

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

2nd Sunday of Easter

A *NOVELIST* I admire was interviewed shortly before her death. She had been ill for some time, and spoke plainly about what she expected to happen when she died. She said something like this: “I believe that death is the end. We live, we die, and that’s all.”

I felt saddened by her words. I wanted to think of ways to convince her otherwise, to give her and everyone who shares that view some proof that they will rise again and live in the fullness of life with God forever.

Nearly 2,000 years after Jesus’ death and resurrection, we are far removed in time from the disciples, who saw with their own eyes, and from “doubting” Thomas, who could even touch the wounds in Christ’s hands and side. But we can still rely on these disciples’ testimony, which has been handed down from one person to another over the centuries – authentic and trustworthy.

When our faith seems shaky, we need only look to those who went before us and those around us whose faith is unwavering. They can support us and bolster us. As our faith grows stronger, we become anchors for others who may be drifting. The scriptures, too, are a great source of hope and faith for us today, for we are not the first to doubt, to question. Signs and wonders are all around us, if we have eyes to see and ears to hear! (*Reflection of Anne Louise Mahoney, from Living with Christ*)

ShareLife

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 reenergized 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 Segenelty, Eritrea.

Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016

Please give generously. You can work wonders!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 2nd, 2016

4:30 p.m. Purificacion Peredo and in Memory of Alex Gibson

Sunday, April 3rd, 2016

8:00 a.m. + Giuseppe Martino
9:30 a.m. + Simon, Kurnat and Parents
11:00 a.m. + Anton Francesca Joras

Monday, April 4th, 2016

8:30 a.m. +Heesoo Byeon

Tuesday, April 5th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Annabel Marchildon

Wednesday, April 6th, 2016-Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for the Fu Family and
+ Joan Monette

Thursday, April 7th, 2016

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Gerson D’Souza

Friday, April 8th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Lectio Divina and Gospel Study

Sr. Eva Janning, CPS will continue to facilitate prayer and study based on the gospel of St. John, Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall, until April 27. Everyone is welcome for part or all of the sessions. No registration required.

Saint John Paul II Day in Ontario – Saturday, April 2, 2016

Saturday, April 2, 2016 will mark the second Saint John Paul II Day in Ontario (as declared in 2014). To commemorate this occasion, on this day, the City of Toronto will raise the Vatican flag at the courtesy flag pole in Nathan Phillips Square. The event will include music and brief remarks from dignitaries. All are welcome to attend this special event. The late pontiff visited the Archdiocese of Toronto in 1984 and 2002 as part of World Youth Day celebrations. World Youth Day 2016 will take place this summer in Krakow, Poland.

APRIL 3, 2016

Thank You

Fr. Pat wishes to thank everyone who contributed to making this past Lent, and our recent Holy Week and Easter celebrations, so memorable, prayerful and inspiring. May God continue to bless all within our parish community as we continue to celebrate the Easter Season.



Tiny Shroud Ministry

We have started this wonderful ministry of knitting tiny blankets/shrouds and bonnets that will be provided to hospitals to wrap newborn babies who pass soon after birth or who are stillborn. They are knitted with prayers and are of great comfort to parents in their time of need. Patterns available and can be done at home. For more information, contact Margaret at: 416-857-6220 (TinyShroudMinistry@gmail.com). Please keep our efforts in your prayers!

Totus Tuus is Coming!

St. Edward's will host Totus Tuus this summer! The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from July 17 – 22, 2016. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and college students travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of Our Lord, through catechetical instruction, Mass, confession, songs and games!

The grade school program, for children entering grades 1 – 6, runs Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The Intermediate/High School program for Grades 7 – 12 runs Sunday – Thursday from 7- 9 p.m. during the week of July 17 – 22 (only). The Day Camp Registration Fee is \$75 per child for the entire week. The Evening Program Registration Fee is \$20 per youth for the entire program. More information about the program itself can be found at: www.totustuustoronto.ca

St. Edward's will begin Registrations after all Masses on the weekends of April 2/3 and 9/10. You may also contact Rosanna at: delgrosso@sympatico.ca

Assisted Suicide - Protect the vulnerable and those who care for them! CanadiansforConscience.ca

By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to visit **CanadiansforConscience.ca** and support the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. 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, 2016.

Heroic Catholicism

You are invited on **May 28th** to join **Tim Staples** and **Tanya Granic Allen** at the Canada Christian College in Toronto in what is going to be another amazing day filled with prayer, faith and fellowship. In a world where it is increasingly more difficult to practice our faith, the world and the Church requires people to practice heroic Catholicism. All info and to purchase tickets: www.ServiamMinistries.com/events/heroic/, info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070

Children's Choir

A children's Choir is being introduced for the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass. Rehearsals will be held, at least for now, on Saturdays, from 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Clea Soare will direct the choir. For more information, or to contact Clea, email her at cleaandcharlie@gmail.com

55+ Club Meetings

Persons, 55+ and older, are invited to come out each Wednesday afternoon, 1 – 3 p.m. in the parish hall. Activities vary each week.

Knitting Group

The Knitting Group is looking to duplicate their success of last year. They are in need of donations of wool to make warm items for those in need. For more information, contact Joyce at 416-590-0832.