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Third Sunday of Easter April 10, 2016



Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many lish.

~ Iohn 21.4-6 ~

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. Apr. 12 9:00 am Wed. Apr. 13 9:00 am Thurs. Apr. 14 9:00 am Fri. Apr. 15 **9:00 am** Sat. Apr. 16 9:00 am

Mon. Apr. 11 9:00 am †Olga Higgins **†Basil MacDonald †Theo Verbeek** Stas Krotowski †Michael Adamski Personal Intentions **†Barb Dodds †Mary Seitz †Cristina Riccioli †Roberto Santos** †Gail Kelly **†John Crichton** All Souls Parishioners 5:00 pm 8:30 am **Rev Marbello** 10:00 am †Delkar Maia 12:00 pm †Pablo Bustamante

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Vigil Lamp: For the Sick:

Sat. Apr. 16

Sun. Apr. 17

Sanctuary Lamp: †Maria Madzova **†Ernest Costa** Deacon Sal Badali, Lois Walsh, Leonel & Judith Alvarez, Geraldine Daly, Edna Clemow, Carmelita Ongkeko, and George Joel

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact: Mary Cushing at 416-445-1403

Private Prayer: Contact Friar Boniface at 416-447-5571 ext. 500

Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 10-16, 2016 Celebrating the 30,000 volunteers serving in 225 parishes across the Archdiocese of Toronto! THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

First Holy Communion Weekend

April 16 & 17, 2016 Children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion during the following Masses, Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 10 am and 12 pm. Please support the children, family and guests through your prayers and sharing in their joy.

Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank Fr. David Stachurski and all who joined us on the pilgrimage to the Holy Door of mercy on April 2nd. The Community Share Food Bank also wishes to thank those who donated food to support the Local Food Bank which serves those in need within our community.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH		
Monday, April 11		
6:30	pm	Sparks Events/Bonaventure Room
7:00	pm	Brownies Events/Francis Room
7:30	pm	Adult Choir Practice/Church
Tuesday, April 12		
7:00	pm	CWL Executive Meeting/Oak Room
7:30	pm	Bible Study Group/Bonaventure Room
Wednesday, April 13		
6:30	pm	GRASP Group/Oak Room
7:00	pm	Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room
7:30	pm	Family Choir Practice/Church
Saturday, April 16		
8:00	am	Knights of Columbus Hockey Banquet/
		Main Hall
9:30	am	Christian Meditation/Oak Room
9:30	am	Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room



The Church festively celebrates the Paschal Mystery: Jesus Christ's redemptive passion, death and resurrection and lives out of this mystery as a new creation. Over the span of 50 days, "the seven Sundays of Easter celebrate the paschal mystery as found in the biblical readings: if this is understood, one should be fully aware that every 'ordinary' Sunday is the weekly celebration of the Passover [Jesus Christ's death and resurrection]."

We praise you with greater joy than ever in this Easter season, when Christ became our paschal sacrifice. He has made us children of the light, rising to new and everlasting life. *He has opened the gates of Heaven* to receive his faithful people. His death is our ransom from death; His resurrection is our rising to life. The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world, while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory...

~Easter Preface II

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING April 3 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations. Maintenance Offering: \$115 Good Friday: \$70 Regular Collection: \$7,454 Easter Offering: \$210 ShareLife: \$100 Donate Now: \$449 Pre-Authorized Giving: \$3,175

Next ShareLife Sunday is *April 17*, 2016 Please give generously. You can work wonders!

COMMUNITY LIFE

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

"Charity is the cement that binds communities to God and persons to one another." ~ Saint Vincent de Paul

Things to do this week: Go through closets and cupboards; put discarded but usable, clean clothing, linens and household items in bags or boxes. Bring to Mass next weekend, *April 16/17*, and place in the enclosed collection bin at the back parking lot. Thank you for your time, effort and generosity on behalf of the less fortunate!

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month's casseroles is Sunday, *April 24, 2016.* If you can spare a few hours to make a casserole each month, contact Eva Trace at 416-447-3040.

