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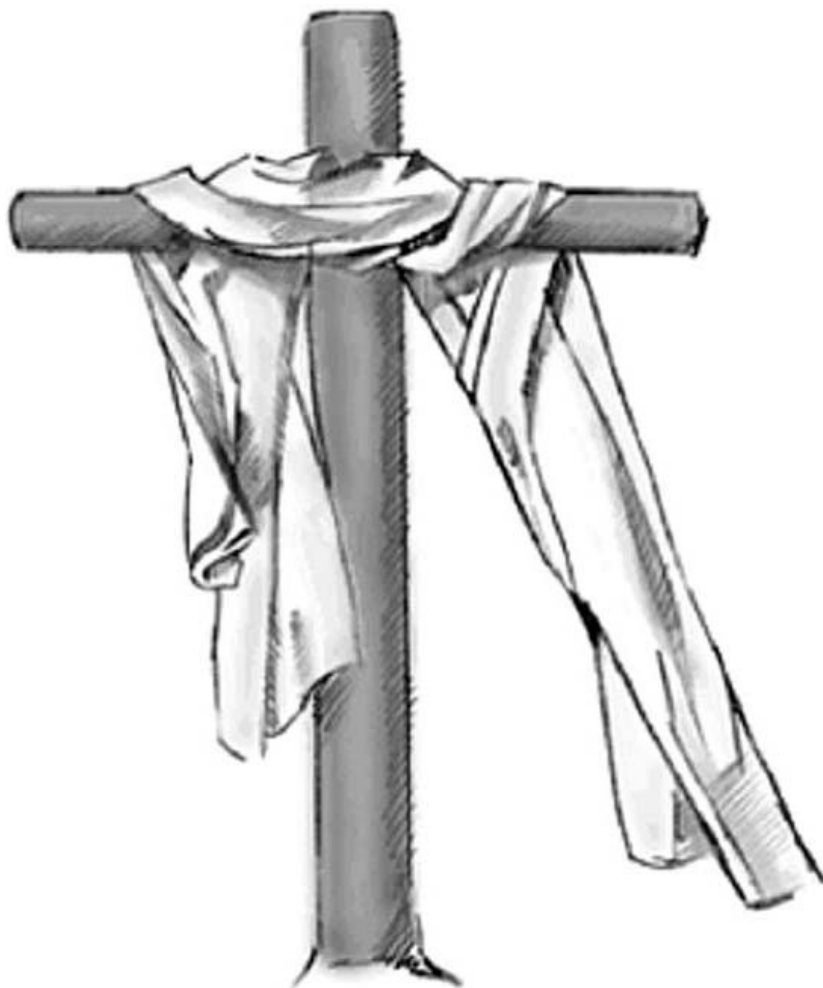
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For the Lord is truly risen!

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Easter – A Journey Towards New Life

The Easter Triduum is at the core of our Christian faith. We begin these three very special days with the remembrance of Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. On Holy Thursday Jesus institutes the Sacrament of the Eucharist giving Himself in the Bread of Life and Chalice of Salvation, His own Body and Blood. On the same occasion, through the gesture of washing His apostles' feet, we understand his New Commandment: "Love one another, as I have loved you". Love is service... Love is life-giving!

After sharing a meal with Jesus, we are invited to accompany Him to the Mount of Olives and keep vigil, as He will suffer His agony. The bare altar and emptied tabernacle will remind us that Jesus will be arrested and die for us. Good Friday is the only day in the year that we do not celebrate Mass anywhere in the world. Rather, we celebrate the Solemn Passion of the Lord contemplating the wood of the cross in which He was suspended. Everyone is invited to adore the Crucified Christ and grieve His death with prayer, fasting and penance.

Then comes the day of our liberation. Saturday evening we celebrate the Vigil of the Vigils, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will light the Paschal Candle representing the Living Christ, Light of the World. After a long time we will be able to sing Glory and Alleluia to the Lord for He rose from the dead and is present in our midst. New blessed water will fill the baptismal font where the catechumens will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, be sealed and confirmed by the Holy Spirit and welcomed to the Lord's Table. With lit candles, all baptized will renew their commitment to Jesus.

