

EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the Lord

People may say to others, sometimes unkindly, “Get a life!” But there may be truth for us in this advice. We can feel weary, trapped in a rut. Easter joy and the compassionate presence of the resurrected Jesus can seem far away.

For Christians, “getting a life” means finding our meaning and “centre” in God’s great love and peace, and then acting from the wisdom and generosity of spirit that comes of this communion. It was in their deep desolation that Jesus appeared to his friends. God is with us always, but when we lack hope and things seem at their worst, we may best be able to perceive God’s presence. However, we need to choose to find moments of quiet attentiveness. It was Mary, who stayed in the garden, who met the “gardener” Jesus.

To help us understand the profound significance of Easter, today’s liturgy associates Jesus with the paschal lamb sacrificed at Passover. The lamb enabled the Hebrews to flee slavery. Jewish people tell this ancient event annually, reminding themselves that it is as if each of them also journeys from slavery into freedom. Besides pointing to how deeply our Christian faith is rooted in Judaism, the image reminds us that we too can choose to leave our slavery. Let us give thanks for this choice offered us on this glorious day!

(Reflection of Beth Porter, from Living with Christ)



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!

Friday, April 1st First Friday Holy Hour, Benediction and Mass

Join us on Friday, April 1st, for First Friday Holy Hour (6:30 – 7:30p.m.), followed by Mass at 7:30p.m. All are welcome.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 26th, 2016 - Holy Saturday

7:00 p.m. In Honour of St. Joseph and for
+ Giovanni Palazzolo

Sunday, March 27th, 2016 - Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Special Intention of Angel & Laurent
9:30 a.m. + Jacob Bizub & Parents
11:00 a.m. + Theresa Donato and Domenico Mesiano

Monday, March 28th, 2016

8:30 a.m. +Edward Laughlan

Tuesday, March 29th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Annabel Marchildon

Wednesday, March 30th, 2016

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Mina Knezevic

Thursday, March 31st, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Ruth Spadoni

Friday, April 1st, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Palmieri De Bonis
7:30 p.m. For the Protection of the Unborn Children

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

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 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 thank the choirs, the pastoral staff, Sr. Eva Janning and the R.C.I.A. Team, all liturgical ministers, and Peter Carvalho, our sacristan. I also wish to thank Maria Amodio, who decorated the Church so beautifully for Holy Week. May God bless you at Easter and in the year to come. Easter greetings to all!

Fr. Pat

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.

Alpha

Alpha is a series of interactive conversations about faith in a friendly and informal environment. Come out for dinner, a talk, and small group discussion about life's big questions and the message of Christianity.

Alpha will run Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm starting on April 4th. There is no charge, and childcare is provided! Contact Josh at jjanning@alphacanada.org, 647-468-1195 to register.

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.

