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*“To transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice”*

- Parish Mission Statement

## Fifth Sunday Of Lent

April 7, 2019

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Deacon

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Columbarium Representative

**Reg & Jane Todd**

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### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**MONDAY, April 8, 2019 - Ferial**

No Mass

**TUESDAY, April 9, 2019**

6:00-6:50 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

7:00 p.m. **Liturgy – Novena Mass in Honour of St. Gianna**

Intention: + *Ramon Godoy & Maria Arauz / Marietta Godoy*

**WEDNESDAY, April 10, 2019**

No Mass

**THURSDAY, April 11, 2019**

10:00 a.m. **Stations of the Cross for Seniors**

1:30 p.m. **at Lindenwood Terrace - Ferial**

Intention: *John Hosang / Barry & Joan Coombes*

**FRIDAY, April 12, 2019**

9:30 a.m. **Liturgy - Ferial**

Intention: *The Flisak Family / Stan Flisak*

7:00 p.m. **Way of the Cross**

**SATURDAY, April 13, 2019 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

4:30 p.m. **Liturgy**

Intention: + *Lucille Gurr / Fr. Darrin*

**SUNDAY, April 14, 2019 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

9:00 a.m. **Liturgy**

Intention: + *Danny Brillantes / Marlon & Matthew Brillantes*

11:00 a.m. **Liturgy**

Intention: *For All Parishioners*



### Remembering Those Entombed or Memorialized in Living Waters Columbarium:

April 9 - Ramon 'Archie' Umbal

April 11 - Peter Kurushima

- Theodore Okrainec

April 12 - Gabriel Perera



"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle." The episode of the woman caught in adultery is a powerful story. We have perhaps

all felt as the woman has at some point in our lives, surrounded by those who would condemn us. The beauty of Christ's mercy at the end is clear...and a welcome relief as we all struggle to be good and holy people. But have we ever imagined ourselves on the edge of the circle? Have we pictured ourselves in the sea of dusty robes? Perhaps, we hope, we're hovering at the edge of the circle of judgment. But we've all been there.

How easy it is to be righteous when someone else's reputation is at stake. When the small child is acting up in the grocery store or on the plane. When another company has a scandal break or a major error sets back their profits. Could it be easy to pick up the stone and feel its weight and heft in our hands? Because if we've got a stone in our hands, our own righteous category is clear. Our judgment is our insurance that we won't be on the receiving end of the criticism. If we can point out a wrong, surely we are firmly in the right.

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her'... they went away one by one." This Lent, not only are we invited to receive God's mercy, but to show God's mercy. As the season begins to wind to a close, consider those in your life you tend to judge the most harshly. What is one concrete way you can drop your stone?

**CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL**

"The end for which we are created invites us to walk a road that is surely sown with a lot of thorns, but it is not sad; through even the sorrow, it is illuminated by joy."

- *Giorgio Frassati*

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

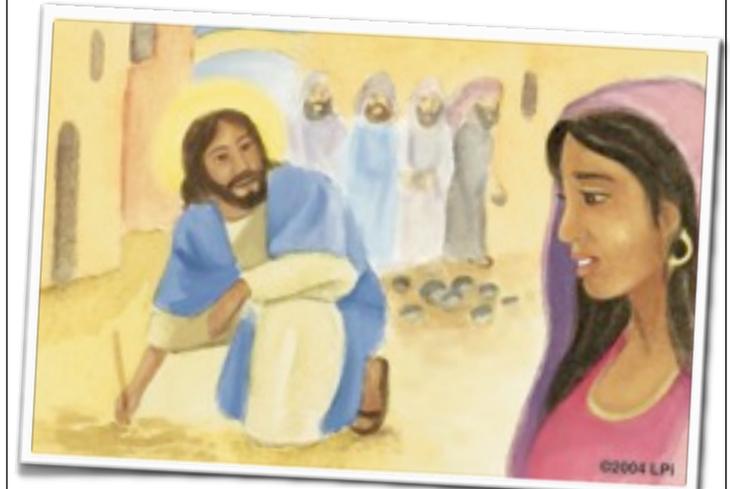
We are all sinners, and we all need mercy. If met with sincerity and true repentance of heart, an encounter with God's unconditional and all-forgiving love will lead to true conversion and a new life of grace. There is no point to condemnation or excessive punishment. We do not need to wag fingers or make people feel inferior. Jesus met the woman caught in adultery with compassion. He did not condemn her. People have not always been faithful to God. We have not always been faithful to God. Yet, God waits for us to return and trusts that His seeds of forgiveness and mercy will take root. We do not know if the woman left Jesus and sinned no more. It's not important.

