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READING TODAY'S GOSPEL, on this most holy day, I marvel at Mary Magdalene's tenacity in seeking Jesus and her transformation when she sees his promise fulfilled.

As you hear the Gospel proclaimed, imagine her blinding grief. She watched her beloved Rabbi being tortured, witnessed his crucifixion and now finds his tomb empty. Notice how Mary comes so early in the morning that it is still dark and she is the only one there. How greatly must she love him to go to the tomb alone, unafraid when all the others were?

Her faith is a wondrous thing. Even in grief and bewilderment, Mary stays by the empty tomb in the hope of finding out what happened to Jesus. Jesus appears to her first, to announce his resurrection before he has even fully ascended.

Don't we all encounter these moments in our life, moments when we need God but do not feel his presence? Mary Magdalene's unwavering faith teaches us discipleship, that if we seek him with love and faith, we will find him. Mary's faith transforms her grief to joy when she is the first to meet Jesus, eventually becoming an apostle to the apostles.

This Easter, remember we are here to rejoice in a promise fulfilled and in the transformative power of God who draws us close to him in love.

*(Reflection of Saskia Sivananthan, from Living with Christ)*



### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, April 2<sup>th</sup>, 2018

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Kiter Chee's Family

#### Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Duch Sing Gim & Yuet Mui Chan

#### Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Shik Chan Din & Shuet Ying Yu

#### Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

8:30 p.m. + Man Lai Wong

#### Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Soo Hoyun Park

+ Edwin Pinto

7:30 p.m. + Giuseppe Martino

#### Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

4:30 p.m. + Olga Stojko

#### Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

8:00 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

9:30 a.m. + Pietro Mazzitelli

11:00 a.m. + Frank, Vince & Nunziata DeSantis

### Blessing of the Sacred Heart Altar

**Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 a.m. Mass**

**In attendance: Fr. Michael Busch,  
Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica has gifted St. Edward's Parish with the Sacred Heart Altar, formerly one of two side altars present in the Cathedral Basilica for many years. During the renovation of the Cathedral Basilica last year, the side altars had to be removed to accommodate more space. Fr. Michael Busch visited St. Edward's during the renovations, and offered to gift our parish with the Sacred Heart altar. In addition, a marble Ambo (pulpit) is being designed to match the altar; this is being donated by a family in the parish, in memory of their parents. The current wooden altar will be moved to the Marian Shrine of the Pieta, thus remaining in the Church.

All are invited to this very historic moment in the life of our parish, especially as we continue to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. This gift of the marble altar further links us in a spiritual way to the Cathedral Basilica of our Archdiocese.

Fr. Michael Busch will celebrate the Mass and speak to the history of the altar as well as the Relics contained within it.

### ShareLife

**Living the Gospel by evangelizing our faith in the greater world...**

Gia Lao Parish resides in the mountainous Diocese of Xuan Loc in Vietnam. Its parishioners, mostly poor, work on the hillside farms. The Pastoral Mission Fund, with the support of ShareLife, provided a one-time grant so the parish could acquire resources it could not otherwise provide. This includes bibles and hymnals, along with training for 60 catechists, who lead marriage preparation and catechism classes. With your support, Gia Lao Church is bringing faith to a community in the greater world.

**April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday.  
Please give generously.**

### Senior Residence Masses in April 2018

**Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

April 1, 2018

### ***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 Fr. Pat, our Pastor, Deacon David Quail, Deacon Michael Gennaro, our Youth Director, Kimberly Go, our parish secretaries, Josie Paladino and Marie Gennaro, our Property Manager, Dan Christante and our custodian Lucas Pak, we wish all our parishioners and their families a Happy and Blessed Easter.



### **St. Edward's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance**

The St. Edward's Gala Dinner & Dance in honour of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the parish will be held on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at Presidente Banquet Hall, with **cocktails starting at 6:30 p.m.** The evening will include full dinner, open bar and dancing to the Andre Bisson Band. Tickets are \$75:00 per person. To purchase tickets, please contact:

Juliet Santos – 416—221-2658  
Rosanna Del Grosso – 416-512-0554  
Danny Rebello – 416-226-1232

### **EDGE Youth Ministry**

All students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to our upcoming EDGE Night!

**When?** Friday, April 13, 2018 from 7:00-9:00pm

**Where?** St. Edward's Church (Parish Hall)

**What: A Promise is a Promise**

Please contact Kimberly Go at [stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com) for more information

### **Poor Box**

Please remember the poor box as you leave (or enter) Church. FUNDS go directly to support families served by our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Association.

### **Divine Mercy Novena**

Come and pray the nine-day novena of the Divine Mercy, leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday (April 8). Prayer cards will be made available.

#### **Prayer times:**

Monday - Friday: **After each morning Mass.**

Saturday: **After the 4:30 p.m. Mass.**

Divine Mercy Sunday: **After the 11 a.m. Mass.**

### **Workshops on the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching**

The Office of Formation for Discipleship is hosting workshops on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. We invite those involved in parish ministries that reach out to the marginalized, the suffering, the sick, shut-in seniors and the newly arrived to attend any of the seven workshops that will run from April to September. All workshops will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, Room 4A (1155 Yonge Street, Toronto).

**April 6** – Life and Dignity of the Human Person Matthew Marquardt, Lawyer

**April 27** – Call to Family, Community and Participation Denis Costello, Executive Director, Catholic Family Services of Toronto

**May 25** – Rights and Responsibilities Deacon Robert Kinghorn, Street Ministry

### **2018 Ching Ming Remembrance Mass**

The 2018 Ching Ming Remembrance Mass will be held in the Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Thornhill on Saturday April 7, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. The Mass is organized by Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto which is held in Cantonese and Mandarin with support of the Chinese Pastoral Council of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

### **Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> First Friday Holy Hour Benediction and Mass**

Join us on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, for First Friday Holy Hour at 6:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m. All Welcome.