM	GR-3 at 7:55 AM
	GR-3 at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 12:45 PM
Mon., Mar. 04	GR-6 at 5:00 PM	GR-7 at 5:30 PM
	GR-4 at 3:00 PM	GR-6 at 2:30 PM
Tues., Mar. 05	GR-6 at 5:00 PM	
	GR-4 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
Wed., Mar. 06	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
	Ash Wednesday	No Classes
Thur., Mar. 07	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Mar. 10	GR-1 at 8:10 AM	GR-4 at 7:55 AM
	GR-4 at 10:45 AM	GR-5 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 12:45 PM	GR-6 at 5:00 PM

GRADE 9 – CONFIRMATION I: Grade 9 classes will meet the week of Tuesday, March 5 and Thursday, March 7 in Fr. Haley Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

GRADE 10 RETREAT: Saturday, March 2 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Students should check in by 8:45 AM in Fr. Haley Hall. Contact Jake Thiringer at 429-6076 or send an Email to stmarysym1870@gmail.com with any questions.

WINTER ADULT FORMATION PROGRAM: On Tuesday, March 5 at 10:00 AM in Room 3-4, part 2 of the "Seven Deadly Sins" by Bishop Barron will be shown and discussed. The series "No Greater Love" a biblical walk through Christ's Passion has not been shipped to date and will be shown once shipment is received. All are welcome.

PROTECTING GODS CHILDREN (PGC) WORKSHOP: New volunteers 18 years of age and older serving in any capacity must complete a **2019 CORI**, have a signed **Code of Conduct** and complete a **PGC** workshop. For training classes scheduled in nearby parishes, please visit www.virtusonline.org, select "First-Time Registrant" button and follow prompts.

2019 CORI RENEWAL ALERT FOR ALL VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES: Ministry Leaders are to make sure that **all** their active volunteers (18 years and older) renew and complete a 2019 CORI. These forms must be completed each year. You can request a copy of the form by calling the R.E. Office and one will be sent via Email. If you have access to a printer, you can print out the CORI form, complete both sides, sign it, scan it in along with a copy of your license and send it back to the Email address below: st.marysre1870@gmail.com. You may also stop by the R.E. office and complete the form and present a photo ID such as your license or passport.

GRADE 5 CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY WORKSHOP VIEWING FOR PARENTS: Parents who wish their children to attend the Saturday, March 23 Grade 5 Christian Sexuality Workshop, and were unable to attend one of the parent workshops, can call Fran at 429-6076 to schedule a viewing of the program. All children must have a signed "Permission Form" or "Previously Previewed Form" in order to attend the workshop.

GRADE 5 GENERAL SESSION ON HOLY ORDERS: On Monday, March 18 all Sunday and weekday Grade 5 students are required to attend this session with Fr. Mark at 3:00 PM in the church as part of their studies on the Seven Sacraments. Parent pick-up is at 4:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

**VBS 2019
July 22 - 26**



Get ready for **ROAR**. This African adventure engages the whole herd. Kids will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. A single Bible point is presented at each station daily. A five day experience where kids learn *life is wild* and *God is Good*. Registration is available April 1.

GRADE 7 VOCATION NIGHTS: Tonight, Sunday, March 3, at 5:30 PM the Grade 7 Sunday students will meet in Fr. Haley Hall for a presentation on religious vocations with Fr. Mark Coiro, Seminarian Steven Booth and the Daughters of Saint Paul. They will share how they were called by God to Christ in their daily work and minister to others in various ways brings the Good News of Christ to the people. There will be another Vocation Night for the Wednesday students on March 13 at 6:00 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

GRADE 3 ROSARY GENERAL SESSION: On Monday, March 4 all Grade 3 students from the Sunday and weekday classes are required to attend this session. Grade 3 Teachers are needed to assist the students on this project. The General Session is from 4:00 to 5:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. Parents will pick-up their children in Fr. Haley Hall at 5:30 PM.