

We come to Easter Sunday's celebration filled with the memory of the liturgies of the greatest week of the Church's year - liturgies which have spoken for themselves, as they invited us to relive in faith the great things God has done for us, coming to a great climax in the Easter Vigil - captured in the words of St Paul read during the Vigil, 'As Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too' are called 'to live a new life'.

The days after Easter have a remarkable atmosphere. The Church's mood is not one of exuberant triumph, but one of wonder and calm. Faith must come to terms with the new creation brought into existence by the Paschal Mystery. And it is impossible to forget the price that has been paid: the one who 'went about doing good' has died 'hanging on a tree'.

Though they proclaim realities which are incomparable in their greatness and importance, the Church's liturgies do not strive to impress by creating effect. Only faith can fully appreciate the motivation that brought them into existence; they are a reflection of the Church's living response to what God has done for us. A group of people who have come through a great ordeal or an extraordinary experience will often find themselves in a mood of calm, reflection and gratitude. The liturgies of Easter Week have such a mood.

With Peter, in the first reading, we look back upon the gospel story that has led up to the great event in which we have been given to share. Peter recalls the ministry of Jesus 'anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power' and his tragic death; and as a privileged witness he announces the Lord's resurrection, to be 'the judge of the living and the dead', the one witnessed to by 'all the prophets'.

With Paul, in the second reading, we look forward with a hope that has no bounds. The destiny which is ours through the power of the Saviour's resurrection invites us to 'look for the things that are in heaven', because the life we now have 'is hidden with Christ in God'.

In the gospel reading - the story of Peter and the beloved disciple running to the empty tomb - the Church of the Apostles acknowledges that faith does not come easily: only a generous openness to God will find faith in the Risen Lord. This openness is linked especially with a knowledge of God's ways to be found in 'the teaching of scripture'.

The renewal of baptismal promises, which is customary at the Easter Day Mass, invites us to reflect upon the immense implications of our sharing in the Saviour's risen life, for the sake of the whole world.



Wonder and Waiting

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"He has been raised from the dead!"

Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters.

If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations Director, Archdiocese of Toronto. 416-968-0997 vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

Readings ~ Acts 10:34a, 37-43 ~ Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 ~ John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:13-35

PARISH

Mass Intentions This Week – April 17 – April 23

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Bert Simpson	family
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Peter Madunicky	Coba Clancy
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Ernie Jesch	Sbrolla family
Thursday, 9am	✠ Birthday thanksgiving for Adam Baj	parents and brother
Friday, 9am	✠ Peter Madunicky	Martin Bigley
Saturday, 9am	✠ Lina Pavone	family
5:15pm	✠ Christopher Farran	family
Sunday, 8am	✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠	
9:30am	✠ Pasko Pavkovic	family
11am	✠ Antonio De Faria	Mike & Idalia
12:30pm	✠ Brian Hishon	Elizabeth

Congratulations Father Nino!

Today, our Pastor Father Nino Cavoto celebrates his 40th Anniversary of Ordination. A grateful parish community offers our thanks and congratulations for your years of service to God's people. May God continue to bless our pastor with good health and joy in his work as a priest of Christ. Please keep Father Nino in your prayers on this special day and always.

To celebrate this occasion, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday, April 28 at 7pm followed by a reception of light refreshments. **Your contributions of bite-size homemade desserts would be greatly appreciated.** Please call the parish office at 416 231 6016 or email olosorrows@bellnet.ca to confirm your contribution.

Reminders for Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation Retreat - Candidates with last names beginning with M-Z are scheduled to attend on Saturday, April 22nd in the parish hall from 10am to 6:15pm after the Mass. Parents are asked to pick up their children at 6:15pm or advise if someone else is authorized to pick them up.

Let us keep our First Communion and Confirmation candidates in our prayers as they prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter Season.

Living the Gospel by evangelizing our faith in the greater world..

