



*"Behold the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word."*

*Luke 1: 38*

This year, the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Mother Mary** falls on Wednesday, the **15th of August, 2018**. On this day it is the 16th Episcopal Ordination Anniversary of our Lordship, **Most Rev. Ronald Peter Fabbro, CSB**. As the sheep of the Flock of our Lordship let us join in great celebration, and pray for the success of his mission and receive the grace of God through the intercession of our Mother Mary.



A **Solemn Mass** will be celebrated by our Lordship at **11:00 A.M.** followed by a **Rosary Procession and Benediction** at **Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine**. Prior there will be an organized **"Pilgrimage Walk"** to the Shrine from two starting points. (complete details inside)

## Dear Friends in Christ,

*Director's Pen*

It is my great joy to welcome you all once again to the shrine in 2018.

I together with the Rosarian Fathers, parishioners of St. Patrick's Church and with all our pilgrims welcome in a special way His Excellency Most Rev. Ronald Peter Fabbro CSB, the chief shepherd of our diocese to the shrine to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and to give thanks and praise God for all the abundant blessings that we all received.

Let us fill ourselves with the spirit of evangelization. The Holy Mother Church is inviting every one of us to be excited by our faith, and bring our faith to our brothers and sisters. I hope and pray that this Newsletter helps our pilgrims, volunteers and well wishers grow in the love of Jesus and Mary through this love of the Church.

### Fraternally in Christ

Fr. Antony Kamalathasan CR, Director



*"The purpose of a pilgrimage is about setting aside a long period of time in which the only focus is to be the matters of the soul. Many believe a pilgrimage is about going away but it isn't; it is about coming home."*



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The "Pilgrimage Walk"

*"There is of course a deep spiritual need which the pilgrimage seems to satisfy, particularly for those hardy enough to tackle the journey on foot."*



## What's happening at the Shrine in 2018... OLR Summer/Fall Schedule

Day	Event	Celebrant
Aug 13	Shrine Day 11 am The Blessed Virgin Mary, Image & Mother of the Church	Fr. Michael O'Brien
Aug 14	Shrine Day 11 am The Blessed Virgin Mary, Temple of the Lord 8 pm Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary	Fr. Mike Dwyer Fr. Mike Dwyer
Aug 15	Shrine Day 11 am <b>Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary</b> (Pilgrimage walk: depart from North Buxton Museum at 8:00am or Merlin Community Hall at 9:00am)	<b>Bishop Ronald Peter Fabbro, CSB</b>
Aug 16	Shrine Day 11 am The Blessed Virgin Mary, Gate of Heaven	Fr. Philip Joseph
Aug 17	Shrine Day 11 am Blessed Virgin Mary, Pillar of Faith	Fr. Thomas Ferrera
Aug 18	Shrine Day 11 am Holy Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy	Fr. Robert Champagne
Aug 19	Shrine Day 11 am Sunday Readings	Rosarians
Aug 20	Shrine Day 11 am <b>Anointing of the Sick</b> ; Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Sick	Fr. Keith Morrison
Aug 21	Shrine Day 11 am The Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians 8 pm Vigil of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Fr. Jim Higgins Rosarians
Aug 22	Shrine Day 11 am <b>Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	Fr. Rob M. Rocheleau
Sept 12	Shrine Day 11 am Holy Name of Mary (Reading of the Day)	Fr. John Comisky
Sept 13	Shrine Day 11 am Reading of the Day (St. John Chrysostom)	Fr. Pio D'Oria
Sept 14	Shrine Day 11 am Feast of the Holy Cross	Fr. Ray Lawhead
Sept 15	Shrine Day 11 am Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows	Fr. Peter Amszej
Sept 22	French Prayer Day 11 am	Fr. Kathemo Mukucha

We welcome schools and any groups for retreat days.  
Contact Fr. Antony or Angie at 519.689.7760 for more information and dates available.

*Stay connected. Please email us your personal email address in order to receive the newsletter online.*

### OLR Shrine Trivia Update:

Congratulations to our recent draw winner Maureen Papps. She correctly answered our Easter Issue's trivia question: *"When Does Lent Officially end?"*

The answer was: Lent ends when the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday begins, because the Mass of the Lord's Supper ushers in the Holy Triduum, a liturgical season in its own right and the shortest of the liturgical year.

She won a DVD from St. Michael's Gift Cabin, called "The Rosary: Spiritual Sword of Our Lady".

To be entered into our next free draw send us your answer to the next trivia question:  
*"Can you gain an indulgence praying the rosary for a deceased soul?"*



## Dear Shrine Friends

### SPONSOR A BENCH PROGRAM

#### NEW FOR 2018

OLR NEEDS 5 CHAIRS for the outdoor altar space, and to place several BENCHES throughout the grounds.

Designed and personalized with the Shrine logo, fully steel and painted, and will include a small memorial plaque with your loved one or family name!

