

Living the Gospel



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"Look at My Hands and My Feet"

It was not easy for the apostles to believe that Jesus had risen and was alive in their presence. Even though He had previously announced His resurrection and promised to overcome death, their fear prevented them from seeing this Good News. The risen Lord insisted that He was not a ghost. "Why are you troubled....? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself!" The marks of the nails were still there. They are signs of victory!

This is what we call "REPARATION". God is able to fix what has been broken even though some marks of suffering might remain. We wish our faults could be forgotten and our offences erased. However, our human experience reveals that it is easier to forgive than to forget. Forgiveness is about giving ourselves and others another chance and trusting that we have learned from our mistakes, even if we still remember them. It's about restoring and healing our past, so our wounds will not hurt anymore. If we really believe in forgiveness, the memory of our faults will no longer bother us.

A great mystery surrounds the glorious body of Jesus. He crosses closed doors; He eats with His apostles and invites them to touch His wounds. No one allows a person to touch their scars unless they have been completely healed. With this gesture, Jesus invites us to think about our own frailty. We do not need to hide our past wounds, nor be ashamed of them. They are sacred! Get rid of the ghosts that keep you afraid of condemnation. Jesus calls us to experience a new life conquered by the Crucified-Risen Lord. The wounded body of Jesus is now incorruptible; it will not see death anymore. One day, our bodies will also be entirely transformed so we will fully share the glory of God and eternal life.

Fr. Willyans SCJ

Mass Intentions for April 14 - 21, 2018

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Ofelia Lim
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Rannison Frank, requested by U. Frank
	10:00 a.m.	+Luisito De Juan, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Liberato Cagulada, requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Malar Navaratnam, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Suzy Correia
	7:00 p.m.	+Ida Innasipillai, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Leela Anthonipillai, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Fr. Antony Bruno
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Epifania Macatumbas, requested by R. Enrera
	7:00 p.m.	+Philip Elejorde, requested by Z. Delmar
		+Vincent James, requested by the family
		+Mary & Mildred Finney, Wilfred & Winnie D'Silva & Leo Mendes, requested by the family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Rishan Sabaratnam, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Floro Lucas Sr., requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Hermengilda D. Cuffie & Maureen Strachan, requested by the family

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass



Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the Children's Liturgy of the Word program which is held during the 10:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday. The readings of the Mass are explained to the children at their level of understanding.

ShareLife 2018



Living the Gospel by helping those with addictions

Scarred by an abusive childhood, Andrew became addicted to hard drugs as an early teen. His next 20 years were spent in and out of jail and the hospital. He finally came to St. Michael's Homes, a ShareLife-funded agency that offers a residential program for those struggling with substance abuse. Now sober and equipped with coping skills, Andrew is happy and building a new life. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping people like Andrew get their lives back on track.

Next Sunday, April 22 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Prayers Needed for the Sick

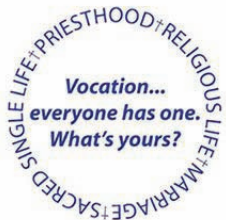
PRAYER FOR A SICK PERSON

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant, (NAME OF THE SICK PERSON), for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Leny Obcena, Daphne Chater, Albert Vella, Innes Potgieter, Lourdes T. Alphonsus, Steve Goller, Rex Phillips, Sienna Harish, Leah Arrora, Neil

Abray, Pierre-Claver Kayumba, Yvonne Rampersaud, Phyllis Cogliano and Erinberto Austria. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

Is God Calling You?



What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story

of the witness of your own life! If you have a continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon. Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

First Holy Communion

Sunday, April 22 and Sunday, April 29



Our children have been preparing for the reception of their First Holy Communion over the last few months.

There are two Masses scheduled for their First Holy Communion:

- Sun., Apr. 22 at 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Apr. 29 at 11:30 a.m.

They have made their First Confession this past week on Wed., Apr. 11. Please pray for these children as they receive the sacraments.

Baptisms



We welcome into God's family the following children who have been baptized during the months of January to March in our parish: Ella R. Lawrence, Liam D. Carter, Lara A. Pacheco, Jayden C.

Fabian, Lucas C. D. Magpili, Neethan R. M. Navarro, Kent A. A. Boco, Dominic L. R. Chea, Kane C. K. Farro, Nicholas A. Quintero Paz, Lucas A. Martinez Quant, Ana B. Romero, Keeran D. Jagnanan, Tanan G. Karro, Patricia J. Manradge, Sutharsan S. Segaram, Kenna W. Ayana, Surra W. Ayana, Gabriel D. Byron, Tatianna T. Dacosta and Tianna T. Dacosta. May God bless them all the days of their lives!

Food for Thought

God's Goodness Reflected in His Creatures

Because the divine goodness could not be adequately represented by one creature alone, God produced many and diverse creatures; that what was wanting in one in the representation of the divine goodness might be supplied by another. For goodness, which in God is simple and uniform, in creatures is manifold and divided. Thus the whole universe together participates in the divine goodness more perfectly and represents it better than any single creature whatever.

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