



**Easter Sunday – C**



This Sunday, we peer once again into the early morning scene of sadness as Mary Magdalene weeps at the grave of her friend, Jesus. Mary Magdalene, Mary of Bethany [sister of Martha and Lazarus] and the unnamed penitent woman who anointed Jesus' feet, are sometimes thought to be the same woman.

Whether she is or not, the Gospels tell us that Mary Magdalene is a model for us as followers of Jesus. Mary Magdalene was possessed by demons and Jesus freed her from their tyranny. She is named among the women of Galilee who ministered to Jesus and his disciples. According to each of the evangelists, she was present at Jesus' crucifixion and burial, and went to the tomb on Easter Sunday to anoint his body. In the early Church, she was fittingly called Apostle to the Apostles because she was the first to see the Risen Lord and to announce his resurrection to the other disciples. She is living proof of the boundary-breaking mercy, humanity and compassion of Jesus.

Like Mary Magdalene, we are called to penetrate the great religious truths, live them and announce them to others. This is astonishingly good news – startling Good News – over 2,000 years later. Let us lift our voices in praise and gratitude! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**EASTER SUNDAY – March 27, 2016**

The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux** at 416-968-0997 or email [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.



**The Pastoral Team & the Pastoral & Finance Councils wish parishioners and all visitors a very happy and blessed Easter**



**LUCIA DOS SANTOS SECULAR CARMEL COMMUNITY**

The April OCDS community meeting is on **Tuesday, April 19**, in the church hall, at 7.00 pm. The election of President and Counsellors will take place after the usual prayers. *Prospective members are welcome to attend the meeting as observers.*



<b>Mass Intentions</b>		<i>A Blessed Easter</i> <b>WEEK</b> <b>March 28 – April 03</b> <b>2016</b>
 <b>for the Week</b>		
Mon 28	9:00 am	Maria Wong Shi+Erlinda Go Te [D]
Tues 29	8:00 am	Ann & Nora Pritchard [D]
Wed 30	7:00 pm	Sever Zagrai [D]
Thur 31	8:00 am	Roland Sia [D]
	7:00 pm	Raffaella Simone [D] - <i>Memorial</i>
Fri 01 <i>First Friday</i>	12:30 pm	Antonio & Rosa Reda [D]
	7:00 pm	Holy Souls
Sat 02 <i>First Saturday</i>	9:00 am	<i>No morning Mass</i>
	4:30 pm	Nora & Ann Pritchard [D]
Sun 03 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	9:00 am	Dominic Flammia [D]
	10:30 am	Lorna Henry [D]
	12:15 pm	Nora Veitch & Ann Pritchard [D]
	2:15 pm	People of the Parish

**ShareLife Campaign 2016**

Thank you all for your offerings in our first collection in the **2016 ShareLife Campaign**. The **next collection** in this year's campaign will be in the weekend - **Apr 16/17**. But any donations toward this campaign are welcome and acknowledged at any time of the year.



Visit [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org) for more information



**Feast of the Divine Mercy**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**next Sunday, April 03, 2016**

>> 2.15 pm - The D.M. Chaplet, Adoration & other prayers  
>> 2.45 pm - Mass and Benediction

**JESUS I TRUST IN YOU**

**First Holy Communion meetings ...**

Applicants are to attend the Sunday 10.30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy gatherings. The next meetings are on **Apr 10, 17, 24** after the Easter break during the 10:30 am Sunday Mass. **Thanks.**

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

Classes start at 2.30 pm in the church hall. Attendance is **mandatory** for all the meetings. Up-coming classes after Easter Break: **Apr 2, 16 [Retreat], 23, 30**. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, here or in another church is a must. **Thanks.**





**EASTER SUNDAY Activities – Sun. Mar 27**

There is no *Children's Liturgy* this Sunday and next and the *Lord's Flock* has no prayer meeting today. Next Sunday their prayer meeting will be in the church for the **FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY** starting at 2.15 pm.