**KIDS' CORNER**

When we do something wrong, God does not want to punish

us. God just wants us to stop, learn from our mistake, and make better choices next time. Try to remember that the next time you catch a friend sinning. Instead of tattling, talk to your friend, and gently help your friend do what is right.

**Dear God, help me to be kind to my friends when they make mistakes. Help me remember that sometimes I make bad choices, too.**



**A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE** - Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

This spring, it is interesting to think about how birds build their nests and prepare for the next generation. The mother bird lays her eggs in the nest, sits on them until they hatch, and then feeds, nurtures and teaches them until the younglings are ready to fly on their own. We, as Christians, must do the same for our family: build and maintain a place for our children to be nurtured and grow as Christians. Our children certainly are the future and the church will continue to be a place for their spiritual nurturing. We need to do our best to be stewards of our time, talents and resources to provide that environment. Just as we attend to our own "nests" at home, we must also attend to maintaining the spiritual nest necessary for the next generation of Christians to grow and flourish. The lead article in this month's issue of Stewardship points out that when we volunteer our time, or give contributions and offerings to the church to fund programs and build buildings, like Mother Bird, we are providing for our little ones, sustaining and nurturing the next generation of Christians. Thank you Lord for our church and our church family. Stir us up always to do your will and to be good stewards of all that we have. Amen.



## Open House - Living Waters Columbarium

**Sunday, April 28, 2019 - 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

The first of its kind in Canada, Living Waters Columbarium offers entombment within a living, praying community of faith, where the beloved dead are perpetually remembered within the liturgy of the Church. Consecrated by Archbishop of Winnipeg, Reverend Archbishop Gagnon in September 2014, the Columbarium has options for single, double and family entombment, as well as memorial inscriptions. **New this year:** Two 20-minute micro-teachings will be presented by Fr. Darrin at the following times and are open to all:

**1:30 p.m.** - Christian Witness: The Importance of entombment in a Sacred burial place

**3:00 p.m.** - Cremation and our Catholic Ritual

Bring your family and friends. All are welcome!

### “Repent, Believe in the Gospel!”

The pastors of the parishes in the South Deanery have chosen to combine all parish lenten reconciliation liturgies into three celebrations. The dates, times and locations are:

Wednesday, **April 10** at **9:30-11:00 a.m.**

- **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**, 4588 Roblin Blvd.

Wednesday, **April 17** at **7:00 p.m.**

- **St. Gianna Parish**, 15 Columbia Drive

**Family Faith Formation** - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is unique faith formation for children that seeks to create a very sacred space for them to fall deeply in love with God. Children will gather in an “atrium” containing beautiful materials to help them absorb the most essential proclamations of the Christian faith. If you would like to share your talents with us, we are looking for those who love to craft, create, paint, woodwork, sculpt and sew. Please contact Rachel at [rbanmann@stgianna.ca](mailto:rbanmann@stgianna.ca)

### Employment Opportunity - St. Gianna's Church

After four years of dedicated service to St. Gianna's, our Operational Business Manager, Romeo Suban will retire effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. Romeo has served the Parish well and we are grateful for his contributions. The full posting of the employment opportunity is now on our website as we work toward a period of transition: [www.stgianna.ca](http://www.stgianna.ca)

### Parish Pastoral Council

I am pleased to announce the addition of a number of new members to our Parish Pastoral Council. Welcome to Rochelle Viray, Lorna Aquino, Lupita Antonio, Jorge Fernandez and Tino Marova. They will join, Lori Edmond, Pat Hannah, Paulo Amenta, Rebecca Skinner, and co-chairs Lorraine Kerr and Ferdinand (Dot) Del Rosario. Thank you to Marc Garcia, Roland Lampertz, Gisele Solon and Tatyana Krylov, who have all completed their terms in the past year.

Meeting on a monthly basis, the work of the Pastoral Council is to be an advisory group to the pastor in the area of pastoral ministry and pastoral initiatives. Thank you to all who have served on our Council and to the new members who join us now. - Fr. Darrin

### Praying the Rosary - April 10

This Wednesday at **1:30 p.m.**, St. Gianna's Women's Faith Group will once again pray the Rosary in the worship space. Men and women - All are welcome to participate.



