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Alleluia, Alleluia!!

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

"We bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this day He has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus." The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross:

Christ is risen from the dead!

Dying, He conquered death;

To the dead, He has given life.

The mystery of Christ's resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness. In about A.D. 56 St. Paul could already write to the Corinthians: "I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve..." The Apostle speaks here of the living tradition of the Resurrection which he had learned after his conversion at the gates of Damascus.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #638-639.

REGINA CAELI

V. Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.

R. For He Whom you did merit to bear. Alleluia.

V. Has risen, as He said. Alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

R. For the Lord is truly risen. Alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, Who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

(This prayer replaces the Angelus during Easter time)

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & CHAPLET will be prayed after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in English during weekdays and in Italian after the Wed. 7 p.m. Mass.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION on Sunday, May 1st at 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. (Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet) followed by veneration of the relic of St. Faustina.

PLEASE NOTE that on Monday, April 5th, Holy Mass will be offered at 8 a.m. The Parish office is closed for the day.

SECOND CHANCE MINISTRIES is available to help if you feel guilty or depressed about an abortion you had or encouraged someone to have. You can speak to Fr. Vince Heffernan at 416-261-7135 or Mrs. Angelina Steenstra at (905) 430-7990.

CHRIST THE SOURCE OF RESURRECTION & LIFE

St. Paul rejoices in the knowledge that spiritual health has been restored to the human race. *Death entered the world through Adam*, he explains, *but life has been given back to the world through Christ*. Again he says: *The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven and is heavenly. As we have borne the image of the earthly man, the image of human nature grown old in sin, so let us bear the image of the heavenly man: human nature raised up, redeemed, restored and purified in Christ. We must hold fast to the salvation we have received. Christ was the first fruits', says the Apostle; He is the source of resurrection and life. Those who belong to Christ will follow Him. Modeling their lives on His purity, they will be secure in the hope of His resurrection and of enjoying with Him the glory promised in heaven. Our Lord Himself said so in the gospel: Whoever follows Me will not perish, but will pass from death to life.*

Thus the passion of our Saviour is the salvation of mankind. The reason why He desired to die for us was that He wanted us who believe in Him to live forever. In the fullness of time it was His will to become what we are, so that we might inherit the eternity He promised and live with Him forever.

Here, then, is the grace conferred by these heavenly mysteries, the gift which Easter brings, the most longed for feast of the year; here are the beginnings of creatures newly formed: children born from the life giving font of holy Church, born anew with the simplicity of little ones, and crying out with the evidence of a clean conscience. Chaste fathers and inviolate mothers accompany this new family, countless in number, born to new life through faith. As they emerge from the grace giving womb of the font, a blaze of candles burns brightly beneath the tree of faith. The Easter festival brings the grace of holiness from heaven to men. Through the repeated celebration of the sacred mysteries they receive the spiritual nourishment of the sacraments. Fostered at the very heart of holy Church, the fellowship of one community worships the one God, adoring the triple name of His essential holiness, and together with the prophet sings the psalm which belongs to this yearly festival: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. And what is this day? It is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, the author of light, who brings the sunrise and the beginning of life, saying of Himself: I Am the light of day; whoever walks in daylight does not stumble. That is to say, whoever follows Christ in all things will come by this path to the throne of eternal light.*

Such was the prayer Christ made to the Father while He was still on earth: *Father, I desire that where I Am they also may be, those who have come to believe in Me; and that as You are in Me and I in You, so they may abide in Us.* (Taken from an Easter homily by an ancient author)

WALK FOR HOPE L'Arche Daybreak Fundraising Walkathon on Saturday, May 28th. Registration: 9 a.m. Walk starts at 10 a.m. Please call 905-884-3454 x 233 or go to www.larchedaybreak.com to learn more about this event.

MAJOR RELIQUARY OF ST. BROTHER ANDRE St. David's Church, 2601 Major Mackenzie Dr., Maple is honoured to welcome the major reliquary of our newest Canadian saint on Friday, May 6th from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Come in for personal veneration during those hours and join us for a solemn Mass at 7:30 p.m. Spread the word to everyone you know and invite them to pray before the relic of St. Brother Andre, who loved the sick and the poor and who healed so many people through the intercession of St. Joseph, for whom he erected the Oratory. For more information, please call 905-832-5595.

PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS "The priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments to himself. He is not for himself, he is for you. After God, the priest is everything. Leave a parish twenty years without priests; they will worship beasts. If Father were to go away, you would say, "What can we do in this church? There is no Mass; Our Lord is no longer there; we may as well pray at home. "When people wish to destroy religion, they begin by attacking the priest, because where there is no longer any priest there is no sacrifice, and where there is no longer any sacrifice there is no religion." -Catechism on the Priesthood, St. John Vianney

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

O Jesus, Divine Pastor of souls, You called the Apostles to make them fishers of men. Continue to draw to You ardent and generous souls of Your people to make them Your followers and ministers; enable them to share Your thirst for universal redemption through which You daily renew Your sacrifice.

O Lord, always living to make intercession for us, open the horizons of the whole world where the mute supplication of so many hearts begs for the light of truth and warmth of love. Responding to Your call, may they prolong Your mission here below, build up Your mystical Body, which is the Church, and be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Amen.