Please contact the office for more details  
519-689-7760



A **Mini Retreat on the Rosary** has been held several times in which we learn the complete history and miraculous events due to the powerful intercession of Our Lady through the Rosary. It will change the way you view the rosary and the mysteries of the Rosary!



If you would like to attend our Mini Retreat of the Rosary, please . . . contact the office at 519-689-7760.



## OLR Youth

One day Father Antony asked me if I wanted to altar serve. I said no because I was nervous. What made me change my mind was that my friends from church were doing it and said it was fun, so I asked to try it. After my first Mass, I realized that there was nothing to be nervous about. I started doing it once a month, but when Sunday school was on break I asked to do it more often and they said yes. I was really happy, because instead of sitting in the pews I wanted to sit up at the altar and help. What I enjoy is being helpful and meeting new people.

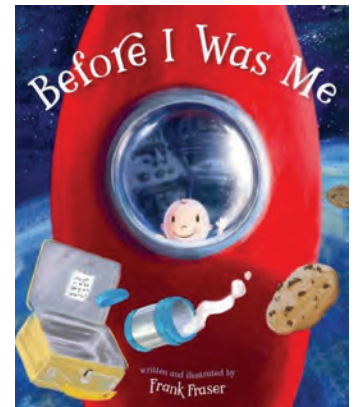
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## St. Michael's Gift Cabin

### RAISING CHILDREN WITH A RESPECT FOR LIFE

It is vitally important that we raise children with a respect for life. As faithful Catholics, we have a responsibility to teach our children — at every opportunity — that all human beings, at all stages of development should be cherished, respected, loved and protected at all times. This beautifully illustrated, delightful story of an imaginary conversation between God and an unborn baby will lead children to see that from the very moment God gave them a soul at conception, He had great plans for them. In this charming odyssey of self-discovery, the child imagines himself as an astronaut, a baker, a farmer, a doctor, a teacher, a parent, and a child . . important simply for who he is — a child whom God will always love. ~ available at the Gift Cabin





## Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage

Plan Your Summer visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary in Merlin  
**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Wednesday, August 15**  
Bishop Fabbro will celebrate Mass at 11 am | lunch | Rosary Procession  
Divine Mercy Chaplet | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:15 pm

Prior to the Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. Parishes are invited to organize a pilgrimage to this celebration. The faithful can also join a **Walking Pilgrimage** to the Shrine. There will be two starting points for the pilgrimage; a 10 KM walk will depart from the North Buxton Museum at 8:00 a.m., and a 5 KM walk will depart from the Merlin Community Hall at 9:00 a.m. Parishes are encouraged to organize a carpool or bus of pilgrims and join one of the two departure locations. Pilgrims arriving by car will be able to park their vehicles at these locations, and volunteers will be available after the day's celebrations to drive pilgrims back to the parking lots. A diocesan representative will be at each of the two departure locations and will lead pilgrims to the Shrine.



## Spiritual Corner

"Humility is the mother of all virtues: purity, charity and obedience. It is in being humble that our love becomes real, devoted and ardent. If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are. If you are blamed you will not be discouraged. If they call you a saint you will not put yourself on a pedestal," says, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. The Bible describes humility as meekness, lowliness, and absence of self. The Greek word translated "humility" in Col 3:12 and elsewhere literally means "lowliness of mind," so we see that humility is a heart attitude, not merely an outward behavior. One may put on an outward show of humility but still have a heart full of pride and arrogance. When we come to Christ as sinners, we must come in humility. We acknowledge that we are the poor who come with nothing to offer Him but our sin and our need for salvation. We recognize our lack of merit and our complete inability to save ourselves. Then when He offers the grace and mercy of God, we accept it in humble gratitude and commit our lives to Him. We "die to self" so that we can live as new creations in Christ (2 Cor 5:17). We never forget that He has exchanged our worthlessness for His infinite worth, our sin for His righteousness, and the life we now live we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us (Gal 2:20).

Humility is not only necessary to enter the kingdom, it is also necessary to be great in the kingdom (Mat 20:26-27). Jesus is our model. He did not come to be served, but to serve, so we must commit ourselves to serving others. We are warned that when we are vain or seek riches God is displeased with us. God has promised to give grace to the humble, while He opposes the proud (Proverbs 3:34; 1 Peter 5:5). Therefore, we must confess and put away pride. If we exalt ourselves, we place ourselves in opposition to God who will, in His grace and for our own good, humble us. But if we humble ourselves, God gives us more grace and exalts us (Luke 14:11). Therefore let us all pray for humility to the Lamb of God, who, both by your example and precept, instructed us to be meek and humble, ask to give us grace throughout our whole life, in every thought, and word, and work, to imitate His meekness and humility. Let us ask Him to mortify in us the whole body of pride, grant us to feel that we are nothing and have nothing, claim nothing, we deserve nothing but shame and contempt, but misery and punishment. Further we may too plea to Grant us His graces that we will not seek our own glory, but looking wholly unto Him and acting wholly for Him.

Rev. Fr. John Peter Dunstan CR

