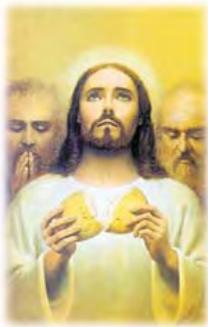




**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter – B**

Easter demands acceptance of a paradox – that a deeper dimension of life awaits us on the other side of death. Luke’s gospel tells of the fright and doubt of the disciples when Jesus appeared in their midst. They were afraid to believe the Good News, slow to accept the peace won by Christ’s wounds, taken aback by joy. Jesus persuades them that he is alive by eating before their eyes, a reminder of the meals shared in the past and of the Eucharist which would unite them in the future. As scripture illuminated Jesus’ saving work for them, the liturgy of the word prepares us to recognize Christ present in this Mass and in our lives. God’s saving plan, foretold in scripture and carried out by Jesus, invites repentance, Peter says in Acts. John’s letter calls us to the personal relationship of love and obedience with God which makes us perfect. Even now Christ, our sacrifice, pleads for us before the Father. Will we recognize Christ’s presence in our Eucharist and allow ourselves to be surprised by joy?



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2015**

What could convince someone to turn to God? the story that God became human? the story that Jesus cured the sick? the story that Jesus forgave sin? the story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps,

the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux** at 416-968-0997 or email at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call **Fr. Victor Mallia** at 416-757-2806 or email him at [olfatima@rogers.com](mailto:olfatima@rogers.com) for further information.

**LUCIA DOS SANTOS SECULAR CARMEL COMMUNITY**

The April OCDS community meeting is on **Tuesday, April 21**, in the church hall, at 7.00 pm. *Prospective members are welcome to attend the meeting as observers.*



**INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2015**

- Novena 1 – Fri April 24 at 6.00 pm
- Novena 2 – Mon May 25 at 6.00 pm
- Novena 3 – Wed June 24 at 5.30 pm



**The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague is celebrated on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 6.00 pm**

**ShareLife Campaign 2015**



**next ShareLife Collection is on weekend of May 02/03**  
Visit [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org), for more information.  
**God reward your generous heart!**

**Sunday, May 10, is ...**

**MOTHER'S DAY**



		<b>April 20 – 26 2015</b>
Mon 20	8:00 am	<b>Irineo Echavarre [D]</b>
Tues 21	8:00 am	<b>Alcestis Lazaro [D]</b>
Wed 22	7:00 pm	<b>Furtado Family [Deceased members]</b>
Thur 23	8:00 am	<b>Wesley Savage [D]</b>
Fri 24	8:00 am	<b>Pauline Gomes [D]</b>
Sat 25	9:00 am	<b>Rita Lennon [D]</b>
	4:30 pm	<b>Armando Di Pietro [D]</b>
Sun 26 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9:00 am	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Benita Omlillo [I] - Thanksgiving</b>
	12:15 pm	<b>Jose' &amp; Rosario Paras [D]</b>

**First Holy Communion meetings ...**

Applicants are to attend the Sunday 10.30 am Mass and Children’s Liturgy gatherings on these Sundays: **Apr 19, 26**. Candidates in public schools have a class at 9.30 am in the church hall on these same Sundays. *Thanks.*



**Next Confirmation classes are on ...**

Class time is 2.30 pm in the hall. Attendance is **mandatory** for all the meetings as per schedule. These are the up-coming classes: **Apr 18, 25**.

Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, here or in another church is also mandatory. *Thanks.*

**Apostle of the Divine Mercy**

Last Sunday, on the Feast of the Divine Mercy we exhibited – for Veneration – the oil painting of **St. Faustina Kowalska** donated to the parish by the author herself, **Silvia Castellarin**. The icon will be blessed and officially unveiled to mark the start of the **Holy Year of The Jubilee of Mercy!**



**JESUS I TRUST IN YOU**

**Starting Soon in our Church Hall [basement]!**

Hosted by the OLF Social Committee  
Weekly Sessions in **LINE DANCING (Cardio)**  
by a qualified trainer on two levels:  
1) *Beginners* and 2) *Advanced*  
Sessions will take place every Thursday, **starting April 23**, between **6:00 and 7:00 pm** (advanced) and **7:00 to 8:30 pm** (beginners)  
**Fee:** \$5.00/person per session.  
Water will be available @ .50c per bottle.  
**Proceeds go to OLF Renovations Fund**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
Early registration is required. For other details and registrations call the office at **416-757-2806**.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter** – Sun. Apr 19

The **Children's Liturgy** and **First Communion classes** continue today at the regular time. This weekend the friends of the **Holy Land Christian Families** will be setting up a display of carved olive wood articles in the church lobby. See details elsewhere in this bulletin. The LORD'S FLOCK has a **prayer meeting** in the hall starting at 2.00 pm.

