

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



Wonder and Waiting

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.

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**The Lord is risen. Indeed He is risen!**  
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 feel God's call to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux  
416-968-0997 vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

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

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Mass Intentions This Week – March 28–April 3

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

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Francisco Coutinho	The Coutinho family
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Americo Amarin	The family
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Anthony Valentini	Josie DiLella
Thursday, 9am	✠ Frank Buckley	Martin Bigley
Friday, 9am	✠ members of the Goseco, Feliciano & Valencia families	Linda Feliciano
Saturday, 9am	✠ Delia Montoya	Delia Urosevic
5:15pm	✠ Secondo Pontarollo	The family
Sunday, 8am	✠ Emilio Ragnoni	Jovita
9:30am	✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠	
11am	✠ Grace Verge	Len Kubas
12:30pm	✠ Gerard & Breda Dolan	The family

**Rosary Group** – mornings after 9am Mass; Fridays, 2pm, above Running Room  
"The family that prays together stays together" –Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. ("The Rosary Priest")

**Stretch & Flex** – \$10/session – Bring water & a yoga mat – Tues., 6:15–7:30pm  
Takes place in the parish hall; moves to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Running Room; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. each month.

**Information Session on Physician-Assisted Dying Ethical & Pastoral Reflections**  
Join us in our parish hall on Wednesday, March 30 at 7:30pm. OLS parishioner Dr. Christopher De Bono, PhD is a health care ethicist and a pastoral theologian. He will reflect on how the current Canadian context for Physician Assisted Dying or PAD (also called Medical Assistance in Dying) is changing. This information session will do three things. It will:  
▶ explore what we currently know (and don't know) about these changes;  
▶ focus on the ethical and pastoral implications of the proposed practices; and  
▶ explore the kinds of suffering which might make someone ask for PAD in the first place, and reflect on what faith communities might consider when responding to that suffering.

**Coming Soon! It's almost time to 'Bundle Up' for St. Vincent de Paul!**



Volunteers will assist with the collection & loading of securely tied or sealed bags or boxes of gently used items (think: shoes, clothing, coats, bedding & draperies) on the weekend of April 16/17. Larger items (i.e. furniture & appliances), computer hardware and toys **cannot** be accepted.

**SAVE THE DATE Ministry Day of Reflection – Saturday, September 17**

If you are in ministry at OLS (or would like to be) you are invited to attend. Details to follow.

**Working wonders overseas through the Pastoral Mission Fund...**

"This workshop has helped me to reflect on my priestly call, a privileged service in God's Kingdom; and has re-energized me and my brother priests to be better in our service. Given our rural and remote location, serving people who live in poverty can be draining at times. This workshop and dialogue has made a renewing impact for many of us. It has given us hope and strength to renew our enthusiasm and we do hope it continues in the future. We are deeply grateful and offer our prayers of support to ShareLife who made it financially possible for us to come together."

–St. Justine de Jacobis Pastoral Office, Catholic Eparchy of Segenely, Eritrea

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



"Ten more commandments": 8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"

**Assisted Suicide – Protect the vulnerable and those who care for them!**

By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to support the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience by visiting [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) today. The coalition represents a group of like-minded partners, including 5,000 doctors across Canada, who are committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You can use this website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Given tight timelines for this legislation, please take action no later than April 1. **Thank you for helping to protect the vulnerable and those who care for them!**

**Knowing God Better – Helping Catholics get MORE out of their faith**

So many of us are searching for meaning in our ordinary lives, searching for the fullness of life but aware that self-concern seems primary. You are invited to attend this series at St. Gregory's Parish (122 Rathburn Rd.) on 7 consecutive Monday nights, 7–8:30pm, beginning April 4. For more information or to register, call the parish's office at 416-239-4831.

**Holy Name of Mary College School – Open House Sat., April 9, 10am–2pm**



We invite you to visit us to find out more about our school. Talk to current students, faculty members, school administrators and parents and get a true sense of student life at HNMCS. For more info, visit [www.hnmcs.ca](http://www.hnmcs.ca) or call Giselle Fernandes at 905-891-1890, ext. 103.

**Art Show and Sale – Fundraiser for Local Charities – April 9, 10am–4pm**

Take this opportunity to discover a wide selection of art at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show and Sale at Kingsway Lambton United Church (85 the Kingsway; corner of Prince Edward and the Kingsway). The \$10 admission price includes a draw for a painting by Lloyd Wilson. View the painting and the work of the 30 other artists at [www.kingswaylambton.ca/artshow](http://www.kingswaylambton.ca/artshow)

**Catholic Family Services of Toronto – New Beginnings – Upcoming Events**

You are invited to attend the following upcoming inspirational talk which will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge St., 4<sup>th</sup> floor. We gather at 6:30pm. ▶ **Monday, April 18** – "Living with Loneliness"  
**ALSO** The New Beginnings Spring Retreat, entitled, "Nurturing Seeds of Hope in all the Seasons of Life" will take place on Saturday, April 23 at The Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure, 1300 Leslie Street from 9:30am–3:30pm.



**Notre Dame High School – 75th Anniversary Hope to see you there!**



- ▶ Open House at NDHS (12 Malvern Ave.) – Friday, October 14, 5–10pm
- ▶ Mass at Good Shepherd Church (21 Simonston Blvd., Markham) – Saturday, October 15, 2pm
- ▶ Banquet at Le Parc (8432 Leslie St., Richmond Hill) – Saturday, October 15 – tickets are \$75 per person.

For more information or to register for the festivities, call 416-419-4055 or email [notredamealumnae@rogers.com](mailto:notredamealumnae@rogers.com) or visit [www.notredamealumnae.com](http://www.notredamealumnae.com)

**Bids 'n Bites – Bridge and Luncheon – Wednesday, April 27, noon–3pm**

Head on over to Humber Valley United Church (76 Anglesey Blvd., Etobicoke) for a fancy sandwich lunch, card playing (Bridge, Euchre or your game of choice), silent auction and fantastic door prizes. Both ladies and gentlemen are welcome! Grab a deck of cards & round up a few friends for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. Cost is \$25. For tickets, call 416-767-1289. Proceeds will be directed to United Church Women (UCW) supported charities.