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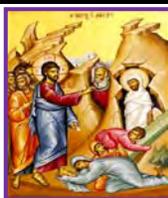


The raising of Lazarus prepares us for Jesus' own resurrection. He faces the enemies' hate to go to Bethany, home of his close friends. To Martha he reveals Christianity's greatest truth: his own person is life-giving, for time and eternity. He is resurrection and life. There he weeps with emotion at seeing Mary's tears. It is his gift of life to Lazarus which will bring on his own life-giving death. Through the prophet

Ezekiel God had promised life to his people; he gives it in Christ Jesus, who is both Lord and friend, and who poured out his life for us. Our concern should not be how much we love Jesus the lord, but rather that he has first loved us – so humanly, so unstintingly, that only his death could express that love's depth. Once Jesus called Lazarus from the grave in response to his friends' sorrow, if we affirm our belief in Christ as life, his Spirit will live in us and we will be God's own. Then someday Jesus will call each of us by name to everlasting friendship with him face to face.

5th Sunday of Lent – April 02, 2017

"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact **Fr. Chris** at 416-968-0997 or email him at vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Fr. Victor** on 416-757-2806 or email him at olfatima@rogers.com for more information.



First Holy Communion meetings ...

Applicants attend the Sunday 10:30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy gatherings on the following Sundays: **Apr 09, 30**. Candidates in public schools have a class at 9:30 am in the church hall on these same Sundays. **Thanks.**



Confirmation classes are on ...

Classes start at 2:30 pm in the church hall. Attendance is **mandatory** for all the meetings. Up-coming classes: **Apr 08 & 29** [Retreat]. Weekly participation in the Sunday Eucharist, here or in another church, is mandatory. **Thanks.**



R.C.I.A. program for 2013 – sessions ...

Sessions continue every Saturday at 10:00 am in our church hall. Up-coming sessions: **Apr 8** (in church @ 10:00). The Easter Vigil celebration during which candidates will receive the sacraments will take place on Saturday, **April 15** starting at 7:30 for 8:00 pm. **Thanks.**



Every Friday during Lent ...

- 8.00 am Morning Mass
- 6.30 pm Stations & Holy Mass
- Every Saturday in Lent ...**
- 9.00 am Morning Mass
- 3.45 pm Reconciliation/Confessions
- 4.30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass

It's BUNDLE UP time!

We accept Winter Coats, Boots, Children's Wear, Baby Clothes, Ladies' Wear, Men's Clothing, Toys, Bedding, Shoes, Drapes, Accessories, Household goods.

NO mattresses or appliances accepted!

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be parked in front of the Rectory in the parking lot the weekend of April 8/9 ...

Thank you in advance

		April 03 – 09 2017
Mon 03	8:00 am	Flor Vendiola [D]
Tues 04	8:00 am	Katherine Joan McManus [D]
Wed 05	7:00 pm	Emily Osorio [D]
Thur 06	8:00 am	Katherine Joan McManus [D]
Fri 07 <i>First Friday</i> <i>Lenten Devotions</i>	8:00 am	Katherine Joan McManus [D]
	12:30 pm	Holy Souls
	7:00 pm	Austin Slemmerman [D]
Sat 08	9:00 am	Priscilla Pinto [D]
	4:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 09 Passion & Palm Sunday <i>Holy Week</i>	8:30 am	Galipo & Baglieri Family - Deceased
	10:30 am	Steve Wooder [D]
	12:30 pm	Adams Family [I] – In thanksgiving

Pray the WAY OF THE CROSS at home ... daily!

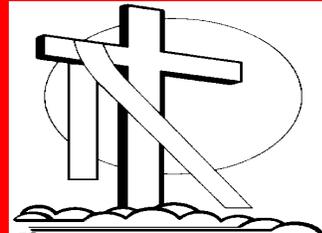
A reminder! We have a DVD with visuals and audio [music and prayers] for praying the Stations of the Cross – very useful for shut-ins or seniors [and anybody for that matter] who are unable to come to church on Fridays to pray the **Stations of the Cross**. It uses the prayers prayed in the church and portrays the artistic Stations [statuettes] that are our pride and joy. Copies are available from the office for \$5.00 per copy; ideal gifts or to be shared.



"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you"

NEXT SUNDAY IS ...

PALM SUNDAY



Please note the change in Mass times for Palm Sunday:
[Sat.] 4:30 pm [Sun.] 8:30 am + 10:30 am + 12:30 pm

ShareLife Campaign 2017

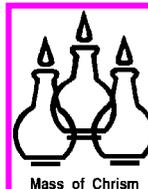


The **2017 ShareLife Campaign** is now on its way! The **first of three collections** in this year's campaign takes place this weekend – **April 01/02**. Donations toward this campaign are welcome and acknowledged at any time of and the year. Please be generous!

Visit www.sharelife.org for more information

MASS OF CHRISM

Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins will celebrate the **MASS OF CHRISM** with priests of the archdiocese on **Tuesday, April 11 at 11:00 am at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**. The Holy Oils – blessed during this Mass – will be afterwards distributed to all the parishes to be used in the celebration of the sacraments as from the Easter Vigil.



Deacons and all parishioners are invited to attend.



