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#### APRIL 20

# EASTER IS JOY THAT LIVES AND ACTS!

At the Easter Vigil, the deacon sings the great hymn of light, the "Exsultet." He calls on the heavenly powers, the earth, and the church to rejoice and exult (hence the name for the hymn) because Christ has conquered death and vanquished darkness forever. This is a song of faith! We believe that the risen Christ is more powerful than evil, greater than sin, and stronger even than death itself - that ancient enemy to which we all fall victim.

In renewing our baptismal commitment this Sunday, we profess our own belief in the communion of saints and the resurrection of the body. All of us who are baptized-those in the past, and those living today-are united beyond death by the power of the risen Lord. By uniting ourselves to him in baptism, we are already sharing in his risen life. His Spirit, "dwelling within us, gives us on earth the hope of unending joy" (Preface 34).

The rebirth of the natural world each spring puts our faith in context. God continually renews creation, bringing to birth that which seemed dead and lifeless. And God does the same for us. Even though sin may have taken hold of our lives, through Christ we are renewed and saved from our sinful past. Through repentance and conversion we are brought to new life, rejoicing again in our baptismal innocence. And, through our faith in Christ, we are saved from that final death that comes at the end. We believe that Jesus will raise up our mortal bodies to be like his own in glory. Just as that which seems to be dead comes back to life in the spring, so too, do we believe that those who have gone before us will also rise to share in the fullness of life in Christ. This is the day in which God has won the victory, and his people rejoice and are glad!

We wish all of you Easter eyes
Able to see life in death,
forgiveness in guilt and shame,
communion in separation,
wholeness in fragmentation,
new creation in chaos,
potential and possibility in wounds,
God in the human,
the human in God
and in the I, the You.
Have a gentle and Blessed Easter Season!

Fr. Michel and Staff

#### FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

You might be interested in learning that last Sunday's collection was (\$7520.00) from envelopes, (\$1562.00) non-envelope users and (\$1865.00) from our PAG.

#### Share...Life!

#### EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20, 2014

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"The services provided by ShareLife agencies are lifesaving and life-restoring to those who regularly rely on them. Families are working through crises and are healing. People with developmental challenges are supported as they experience a sense of self-worth and fulfillment in their daily activities. Seniors are living independently, with access to the care and services they need. Refugees and new Canadians are guided toward a stable, productive livelihood in their newfound home. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible but, always, they make a tangible difference."

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto next shareLife sunday – May 4, 2014

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY. YOU CAN WORK WONDERS!

### Mass Intentions and

Monday, April 21

9:30 a.m. + Steve Chanady req. Stella Chanady

Tuesday, April 22

12:00 a.m. + Carmen Manera req. Family Members

Wednesday, April 23

7:00 p.m. + Maria & Sam Capobianco req. Sacco Family

+ Antonio & Pasqualina Stallone req. Vita Gallone

Thursday, April 24

8:00 a.m. + Michele Deligio req. Bavaro Family

Friday, April 25

7:00 p.m. + Angelo Ciani req. DePellegrin Family

Saturday, April 26

9:30 p.m. + Marcel D'Lima req. D'Lima Family 5:00 p.m. + Rose & Eugenio Felice req. Felice Family

Sunday, April 27

9:00 a.m. + Elvira Henriquez req. Hoces Family

10:45 a.m. Missa Pro Popolo

12:30 p.m + Sunita Ferrao req. Ferrao Family

#### YOUNG AT HEART

The Annual General meeting of the Young at Heart group will be held Wednesday, April 30th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Information will be given regarding recent developments and plans for the upcoming year. Lunch will be provided at noon, followed by a social event. Come join our Easter Celebration.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Julie Lee, Mary Falco, Nestor Torres

#### WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

#### **BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MINISTRY**

Learn and live with Jesus during this Lenten Season. Come to the Bible Study and Prayer Group for prayers, praises, and reflections on the following Sunday's Readings every Tuesday night from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the Parish Hall.

#### MILKBAG PROJECT

To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope. (Pope Francis)

Last Saturday, our Parish Hall was transformed into a beehive of activity as volunteers of all ages rolled up their sleeves to weave sleeping mats from the milkbags that parishioners have Re-purposing these bags helps our contributed weekly. brothers and sisters in impoverished countries who have no other place to rest their head. At the same time, we are diverting these bags from polluting land and oceans. THANK YOU to all who volunteered your time, living your Lenten promise of pursuing social justice. Thank you to Ms. Baptista's Gr. 9 students and Mr. Persad's Gr. 11 students who built the looms for us, to Mrs. Angela Kesthely, the founder of milkbagsUnlimited, who continually inspires, to our Parish Schools who collect the milkbags for us, and especially to Mrs. Marie Baker who sparked this light of hope in so many students who spent their lunch hours weaving the bags by hand. Thank you to Abruzzo Pizza who donated pizzas! FYI: **16 mats were completed!** Check the website for photos.

#### **FIRST COMMUNION**

The children of our Parish are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on the weekends of May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. At our last Family Gathering, they prepared "Pray for Me Cards." Please take home a Prayer Card, available at all masses on the weekend of April 26/27 and join in prayerful support of our young children. Thank You!

#### CONFIRMATION ~ LETTER OF REQUEST TO THE BISHOP

Candidates preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this June are reminded to bring with them to mass, their "Letter of Request to the Bishop" on the weekend of April  $26/27^{\text{th}}$ .

## CELEBRATING FR. JOSEPH'S 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>

Join our parish family in honouring Fr. Joseph, on the anniversary of his ordination. A reception will be held after all masses, Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Come and offer your congratulations!

Once in a while, there comes someone very special like you... who not only serves the church and its people faithfully, but who makes of their own life a living testimony of Christ's love.

Thank You for your 40 years of devoted and caring ministry, Fr. Joseph! God's blessings and joy be yours.

#### RCIA ~ WE CELEBRATE NEW LIFE!



We celebrate new life at the Easter Vigil with the initation and reception of new members into the Church. After months of preparation, our elect will celebrate the sacraments of

Baptism, Confirmation. and Holy Eucharist, Candidates (those already baptized) will be received into full communion with the Catholic church, receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

We welcome and congratulate: LINDSEY UONG, TATSUYA KATO, SAMANTHA RUIZ, MILLICENT MALONEY, AND JESSICA MEJIA.

We thank our dedicated team of catechists, the sponsors and godparents, and you, the parish family, for journeying with them. In sharing your love, faith, and guidance, you are living Word of God!

## GALA CONCERT ON THE OCCASION OF THE CANONIZATION OF JOHN XXIII AND JOHN PAUL II

Catholic Family Radio invites you to a Gala Concert on the Occasion of the Canonization of John XXIII and John Paul II on May 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Exhibition Place in Toronto. The Honourary patron of this event is Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishosp of Toronto. This unforgettable gala will bring together Canadian soloists, an internationally acclaimed trio of R.C. clergy from Ireland called **THE PRIESTS**, a Canadian Choir and the symphony orchestra Toronto Sinfonietta, conducted by Matthew Jaskiewicz. Throughout the gala concert there will be video excerpts from various events and pilgrimages of John Paul II. Ticket reservations: <a href="https://www.radiorodzina.com">www.radiorodzina.com</a> or (416) 588-0555.

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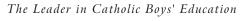
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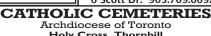
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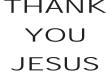
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