



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – A



During Easter's fifty days of rejoicing we have time to savor the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection. The gospel tells of the disciples' fear (they still did not understand) changing to great joy when suddenly Christ stands among them. He brings the forgive-ness won by his wounds and gives the young Church, in the power of the Spirit, his mission: to make available his forgiveness and peace. On Easter the disciples were slow to believe; later, Thomas demands the concrete proof which faith does not require. But his scepticism gives way, when Christ appears, to the strongest expression of faith found in the gospels. His confession evokes our faith, we who have not seen and yet believe. The first two readings show the effects of the risen Lord's presence: the community formed at Easter stands out for its common prayer and mutual love, while the individual believer looks forward in glorious joy to seeing the risen Lord. Trials cannot wipe out the joy of those who believe.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2nd Sunday of Easter - April 23, 2017

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux** at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Fr. Victor** on 416-757-2806 or 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 30 and May 28**. Candidates in public schools have a class at 9:30 am in the church hall on these same Sundays. **Thanks.**

Confirmation classes are on ...

Up-coming meeting: **Apr 29** [Retreat] in the hall at 10:00 am. Weekly participation in the Sunday Eucharist, here or in another church, is mandatory. On **May 27** we have a final get-together in the hall. Certificates will be given. **Thanks.**



Congratulations to our newly baptized ...

We welcome with great joy in our faith community these newly Baptised/Received and Confirmed, the night of the Easter Vigil, into full communion with us in the Risen Lord and in the Catholic Church: **NICOLE Therrien, JOANA Padilla, ERIKA Espinosa, RAVEN Joyce, MAURICE Samba, JULIA Nice, YUNIA Q. Garcia, STEPHANIE Crush, STELLA Esguerra, MARY-ISIS R. Marks.** **Bishop V. Nguyen** presided the Vigil and administered the sacraments.



Welcome also to the young ones baptized on the morning of Easter Monday: **Aven Peart, Domingo Joyce, Yadira S. Samba, Bruno Payrol, Amanda Tesfaye**

  		April 24 – 30 2016
Mon 24	8:00 am	Kevin Jonathan Gaymes [D]
Tues 25	8:00 am	Marie Desimone [D]
Wed 26	7:00 pm	All Souls
Thur 27	8:00 am	Michael Restivo [I]
Fri 28	8:00 am	Deborah Mangal [D]
Sat 29	9:00 am	Cecil & Sergio Rodrigo [D]
	4:30 pm	Molly Lule [I] – Birthday
Sun 30 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	9:00 am	Joan McManus [D]
	10:30 am	Conchita & Giovanni Rico [D]
	12:15 pm	People of the Parish

Congratulations ... 246th Toronto Scout Group

Today, Sunday, April 23 – **St. George's Day, Patron Saint for Scouts throughout the world** – the **246th Toronto Scout Group** are marking the 60th anniversary since their initiation during today's 12:15 pm Mass in our church. A celebratory letter and scroll will be presented to the parish in recognition to the parish's ongoing service as Group Sponsor. Scouts and leaders will parade into the church at the beginning of Mass and will march out after the final blessing. There will be a couple of presentations at the end. The Group is non-denominational and everyone is encouraged to welcome our youth members and Scouters alike.



60 years of service to the community & scouting

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



Feast of the Divine Mercy DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY today, April 23, 2017

>> 1.45 pm - The D.M. Chaplet,
Adoration & other prayers
>> 2.15 pm - Mass and Benediction

ShareLife Campaign 2017

Thank you all for your offerings in our first collection in the **2017 ShareLife Campaign**. The **next collection** in this year's campaign will be in the weekend – **May 06/07**. But donations in this campaign are welcome and acknowledged at any time of the year.



Visit www.sharelife.org for more information

Sunday, May 7 is ...



MOTHER'S DAY

Remember all mothers in our prayers



Divine Mercy Sunday – Sun. Apr 23

There is **NO Children's Liturgy** and **First Communion class**. These resume next weekend at the regular time. The **246th Scout Group** will celebrate their 60th anniversary within the 12:15 pm Mass. The **Lord's Flock** has **no** formal prayer meeting today but will meet in church for the **FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY** starting at 1:45 pm.