### Stations of the Cross for Seniors

**10:00 a.m. - April 11**

Addressing the unique challenges of aging, this meditation on the *Way of the Cross* is designed to help relate the later stages of life to Christ's journey to Calvary. This lenten reflection will be held in the church proper with no need to walk from station to station. Thursday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m.



### Easter Flower Memorial Opportunity

A donation of \$25.00 can be made in memory of a deceased individual or couple (maximum 2 names per \$25 gift). The names of those being remembered will be displayed on our Easter Memorial Banners. The beautiful lilies adorning our worship space will be a wonderful reminder of our beloved deceased, present among us, throughout our Easter celebrations. Easter Flower Memorial cards are available at the Knights of Columbus table after the liturgy.



### Women's Faith Group Presentation - April 24

An invitation to all women in the parish, please join us on **Wednesday, April 24 @ 7:00 p.m.** in St. Gianna's Church, as our Women's Faith Group will come to know more intimately the story of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who was with Him even as He carried the Cross to Calvary. We are grateful to Helena Fitzgerald, Director of the Nathanael Lay Formation Process, who will lead this most insightful evening. To confirm your participation, please email [cwl@stgianna.ca](mailto:cwl@stgianna.ca)

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# Covenant Journey

## *Make it this Lent*

*Come now, let us make a covenant, you and I; and let it be a witness between you and me. (Gen. 31:44)*

***Our Fourth Encounter:*** Meet Samira who lives in Luque, Paraguay.



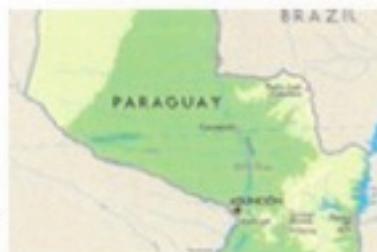
### ***Samira***

*Age 1*

Samira is one of six children in her family. She has four brothers and one sister. She lives with her parents and siblings in a wooden structure with a metal roof in Luque, Paraguay. Samira loves playing with her siblings. She is a sweet, affectionate little girl. Sponsorship provides children, like Samira, with improved nutritional intake, medical care, and other basic needs.

### ***The Situation in Paraguay***

Children in Paraguay are at a high risk of dropping out of school to find work, exacerbated by the high cost of education after junior high and the few opportunities for post-secondary education. Families who live outside major urban centres have extremely little access to public services. Families struggle with high rates of domestic and criminal violence.



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### ***A Call to Action***

This Lent let's make a covenant together to sponsor a child, like Samira, for one year. Your gift of alms, together with others' from our faith community, can help provide children with improved nutritional intake, medical care, and other basic needs.

As a faith community we will have the opportunity to develop an ongoing relationship with our sponsored child through letters, updates and photographs. It only takes \$444 for us to sponsor a child for a year and begin a meaningful relationship with a child in need.

**The community of St. Gianna's acting in partnership with Chalice's child sponsorship approach allows for children and families to realize and act on their own power.**



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### ***Gateway to Connection***

Consider going a little deeper - take some time to learn more about barriers to education and the inter-generational trauma of violence suffered by children in Paraguay. Take some time to ponder these things in your heart-space. Ask yourself, how do I see this being experienced in my community? What systems and institutions do you feel might perpetuate this suffering?

On Palm Sunday we will encounter Liseth who is pursuing her dream thanks to sponsorship. Continue with us on the journey so that together we can feel the joy that comes from building a real life-changing relationship with a child in need.

**As we continue to journey together, let us remember to pray.**

**Envelopes for alms giving are available in the Narthex.**

**Gift envelopes may be placed in the offertory collection anytime during Lent.**

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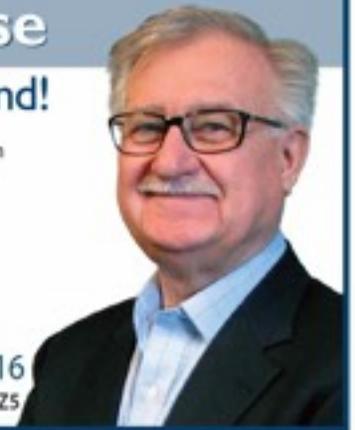
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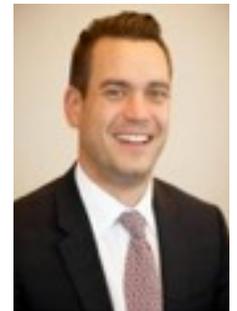
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