Have... *A BLESSED & HAPPY EASTER!*

**Easter Monday – Mon. Mar 28**

Morning Mass is at 9.00 am. At 10.30 am there is a baptism celebration for RCIC candidates. **The office and the church are closed for the rest of the day.**

**Octave of Easter – Wed. Mar 30**

The regular Fatima Devotions start at 6:30 pm as usual. Evening Mass at 7:00 pm follows. **There is no morning Mass.**

**Octave of Easter – Thurs. Mar 31**

The regular morning Mass is at 8:00 as usual. At 7:00 pm we have a **Memorial Mass** for Raffaella Simone.

**Octave of Easter – Wed. Mar 30**

The regular Fatima Devotions start at 6.30 pm as usual. Evening Mass at 7.00 pm follows. **There is no morning Mass.**

**Octave of Easter – Fri. Apr 01**

**First Friday** devotions start at 12:15 pm and include prayers, DM chaplet, Mass and adoration. At 6:00 pm devotions include prayers, the chaplet, benediction and holy Mass.

**Octave of Easter – Weekend activities – Sat. April 02**

The **Pilgrimage to the Holy Door of Mercy** takes place today. Bus leaves our parking lot at **8:30 am sharp**. **There is no morning Mass and the church remains closed.** Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's Basilica at 9:15 am. Anticipated Sunday Mass is at the regular time of 4.30 pm.

**Divine Mercy Sunday – Sun. Apr 03**

There is **NO Children's Liturgy** and **First Communion class**. These resume next weekend at the regular time. The **LORD'S FLOCK** has no formal prayer meeting today but will be in church for the **FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY** starting at 2.15 pm.



**INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2016**



- Novena 1 – Wed April 27 at 5:30 pm
- Novena 2 – Wed May 25 at 5:30 pm
- Novena 3 – Wed June 22 at 5:30 pm
- Novena 4 – Wed July 27 at 5:30 pm
- Novena 5 – Wed Aug 24 at 5:30 pm
- Novena 6 – Wed Sept 21 at 5:30 pm
- Novena 7 – Wed Oct 26 at 5:30 pm
- Novena 8 – Wed Nov 23 at 5:30 pm
- Novena 9 – Wed Dec 26 at 10:00 am

*The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague is celebrated on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 6.00 pm*

**YEAR OF MERCY – Pilgrimage to Holy Door**



Next Saturday, eve of the **Divine Mercy Sunday**, our parish is organizing a Pilgrimage to the designated **HOLY DOORS** at St. Paul's Basilica and St. Patrick's Church. Prayerfully, we will pass through the Holy Doors and say our prayers to obtain the **Jubilee Indulgence**. Holy Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's Basilica and the Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed at St. Patrick's

Church. Parishioners from St. Bonaventure Parish will be joining us. Buses leave the respective parking lots at **8:30 am sharp**. **Early booking is highly recommended as tickets are limited.** Tickets - @ \$10 each – are available from the Knights of Columbus and from the Office on weekdays. Light snacks and refreshments will be served at St. Patrick's church hall, courtesy of **DELMANOR** "This Extraordinary Holy Year is itself a gift of grace. To pass through the Holy Door means to rediscover the infinite mercy of the Father who welcomes everyone and goes out personally to encounter each of them. This will be a year in which we grow ever more convinced of God's mercy. How much wrong we do to God and his grace when we speak of sins being punished by his judgment before we speak of their being forgiven by his mercy. Let us set aside all fear and dread, for these do not befit men and women who are loved. Instead, let us experience the joy of encountering that grace which transforms all things".

**How do we obtain a Jubilee Indulgence?**

In addition to passing through a Holy Door, a pilgrim is to: 1.receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation; 2.receive the Holy Eucharist [Holy Communion]; 3.make a profession of Faith [recite the Creed]; 4.pray for the Holy Father and his intentions. *It is suggested but not necessary to complete all the conditions above on the same day; 20 days before or after passing through a Holy Door is acceptable. You can receive an indulgence for yourself or for the soul of a deceased loved one. An indulgence can be gained only once a day.*



**Merciful like the Father ...**

**THE OLD FOLKS**

I must see the old folks today,  
To reminisce,  
The times of bliss,  
We shared in the years yesterday.

I must see the old folks today,  
I keep saying that, every day,  
Now the time has passed,  
I'm so sad to say,

I just heard they both,  
have now passed away.

By the grace of God – Dennis Hayes – 25-Aug-2015