**OCDS monthly meeting** – Tues. Apr 21

The Secular Carmelite Community meeting will take place in the hall at 7pm. **Non-members are welcome to attend as observers.**

**Fatima Devotions** – Wed. Apr 22

Regular Fatima Devotions start at 6.30 pm as usual. Evening Mass at 7pm follows.

**Start of the INFANT JESUS NOVENA [1]** – Fri. Apr 24

A Holy Hour of prayer, song and adoration starts at 6.00 pm. All are welcome to join in this prayer hour.

**Weekend activities** – Sat. Apr 25

Confirmation Candidates have a class at 2.30 pm in the church hall. The regular anticipated Sunday Mass is at 4.30 pm.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** – Sun. Apr 26

This is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** also known as GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY. The **Children's Liturgy** and **First Communion classes** continue today at the regular time. The LORD'S FLOCK has a **prayer meeting** from 2.00 pm in the hall. This year's one **Carmelite Spirituality Lecture** will be hosted in our church hall today at 6.00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Catholic Education Week ...**

Our publicly funded Catholic schools invite all our parishioners to join them in celebrating this year's **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK** which runs from **May 3 to 8**. During the week, the Catholic community celebrates the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools make to our students, our community, to our society and to the province at large. Catholic education continues to integrate Gospel values into every aspect of the school's life and curriculum. This year's theme for this special week is: **Exploring Paths of Joy**. For more related information visit online the Archdiocese of Toronto at [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org). Let us pray for all educators and students, giving thanks to God for those who with faithful fidelity spread the Good News.



**Exploring the Paths of Joy**



**SEEING WITH HEART ...**

**13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF REFLECTION** for Catholic parents of **lesbian daughters, gay sons and transgendered children**

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 6 from 9 am to 5 pm

**WHERE:** SCARBORO MISSIONS

2685 Kingston Rd, Toronto, Ontario.

**PRICE:** \$40.00 (includes lunch)

**INFO:** call JOHN MONTAGUE on 416-523-6449

**Holy Year – Jubilee of Mercy**

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During the first Angelus after his elections, the Holy Father stated: "Feeling mercy, that this word changes everything. This is the best thing we can feel: it changes the world. A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just. We need to understand properly this mercy of God, this merciful Father who is so patient" (Angelus, 17 March 2013).



In his Angelus on 11 January 2015, he stated: "There is so much need of mercy today, and it is important that the lay faithful live it and bring it into different social environments. Go forth! We are living in the age of mercy, this is the age of mercy". Then, in his 2015 Lenten Message, the Holy Father expressed: "How greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference!"

Pope Francis has entrusted the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization with the organization of the **Jubilee of Mercy**.

... to be continued

**March For Life – Thurs. May 14, 2015**



The **18<sup>th</sup> annual National March for Life** will take place in our Nation's Capital on **May 14, 2015**. The rally begins on Parliament Hill at 12.00 noon.

The theme: **Let Life Win**, is a motto we encourage all Canadians to live by. The theme brings to light the reality that everyone faces hard and difficult choices in

their lives, and when they do, they should let life win!

**For info visit: [www.marchforlife.ca](http://www.marchforlife.ca) or call: 416-204-9749**

**The Friends of the Holy Land Christian Families!**

The friends of the **Holy Land Christian Families** are again visiting our parish next weekend - **April 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>** displaying Olive Woods items from the Holy Land ... ideal gifts for **First Communion or Confirmation!**

Due to religious wars and conflicts, many Christian families were driven out of their land and had to leave their homes because of job loss. These families have been displaced and scattered. These hand-carved Olive Woods items are hand made by Christian families, most of them based in Bethlehem. This is their only source of income and it is our mission and duty to help these families by selling/buying their work to help with their livelihood and better education.



**We encourage everyone to visit the display at the end of Mass and support this charitable cause.**