Forgiveness and Forgottenness

Bruce Larson tells the true story of a priest who lived in the Philippines. He was a much-loved man of God who once carried a secret burden of long-past sin buried deep in his heart. He had committed that sin once, many years before, during his time in seminary. No one else knew of this sin. He had repented of it and he had suffered years of remorse for it, but he still had no peace, no inner joy, no sense of God's forgiveness.

There was a woman in this priest's parish who deeply loved God, and who claimed to have visions in which she spoke with Christ, and He with her.

The priest, however, was sceptical of her claims, so to test her visions he said to her, "You say you actually

speak directly with Christ in your visions. Let me ask you a favour. The next time you have one of these visions, I want you to ask Him what sin your priest committed while he was in seminary."

The woman agreed and went home. When she returned to the church a few days later, the priest said, "Well, did Christ visit you in your dreams?"

She replied, "Yes, He did."

"And did you ask Him what sin I committed in seminary?"

"Yes, I asked Him."

"Well, what did He say?"

"He said, 'I don't remember."

She was right – although it did not convince the priest of the sincerity of her dreams and vision. Her response is what God wants all of us to know about the forgiveness He freely offers us. When our sins are forgiven, they are forgotten. The past - with its sins, hurts, brokenness, and self-recrimination - is gone, dead, crucified, remembered no more. What God forgives, He forgets.

To learn more, visit a local church this week - service times and locations are published for you in the Religious Directory below.

Submitted by Rev. Dan Rogge, Pastor of Milton's New Life Church.



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> **RECTOR: Rev Canon Charles Masters** February 19th, 2006, Services

8:30 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am Holy Communion - Traditional Service

10:30 am Morning Prayer in the Family Room

Nursery and Junior Sunday School 5:00 pm Evening Song

7051 Guelph Line at Derry Road

(Tel) 905-878-1363 Visit our web site www.stgeorgeslowville.org 5.

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Clergy: Rev. Dr. Mark McDermott Rev. Carole Langlotz **Father Mark Curtis**

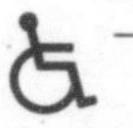
317 Main St. E the Church on the Hill 905-878-2411

Sunday Services

8:00 am -10:00 am -

Holy Communion Sung Eucharist, followed by coffee hour. Service includes "Kids' Spirit"

Call the church office or visit www.gracechurchmilton.com



Wheelchair Access through Parking Lot www.gracechurchmilton.com

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WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY, 7:00 pm at the Milton Seniors' Centre 500 Childs Drive

Special Service February 26th

with Pastor Al Maleske, East District President Lutheran Church Canada Guest Quartet to sing. Vicar Adrian Toms 905-876-7726

CHURCH OF CHRIST

1412 Britannia Rd. West, Milton, On L9T 2X8 905-875-2939

> Sunday School Classes 10:00 am

Worship & Communion 11:00 am

Thursday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Minister Steve Corbett



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10:30 am Coffee & Conversations

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Senior Pastor - Jim DeMarsh · Youth Pastor - Mark Strickland

A Fellowship Baptist Church

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306 Ontario St. N. • 878-3873

10:00 a.m. - The Lord's Supper

11:45 a.m. - Sunday School

6:30 p.m. - Gospel Service

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Prayer and Bible Study

Christ was once offered to

bear the sin of many.

Hebrews 9.28

GRACEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH



103 Martin Street 905-878-1629 Pastor Walter H. Isaak

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Special Musical Service by: The Johnsons



6:00 p.m. - Evening Service

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Captain's Crew for Children 4-12

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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth Small Group

(Grades 7-12) 9:15 am

Children's Worship

(Age 3 - Grade 6) 10:30 am "Growing together in the grace of Christ"



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Pastor Jack Ninaber

Growing in Grace Bible Study 9:00 am

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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

"Reigniting the Passion" Rev 3:14-21

www.southsidemilton.org

905-878-5664

Located on Derry Rd., between the Sports Centre and the Hospital



MILTON

CHURCH

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www.amazingfacts.org/bibleschool/schoolmain.asp PASTOR: AJ DaCosta 519-835-8301 For more information about our service and program, please call.

824 THOMPSON RD. S., MILTON

Senior Pastor Children Assistant/Worship Youth

Rev. Dan Rogge Natalie Rogge Esther Kessler Clinton Kruger

9 a.m. - Early Worship Service 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages 10:45 a.m. - Second Worship Service *Service Captioned for Deaf/Hard of Hearing

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SUNDAY WORSHIP Worship in Graham Hall supported by music from our Worship Band

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