5th Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Apr 02

The **ShareLife** 1st of three collections is taken this weekend during all Masses. The **Children's Liturgy & First Communion** classes continue this Sunday at the usual time. The **RCIA – 3rd Scrutiny** takes place today during the 12:15 pm Mass. The **Lord's Flock** will have a prayer meeting today at 2:00 pm in the church hall. The Friends of the **Holy Land Christian Families** thank all parishioners who supported their sale of religious articles.

Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Apr 05

The regular Fatima devotions start at 6:30 pm followed by the celebration of Holy Mass. *Prayer and Mass intentions include all the requests made in the intentions list/envelopes reserved at the shrine.*

Zone Meeting + K of C meeting – Thursday, Apr 06

A **Zone Meeting** for Priests will take place today at 10:00 am at the parish of The Epiphany in Scarborough. The **St. Francis Council** of the Knights of Columbus has its monthly meetings in the Knights Chambers at 6:45 & 7:15 pm [one week earlier than usual because of Holy Week].

First Friday & Lenten devotions – Friday, Apr 07

Devotions start with morning Mass at 8am at the end of which **solemn adoration** begins. At 12noon we have prayers, the chaplet, Benediction **holy Mass** at 12:30. At 6.30 pm we pray the **Stations of the Cross** and then **holy Mass**.

Weekend activities – Saturday, Apr 08

This final **RCIA** session starts at 10:00 am in the church; it is a practice of the Easter Vigil rite in preparation for the actual day. The final class in the **Confirmation** program is at 2:30 pm. [The next session is the RETREAT on April 29 from 10:30 am]. The 4:30 pm Mass will include the **blessing and distribution of palms**. This is also **Bundle Up weekend**. The truck is parked in the parking lot by the entry to the rectory.

PALM SUNDAY – Sunday, Apr 09

First Communion students have a class at 9:30 am, and then they take part with the **Children's Liturgy** group in the Palm Sunday procession and Mass at 10:30 am. The **Lord's Flock** prayer meeting is at 2.00 pm. This Sunday marks the start of **HOLY WEEK**.

Good Friday Collection: Needs of the Holy Land

The mission of the 'Commissariat of the Holy Land' is to help the Christian communities of the Holy Land and is made possible with the generosity of all the Catholics in Canada.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual **Good Friday Collection** helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

For us too, we can bring this message of hope and light to others and pilgrims of peace!

Do support those that live this challenge on our behalf.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING HOLY WEEK

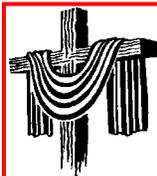
Stations of the Cross are prayed every evening from Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week at 6:30 pm before the evening Mass.

On **GOOD FRIDAY** the Stations will be prayed at 7:00 pm.

During these holy days we are all encouraged to reflect and meditate on Christ's journey of healing, forgive-ness, mercy and love.

The novena for the feast of the **DIVINE MERCY** begins on **Good Friday**, April 14. **Divine Mercy Sunday is April 23.**

The **feast of THE DIVINE MERCY** in our church starts at 1:45 pm, including the DM chaplet, adoration, Mass and Benediction.



We are a light to each other

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you



Lucia dos Santos - 4

After the prophesied death of Jacinta and Francisco, during the flu pandemic of 1919, Lucia alone remained to carry on the mission assigned by the "woman from heaven." At 14 she was admitted as a boarder to the **school** of the Sisters of St. Dorothy in Vilar, near Oporto in the north of Portugal. On October 24, 1925, she entered the **Institute of the Sisters of St. Dorothy** as a postulant in the convent in Tuy, Spain, not far from the Portuguese border.

During these years she would continue to receive private revelations explanatory of the message of Fátima. She made her first vows on October 3, 1928, and her perpetual vows on October 3, 1934, receiving the name **Sister Mary of the Sorrowful Mother**.

In 1946, seeking a more contemplative life, Lucia entered the Carmelite convent of St. Teresa in Coimbra, where she made her profession as a Discalced Carmelite on May 31, 1949. She took the name **Sister Maria Lucia of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart**.

In 1967, Sister Lucia traveled to Fatima to celebrate the **50th anniversary of the apparitions**, presided over by Pope Paul VI. She went again in 1982, when **Paul John Paul II came to the Shrine on 13 May** to give thanks for the saving of his life during the assassination attempt of **13 May 1981**, and again when the Pope came there in 1991, and finally in 2000, **to beatify Jacinta and Francisco**.

Over the years Sr. Lucia would write two books, **Memoirs**, recounting the events of Fatima in her own words, and **Calls from the Message of Fatima**, giving answers to the many questions about living the message of Fátima, which she has been asked over the years.



Fatima Apparitions Centenary Year 1917 – 2017

INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2017

Novena 1 – Wed April 26 at 5:30 pm

Novena 2 – Wed May 24 at 5:30 pm

Novena 3 – Wed June 21 at 5:30 pm

Novena 4 – Wed July 26 at 5:30 pm

Novena 5 – Wed Aug 23 at 5:30 pm

Novena 6 – Wed Sept 27 at 5:30 pm

Novena 7 – Wed Oct 25 at 5:30 pm

Novena 8 – Wed Nov 22 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