St. Anthony's parish in the Diocese of Guntur in India has nine mission stations which are between 10-15 kilometres away from the parish. There are nearly 350 Catholic families and five hundred children going to school from these areas. As the mission stations are a distance from the parish, the faithful do not experience many religious activities. Father Mayakuntala Kumar, pastor of the parish, with the support of the Pastoral Mission Fund and ShareLife, is conducting a Children Faith Formation Camp to help the children to become rooted in the Catholic faith. **With our support, Father Kumar is helping to evangelize the faith not only for today, but for the future as well.**



OLS Update: A good start to the campaign! Total to date: \$179,757 of our \$420,000 goal!

ShareLife's campaign continues! Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Your Offertory Envelopes – please write in an amount

Please take a moment each week to write the amount of your donation on your envelope. If you're using the supplied (numbered) envelopes, you need not write your name – we'll know it's you based on the envelope number. If using a surrogate envelope, do please make sure to note your number or name along with the amount. **Thank you for your cooperation!**

COMMUNITY

Navigating the Etobicoke Health Care System with Gary Hepworth Saturday, April 29, 10:30am-12:00noon, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall

You're invited to this seminar that provides an overview of the Health Care System and Services for Seniors that are available in Etobicoke. Other topics to be discussed are the availability and limitations of CCAC, the differences between Retirement Homes and Long Term Care facilities, and how to plan for your future health care needs. This is a FREE event. RSVP: luisa@sorrows.ca or call 416 231 6016.

Catholic Education Week: "Walking Forward Together" (April 30-May 5)

We invite all parishioners to join in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2017, which runs from April 30-May 5. For more than 165 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, nurturing the gifts and talents of every student. We celebrate the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools provide, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who faithfully journey with our young people each day. For more information about Catholic Education Week visit www.goodnewsforall.ca.

Mary, Mother of God School - Now Registering for September 2017/2018

Have you heard of Mary, Mother of God School? We are an affordable private school (Grades K-12), deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition and located in the Roncesvalles/Parkdale area. We have an excellent academic program, a dynamic and joyful student life, and small classes where each student is known and loved. For more information please visit our website at www.marymotherofgodschool.org or call us at 416 531 7897.

Gustav Mahler's Symphony II The Resurrection Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30pm, St. James' Cathedral

A concert transcribed for organ and performed by David Briggs with the Choir of St. James Cathedral, Julia Morson, *Soprano* and Christina Stelmachovich, *Mezzo Soprano*. Tickets from \$20 at the door or call 416 364 7865 x 245. Visit ciocm.org.

Art Show: Kaleidoscope - Thursday, April 20 from 6:00pm-9:00pm

Father John Redmond C.S.S. and Regional Arts Centre community invites you to their annual art show featuring Visual Art (in various mediums ranging from traditional to contemporary), Dance, Drama and Music performances. Call 416 393 5540 for more information or visit www.fatherredmond.com

Senior Men's High School Retreat (Grades 11 & 12)

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Richmond Hill on Saturday, April 29, 2017 (from 9am to 5pm). Provides a time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminararians will deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. Day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. For more information please contact your pastor or call the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

Huge Flea Market - There's Something Here for Everyone!

Saturday, April 29, 8am - 1pm at Kingsway-Lambton United Church

Thousands of items are priced to sell at this outstanding Flea Market, now in its' 53rd year. Household furnishings, clothing for the whole family, jewelry, accessories, toys, games, books, luggage, small furniture & appliances, vintage treasures, china, silverware and more fill every room in the church and out on the lawn. Bake Sale. BBQ lunch. Proceeds support over 20 charities. Free Admission. Visit www.kingswaylambton.ca/events.

Magnificat Breakfast – Saturday, April 29, 9:30am-12:30pm

Julius Banquet Centre, 2201 Finch Ave. W., #32, North York
Join the 39th Magnificat breakfast for women. Treat your mother, sister, colleague, friend or yourself to an inspirational morning that includes a hot breakfast, songs of praise and worship led by our spirit-filled music ministry, a personal testimony of the transforming love of Christ in the life of an invited speaker. Priests are available for women wishing to avail themselves of the sacrament of reconciliation. Guest Speaker: Natasha Filippetto. Cost: \$22. Call Inez at 416-745-4268. Tickets will not be sold at the door.