St. Edward The Confessor Church

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IN THE GOSPEL for the Easter Vigil, we see a few faithful women set out before dawn on Easter morning. The heaviness in their hearts was stifling. Who would roll away the stone so they could anoint the body of Jesus?

It looked like death, but really it was life! The sun was up; the Son was raised. That morning the beauty of the Son of Man, who was the Son of God, gradually came to life in the hearts of His followers. "Do not be alarmed," the angel said. "You are looking for Jesus...He has been raised!" What joy! What peace!

Two millennia after the resurrection, how often do we, too, feel locked into temporal tragedies of death and despair? But, like those listening to Peter in today's first reading, we know about the great event that took place. Like Mary Magdalene in the Gospel for Easter Sunday, when we are weeping beside our empty tombs of experience, we have only to listen to hear our name being called by the Lord and raise the eyes of our heart to behold the glory of Christ Jesus, the Risen One.

This Easter season, let each of us who have been raised with Christ through baptism remember that, thought "it" might look like death, really it is life – by the power and purpose of God our Father. Alleluia !

(Reflection of Beverly Illaug, Kemptville of Living with Christ)

St. Gregory of Narek

St. Gregory of Narek, a revered saint in the Oriental Orthodox Church, has recently come into our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Join Archbishop Francis Leo and Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan (Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada) who will co-preside at a jointly prepared Armenian Vespers to celebrate this remarkable event on **Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 6 p.m.**, hosted at **Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church on 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough, Ont. M1G 3T5.** A wide representation of church leaders in the Greater Toronto Area is expected at this event.



Monday, April 1. 2024	
8:30 a.m.	+ Raymond Tellis (anniversary)

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 Multi-intention	
8:30 a.m.	+ John F. Quail
	+ Marife Reynoso
	+ Monserrat Reynoso
Wednesday, April 3, 2024	
8:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Ruggiero family
Thursday April 4, 2024 Multi-intention	
8:30 a.m.	+ Kathleen & Benny McNamee
Friday, April 5, 2024	
8:30 a.m.	+ Carl Anthony Wall
Saturday, April 6, 2-24 Multi-intention	
8:30 a.m.	+ Edwin & Anne Pinto
	+ Pietro Russo
	Karen Baptiste (blessing for sight)
4:30 p.m.	Deceased members of Joras family
Sunday, April 7, 2024	
8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of Joras family
9:30 a.m.	+ Giuseppe Martino
11:00 a.m.	+ George Van Mierlo

CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

In concordance with the invitation of His Holiness, Pope Francis, that all faithful annually renew the act of consecration to Our Lady on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord, Monday, April 8, 2024, please note St. Edward the Confessor Parish invites parishioners to do so, following the Monday morning Mass (Mass at 8:30 a.m.). Archbishop Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, has also invited all families to offer the prayers in their homes on the same day. The special prayer of consecration and other resources will be sent to parishioners over the weekly FLOCK NOTE so you may download them for your family use. There is also the invitation to join in special prayers for 3 days leading up to the Consecration, entitled a Marian Triduum. These will also be offered in the church following the morning Mass of Friday, April 5th, and Saturday, April 6th, and Sunday, April 7th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Once again, these special prayers will be sent and made available to parishioners so they may invite family members to participate at home. You may also check the Archdiocesan website to preview and download the materials at: bit.ly/MARYCONSECRATION

Divine Mercy Schedule

Come and pray the 9 Day Novena of the Divine Mercy, from Good Friday, March 29th, leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th. Prayer cards will be available at the front of the Church.

Easter Sunday, March 31st After the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, April 1st – Friday, April 5th After each morning Mass

> Saturday, April 6th After the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th After the 11:00 a.m. morning Mass

SPECIAL T.V. EVENT: THE SACRED PROJECT

Experience the soul-stirring fusion of sacred melodies and insightful interviews with Liturgical Ministers of the Roman Catholic Church in the Greater Toronto area on a special TV event, entitled, "The Sacred Project". Across five captivating episodes, hosted by Jonathan Michael (a cantor at St. Edward's Parish, and other parishes, as well as the Daily TV Mass), a seasoned graduate of St. Michael's Choir School, in which viewers are treated to mesmerizing performances from his latest sacred album. Embark on a spiritual journey as Jonathan explores local various churches and spiritual centers, delving into topics central to the Roman Catholic faith. Watch "The Sacred Project" beginning Saturday, March 30 for 5 consecutive Saturdays at 12:30 p.m. on YES TV. (Please note: YES TV channel is available on Rogers, Cable 9, and Bell Media, cable 1651.)

<u>Fr. Dave Warren's New Bible Series</u> <u>"The Resurrections of Jesus</u>

"Jesus is Lord!" is the central proclamation of Christian faith. And Jesus is Lord because He has risen from the dead.

Father David Warren is offering a five-part series on the Resurrection of Jesus in the New Testament. His series will begin on Monday, April 15. We will meet on *Zoom* from 9:45 to 11:00 a.m.

If you haven't already signed up for Father Dave's Bible Study Group, you can sign up on the parish website at Latest News > View All News > Sign Up for Fr. Dave's Bible Study Group.

"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile" (*I Corinthians* 5: 17).

Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. (New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book)

On behalf of our Pastor, Msgr. Pat O'Dea, Fr. Dave Warren (retired), Deacon David Quail, Seminarian Matthew Tulio, R.C.I.A. Director, Sr. Teresa Morrison, custodian Clare Koo, and our parish secretaries, Josie Paladino and Jeswyn Devas, we wish everyone a Happy, Holy and Blessed Easter.

Totus Tuus Summer Camp

The Totus Tuus summer camp is back this summer from July 14-19 for students entering Grades 1-12 in the next school year! Join us for some catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games! The program is \$100 per child for the day program and \$40 for the evening program. Hope to see you there!

Please email stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com to

2024 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners

The Archdiocese's Office for Refugees is excited to announce the commencement of its 2024 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners. This initiative is designed to aid parishioners interested in sponsoring family members seeking refugee resettlement. If you are a parishioner and wish to sponsor a family member, call the parish office to arrange a meeting with the pastor. Interested parishioners will be asked to provide the necessary funds required for sponsorship.





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