

## EASTER SUNDAY

### Resurrection of the Lord

Today's gospel reading is one that never grows old or boring for me, because it is a story of such sharp contrasts. Dark becomes light; weeping turns to joy; despair changes into hope. If I were to sum up Easter in one word, it would be "transformation".

Just think about the disciples. In the weeks and months after the Resurrection, they found themselves doing things they could never have imagined. Take Peter in today's first reading; he was the one who a few days earlier had denied even knowing Jesus and was now fearlessly proclaiming his lordship. For all the disciples, life would never be the same again. Their encounter with the Risen Christ had changed them forever.

Each time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus is in our midst, just as surely as he was for Mary Magdalene and the disciples on that first Easter morning. Our faith in the real presence assures us of this. And just as their encounter with the Risen Lord changed the disciples' lives forever, we too should never leave any celebration of the Eucharist unchanged. We receive his Body and Blood so that we might become his Body and Blood in a world much in need of God's presence. Nourished and transformed, we go forth to love and serve the Lord and one another.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Theresa Whalen Lux; Regina, SK*

### COINS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN 2017

**Please return your boxes to the office on the weekend of April 22<sup>nd</sup> /23<sup>rd</sup>.**

*Campaign Life Coalition* thanks you for your generosity for God's preborn babies in the womb! Every coin makes a difference and helps CLC to run the annual National March for Life in Ottawa on May 11, 2017. More than ever, faced with such a strong 'culture of death' movement in our country, we must defend life from conception to natural death.

### ShareLife

Thank you to all who donated to ShareLife through the First Collection, taken up on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. While some initial returns are being received, the total amount collected to date is approximately 36,000.00. The next

ShareLife collection is the weekend of May 7, 2017. Thank you for your generous support of ShareLife!



### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, April 17, 2017 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Cecilia Kim

#### Tuesday, April 18, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Carole Copp

#### Wednesday, April 19, 2017 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Tony Kim  
Special Intention  
+ Fergus Houlahan

#### Thursday, April 20, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino

#### Friday, April 21, 2017

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Angela Bowes

#### Saturday, April 22, 2017

4:30 p.m. + Carole Copp

#### Sunday, April 23, 2017

8:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Marie Kim Suh

9:30 a.m. Wong Family

11:00 a.m. + Jessie Vella

### Senior Residence Masses – April 2017

Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.



**Now accepting EDGE Registrations!**

**For students in Grade 6 - 8**

Come by the office, email us, or visit our website ([www.stedward.ca](http://www.stedward.ca)) for the EDGE Registration Form.

**Registration fee is \$25.** Submit the completed form with payment to the parish office. If there are any financial difficulties, please contact our Youth

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Director, Kimberly Go, at  
[stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com).

**Kick-Off: Friday, April 28, 2017!**

### **Message from Father Pat O'Dea**

“The Lord of life has risen with power, bringing with him love and justice, respect, forgiveness, and reconciliation. The One who from nothingness had called the world into existence, only he could break the seals of the tomb, only he could become the source of New Life.”

(Easter Vigil Homily, from Pope Paul II, 1996)

Easter calls us to rejoice because Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and his resurrection foreshadows our own. This will forever be the greatest good news that the world has ever received. In raising Jesus from the dead, God invites us to contemplate his great love for us and to know of his plan and desire to also raise us up to eternal life. In our baptism, renewed at Easter, we are reminded of our destiny in Christ. In and through Jesus, God reminds us that his love for us never dies. That same love, which raised Jesus from the dead, will raise us up too.

I would like to thank all who assisted in helping to plan or assist with our Palm Sunday and Holy Week liturgies. In particular, I want to thank the Choirs, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers and all the parish groups who led the Stations of the Cross. I thank Sr. Eva Janning and the R.C.I.A. Team for their wonderful ministry this past year to those who were welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. I also wish to thank Maria Amodio who decorated the Church so beautifully for Holy Week, and our sacristan, Peter Carvalho.

A special thanks to all on the Pastoral Team, the Office Staff, and Support Team, for their dedicated service to the parish each and every day.

May God bless you at Easter and in the year to come!  
Easter Greetings to all!

### **Poor Box**

Don't forget the poor. The St. Vincent de Paul poor box is located in the lobby. Please be generous. The St. Vincent de Paul of our parish works faithfully to serve the needs of the less fortunate. Thank you for opening your heart.

### **Open House - Northmount School for Boys**

Toronto's Only Independent Catholic Boys' Elementary School (JK-8)

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at 26 Mallard Road, Toronto, Ontario, M3B 1S3. To R.S.V.P. for the Open House or to book a private tour, please call 416-449-8823 ext. 114 or [info@northmount.com](mailto:info@northmount.com)

### **Senior Men's High School Retreat** **(Grades 11 & 12)**

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Richmond Hill on Saturday, April 29, 2017 (from 9 am to 5 pm), providing a time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians will deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. For more information please contact your pastor or call the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### **Knitting Group**

The seniors' knitting group is still very active with their projects for Out of the Cold and Tiny Shroud Ministry. They are in need of donations of wool to make warm items for those in need. For more information, contact Marie Heard at 416-222-5139.

### **Prescription Eye Glasses**

Our campaign to collect used prescription eye glasses has been extremely successful. Over 500 pairs of glasses were dropped off at Dr. Simone's warehouse to be sent to those in need all over the world. Thank you to all who have contributed. You have helped in no small way to bring sight to others. This is an ongoing campaign and used eye glasses will be welcomed throughout the year.

### **Vocations**

***“He has been raised from the dead!”***

Through our baptism, He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

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