HOW YOU SPENT IT

If God granted you 70 years of life, you would spend:

- 24 years sleeping
- 14 years working
- 8 years in amusement
- 6 years at the dinner table
- 5 years in transportation
- 4 years in conversation
- 3 years in education
- 3 years reading
- 3 years at the television

If you went to Mass every Sunday & prayed 5 minutes every morning and night, you would be giving God 5 months out of your life. FIVE MONTHS out of 70 years!

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NEW BEGINNINGS: For those who are Separated, Divorced and Widowed. Come and join us for an informative evening with Fr. Brian Clough, J.C.D. on Tuesday May 3rd at 8 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Bonaventure's Church, 1300 Leslie St., Toronto. Fr. Clough has a doctor's degree in Canon Law and was director of the Marriage tribunal for the Archdioceses of Toronto. He has an in-depth knowledge of Marriage and the annulment process. Topic: Annulment: Healing the wounds of Divorce. No registration required. Info: Dcn. James Shaughnessy at 416-921-1163 ext. 2227.

COINS FOR LIFE Did you know that there have been over 3 million recorded abortions in Canada since 1969? Coins for Life, a fundraising initiative, is one way of getting involved promoting the "Culture of Life". **Please bring your box to the Sacristy before or after the Masses.** For those who do not have a box but would like to give a donation, please drop your cheque off in the Sacristy as well. Thank you for your contribution and for spreading the message on behalf of those who have no voice - the unborn. Above all, please remember to pray for the unborn, and for those who have been affected by abortion. For info or if you are interested in volunteering please visit www.coinsforlife.org.

PROJECT RACHEL is a ministry of healing for adults who are suffering from an abortion experience in their past. Are you waiting for the Lord to relieve your burden? We can help. A weekend retreat will be held on May 13-15. For information, please call 416-629-8264. **Private and Confidential.**

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

Reveal Your Sacred Heart to me, O Jesus, and show me Its attractions. Unite me to It forever. Grant that all my aspirations and all the beats of my heart, which cease not even while I sleep, may be a testimonial to You of my love for You and may say to You: Yes, Lord, I am all Yours; the pledge of my allegiance to You rests ever in my heart and will never cease to be there. Do accept the slight amount of good that I do and be graciously pleased to repair all my wrongdoing; so that I may be able to bless You in time and in eternity. Amen.

"QUESTO E' IL GIORNO CHE HA FATTO IL SIGNORE: RALLEGRAMOCI ED ESULTIAMO."

1. Cristo e' risorto! Che la gioia e la speranza di questo giorno siano nei vostri cuori oggi e sempre.

2. Si programma un pellegrinaggio a Fatima il 14 maggio. Per ulteriori informazioni chiamate Antonietta (905-737-3210) o Ezia (905-884-3896).

3. CORO MASCHILE MAIELLA DI PACENTRO, L'AQUILA ITALIA. 21 cantori de coro Maschile Maiella e il loro direttore Anna Galterio in occasione delle celebrazioni per i 150 anni dell'unita d'Italia. Domenica 1 Maggio 2011, 6 p.m. Sala Parrocchiale St. Mary Immaculate Parish. Costo d'entrata: \$15 / per persona. per riservaro chiamate: Giovanni @ 905-884-4883 o Roberta @ 416-247-3428; 416-654-8488.

MASS INTENTIONS**Apr. 24-30**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	Pro populo Intentions of our Holy Father
MON.	8:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Saverio Giusti
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Joe Onodi
	7:00 p.m.	In honour of St. Joseph +Domenic & Caterina Degrano +Restituta Lombardi +Sebastino & Vincenzo Belli +Giovanni D'Addario le anime del purgatorio
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+Spec. Int. of Maria Agatha Tse
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Milan Ercul
	7:00 p.m.	In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus +Anto Smiljcic +Heinz Franke +Francesco Gerlando Lucia Special Int. Of Claudia Kwok +Holy Souls in Purgatory
SAT.	9:00 a.m.	In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Domenico & Pasqualina D'Agostini In Thanksgiving (Pacienca Inting) +Frank Duff Spec. Int. Of Alisia Ahlowalia +Joseph Pinto +Holy Souls in Purgatory

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Doris Anderson, Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Esmey, Peter Christoff, Manuela Clement, James Davidson, Caterina & Dominic De Grano, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Theresa Hogan, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Esmey, Margaret McConnell, Paul Melotte, Walter Monik, Anthony Morse, Susan, Myola Nunes, Michael & Michelle Osborne, Domenico Pileggi, Todd Santaguida, Werner Schachatsiek, Vincenzo Sorbara, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kathleen Whelan, Betsy Wong, Ted Zygmunt, Helen & Catherine.

COURAGE Are you or a loved one experiencing homosexual attractions and looking for answers? Courage, an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to those with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. We have been endorsed by the **Pontifical Council for the Family** and our beloved John Paul II said of this ministry, "**COURAGE is doing the work of God!**" We also have an outreach called **Encourage** which ministers to relatives and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. For information, please call 416-928-5094 or visit www.couragerc.org.

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