Infant Jesus Novena_1 + Fatima Devotions – Wed. Apr 26

A Holy Hour of prayer, song and adoration starts at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to join in this prayer hour. The regular Fatima Devotions start at 6:30 pm as usual. Evening Mass at 7:00 pm follows. *Prayers and Mass include all the prayer intentions requested in the envelopes reserved at the shrine.* All are welcome to join us.

Weekend activities – Sat. April 29

Candidates in the **Confirmation Program** will today have the final **Confirmation Retreat** in our church hall beginning at 10:00 am. All candidates are required to attend this meeting which ends at 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. **Anticipated Sunday Mass** is at the regular time of 4:30 pm. **CHALICE** – a Canadian Catholic sponsorship program – is visiting the parish this weekend with an appeal to helping destitute children.

3rd Sunday of Easter – Sun. Apr 30

The **Children's Liturgy** and **First Communion class** continue today at the regular time. The **LORD'S FLOCK** resumes formal prayer meetings at 2:00 pm in the hall.

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

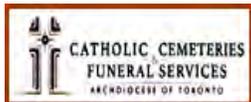
Novena 4 – Wed **July 26** at 5:30 pm

Novena 5 – Wed **Aug 23** at 5:30 pm



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

Free Estate Planning Seminar



Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Toronto Archdiocese wishes to invite you to a FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR on Sat. April 29 at 10:00 am at Christ the King Catholic Cemetery

Reception Centre, 7770 Steeles Ave. E. Markham, ON.

Refreshments and an estate planning kit will be provided.

RSVP: Frank Jannetta at 416-733-8544 ext. 2023 or fjannetta@cc-fs.ca

ALL ARE WELCOME



Deacon Philip Allard will be visiting our parish and will speak about **CHALICE** – a Canadian Catholic sponsorship program. He will explain how we can help a destitute child at one of 56 mission sites in 15 developing countries.

The **Chalice Appeal** and parish mission will on the weekend **April 29/30** in all the weekend Masses.

Easter Raffle 2017 ... the winners!

The winning tickets in this year's Easter Raffle, drawn after the 12:30 pm Mass on Palm Sunday, are: #9986842 and #9986921

Both winners have been contacted and they have picked up their prize.

Better luck next time to all the others ...

Thanks very much for your support!



Lucia dos Santos - 7

The closure of the phase of the diocesan process of Beatification and Canonization of Sister Lúcia [ii]



Bishop Virgílio Antunes explained that others were also involved including, two bishops, two postulants, three vice-postulators, eight people who were on the historical commission and 61 witnesses. Of those witnesses, one cardinal, four bishops were pointed out and 34 lay people, whose statements and work resulted in a process of 15,483 pages, accommodated in 19 boxes.

The Postulator for the Process, a Carmelite Father Roman Gambalunga, confirmed "Blessed are the pure in heart,

Lúcia was just that, a woman of pure heart, with a great mission in the 20th century."

The Carmelite pointed out that in Sister Lúcia was "her greatness, humility; the simplicity of her to guide; the spirit of freedom; the light of prayer; the happiness to know the grace of God." Therefore this concluded, affirming that this was "a memorable day."



Fatima Apparitions Centenary Year 1917 – 2017

... a gentle reminder!



In the initial spirit of the **family of faith** campaign and the prayerful consideration that compelled so many of us to make a **sacrificial gift** to secure a future for our Church, **parishioners – who have neglected to honor their pledge since the start of the year – are kindly asked to up-date their pledge level at their earliest convenience. If one is not in a position to honor their pledge, kindly contact the Donations Processing Centre directly and let them know of your intention. Speak to Peter Okonski at 416.934.3400 ext. 516 or email to pokonski@archtoronto.org**

Please note that if pledges are not honored the parish will not receive its share from the campaign.

Celebrating OUR LADY OF FATIMA feast - 2017

Love offerings for flowers, candles and Prayer Intentions for the Novena Masses are appreciated.

Fatima devotees and parishioners are encouraged to join us for any of the novena days and the feast-day Masses, and other devotions to mark **First Saturdays** and each of the **Six Apparitions**. A details program of events and celebrations will be available soon.



Visit : www.fatimashrine.ca for information