This is the beauty of the Paschal Mystery, a continuous journey of suffering, dying and rising again with Jesus. Filled with faith, joy and hope, let us experience it and welcome the new life conquered by the Risen Lord.

Fr. Will, SCJ

Mass Intentions for Mar. 26 – Apr. 2, 2016

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| Holy Saturday - no Mass intentions | | |
| Easter Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | Intentions of Keith Francis |
| | 10:00 a.m. | +Wilfred & Leo, requested by L. Finney |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Intentions of the parish community |
| | 8:00 p.m. | No Mass |
| Easter Monday | 9:00 a.m. | +Pablo Enriquez Chia, requested by the family |
| Tuesday | 7:30 a.m. | Intentions of Jordan, Jaden & Joshua Rey |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Intentions of Emily Fraser |
| Wednesday | 7:30 a.m. | Intentions of Maria Paul |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Augustine Henriques, requested by the family |
| Thursday | 7:30 a.m. | In thanksgiving, Maria |
| | 7:00 p.m. | +Mariano & Maria Luz Ocampo, requested by the Huang family |
| | | +Bill Cascagnette, requested by B. Cascagnette |
| | | +Joseph Emmanuel Rajaratnam, requested by the family |
| Friday | 7:30 a.m. | Intentions of McLeod Robin |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Intentions of the sick |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. | +Deceased members of the Ciuffreda family, requested by the family |

Praying for the Sick



We are praying for the sick of our parish: Thelma Chang, Margaret Gajewski, Rita Croft, Nan Nixon, Henry Shart, Tilly Graham, Mary Anderson, Denise Wilde, Sebastian DeSilva and Ofelia Lim. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

The joy of the Resurrection reminds us that suffering does not have the last word. The final word will be the glorious Resurrection!

ShareLife



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"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 Segenety, Eritrea.

Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016.

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Parish Statistics for 2015

Last year, 2015, our parish celebrated the following number of Sacraments:

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| Baptisms | 151 |
| First Communions | 84 |
| Confirmations | 78 |
| RCIA (new Catholics) | 6 |
| Marriages | 14 |
| Deaths | 28 |

Lectio Divina

As a result of the renovations underway at St. Michael's Cathedral, Lectio Divina with Cardinal Collins will be hosted at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, (1100 Mary St. North, Oshawa) on Sunday, April 3, 2016.

Lectio Divina ("divine, or sacred, reading") is the name given to a spiritual tradition among Christians. We begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7:00 p.m., followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. All are welcome to join. More information can be found online at

<https://www.archtoronto.org/lectio>

Baptisms

We welcome into God's family the following children who have been baptized during the months of December, January, February and March in our parish: Felipe S. Cadenas-Urdaneta, Jacob R. Alexander, Ziandra Arano, Lucas K. Dimaano, Jayce A. Macarangal, Valentino S. G. Narvaez, Keira R. Valdez-Filaro, Kristal R. J. Jamorabon, Liam A. Oblefias, Quinn M. Smith, Olive M. Smith, Hailey Dela Cruz, Liam D. Lambert-Leonty, Maria R. Faviana Cordova. May God bless them all the days of their lives!

Totus Tuus is Coming Back!

After a two-year break, we are pleased to host Totus Tuus once again. This is a week-long Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and students travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechetical instruction, Mass, confession, songs and games. The program is geared both to children in grades 1-6 during the day and grades 7-12 in the evening. In planning your summer schedule, save the week of July 10-15 for Totus Tuus. More details to come.

First Friday Adoration

Friday, April 1, 2016

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fri., Apr. 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please come and spend some time in adoration.

Easter Monday Schedule

Monday, March 28 at 9:00 a.m.

Mass on Easter Monday (March 28) will be held at 9:00 a.m. only because of the holiday. The parish office will also be closed.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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.

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