The New Beginnings Spring Retreat

"Nurturing Seeds of Hope in all the Seasons of Life"

Saturday, April 23, 2016, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at St. Bonaventure Church, Francis Room Experience and explore how God's loving kindness and mercy flow in and through us and all creation. Please register by calling 416-921-1163 x2235 or mbenincasa@csftoronto.com

Tastes of Heaven Gala

Thursday, April 28, 2016 Cocktails 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm; Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane St., Vaughan His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Apostolic Chancellor of Catholic Missions In Canada requests your presence at the Tastes of Heaven Gala 2016.

Proceeds will go to assist the building of a new Church for the community of Fort Simpson, Northwest Territories, in the Diocese of Mackenzie-Forth Smith. For sponsorship or tickets, visit www.cmic.info or contact Patricia Gyulay at 416-934-3424 ext. 227; 1-866-937-2642 or patricia@cmic.info

"Living Mercy" A Weekend of Prayer and Contemplation

May 13th-15th, May 27th-29th, 2016, on Lake Simcoe, in Orillia.

Single women are invited to a retreat weekend, offered by a team of Sisters of St. Joseph. Cost: \$150.00 (subsidies available). Final registration by April 27th, 2016. For information and registration contact Frances Harrison-Atell at <u>fharrisonatell@csj-to.ca</u> or call at 416-467-2642

CWL of Canada Scholarship to St. Michael's College

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the CWL of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College to a Catholic young woman, completing her secondary education, and entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences. She must indicate on her University of Toronto application that St. Michael's College is her first choice. Applications must be submitted by May 31st, 2016. For further information, contact Waveney Duarte, CWL Education and Health Convener in the parish at 416-444-6719 or waveneyduarte@rogers.com

St. Maximilian Kolbe Relic

2016 marks the 75th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan Friar, at the World War II concentration camp in Auschwitz, Poland. His relic will be at our Parish on *May 28th & 29th*. There will be a special 9:00 am mass on Saturday, May 28th to begin this historic visit. Mark your calendars and stay tune for more information.

Living with Separation and Divorce

Tuesday Evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm, May 10th-June 14th (6 sessions), at 1155 Yonge St. (Summerhill Subway Station).

New Beginnings and Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a six-week group program for adult men and women who are dealing with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Cost for 6 week program is \$180 (subsidies available). For further information contact Alex Lopechuk at 416-921-1163 or e-mail alopechuk@cfstoronto.com. Applicants from all ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds are welcome.

Marian Day of Prayer. The Name of God is Mercy

Saturday, May 7th, 9 am to 6 pm at Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Dr. Toronto, M3C 1Z3 For more information go to <u>www.MarianDay.ca</u> or call 416-251-4245.

EASTER IS ... 50 DAYS!

Four weeks of the Advent season prepare us for the celebration of Christmas. Forty days of Lent prepare us for the paschal Triduum. But, fifty days are set aside, not as preparation, but to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, "a prolongation of that just celebrated," lasting from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. In the General Norms for the Liturgical Year, the Easter is described as the following:

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday."

These above all others are the days for the singing of the Alleluia. The Sundays of this season rank as the paschal Sundays and, after Easter Sunday itself, are called the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Sundays of Easter. The period of fifty Sacred days ends on Pentecost Sunday.

The first eight days of the Easter season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord. On the fortieth day after Easter the Ascension is celebrated, except in places where, not being a holy day of obligation, it has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The weekdays after the Ascension until Saturday before Pentecost inclusive are a preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

This description indicates certain richness to this festive season in the Church's liturgical year.

First, we see that the Easter season is a festive time of "joyful exultation" in the Risen Lord that is characterised by the same joy and hope that permeates the day of the resurrection: Sunday. It is a joy that resounds in the hearts of the faithful.

Second, we see the importance of Sunday as the Lord's Day, the day that is made holy because of Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead. The Easter season is to be experienced in the same light as Sunday. Notice that the Sundays are not Sundays *after* Easter, but Sundays *of* Easter. The Easter season then is a series of Sundays, seven in total, but ending on an eighth: Pentecost Sunday. As the week has seven days, Christ rose on the first day of the week and made it a new creation, also known as the eight day (or octave), a way of expressing that the world is being made new through Christ's triumph over sin and death.

Third, throughout the Easter season, we hear the accounts of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances and some of his discourses that make sense only in the light of his resurrection. We also celebrate his Ascension into heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

