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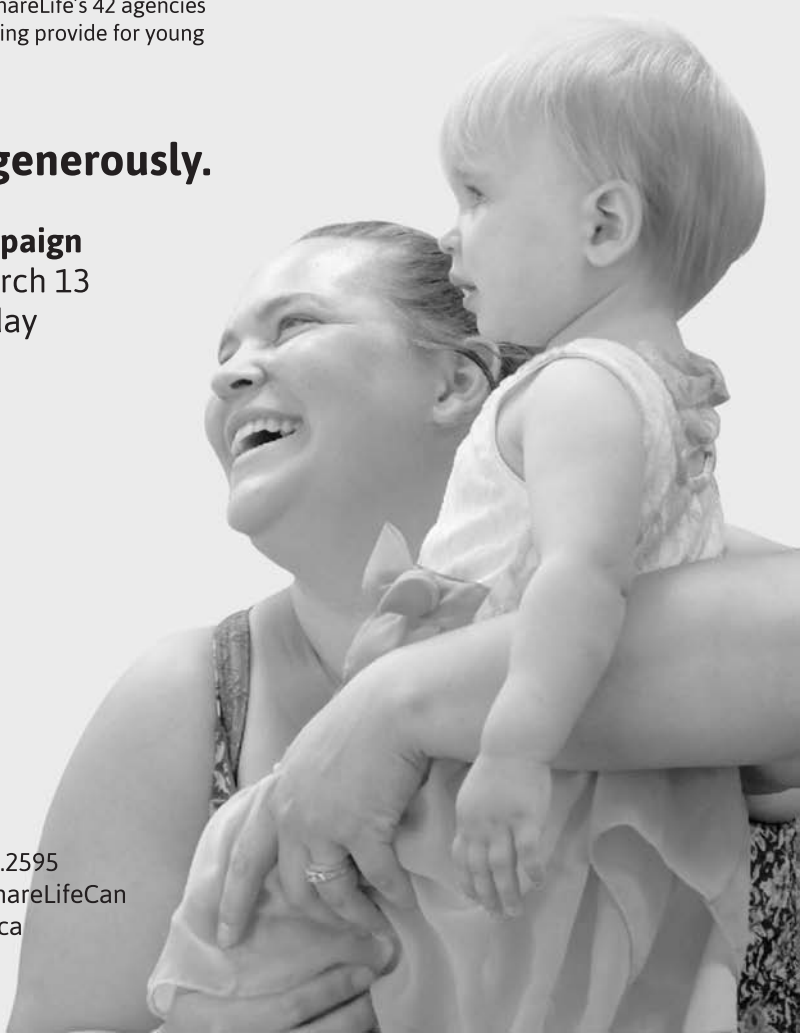
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OUR LORD WAITS FOR YOUR VISIT. FRIDAY ADORATION HOURS: 1:30 – 6:00 p.m. We need more Eucharistic adorers. All Parishioners are invited to come and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in observance of the “Year of Mercy.” A silent prayerful time with our Lord.

ASSISTED SUICIDE - PROTECT THE VULNERABLE & THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM! CANADIANSFORCONSCIENCE.CA By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. **Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to visit CanadiansforConscience.ca** and support the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. The coalition represents a group of like-minded partners, including 5,000 doctors across Canada, who are committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You can use the website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Given tight timelines for this legislation, please take action no later than **April 1st**.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH (starts March 11th)

St. Joseph, I, your unworthy child, greet you. You are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. You know that I have special confidence in you and that, after Jesus and Mary, I place all my hope of salvation in you, for you are especially powerful with God and will never abandon your faithful servants. Therefore I humbly invoke you and commend myself, with all who are dear to me and all that belong to me, to your intercession. I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon me during life and to assist me at the hour of my death.

Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore: *(Mention your request)*. Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel confident that your prayers in my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. **Amen.**

COINS FOR LIFE As our annual Lenten initiative, we encourage everyone to fill a ‘Coins for Life’ box with their loose change by taking a ‘Coins for Life’ box. These boxes are at the entrances of the Church. Filled up boxes will be collected after Divine Mercy weekend. Thank you for your contribution 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. Please visit www.coinsforlife.org

THE TWO HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP For the Jubilee Year of Mercy, 3 mysteries will be prayed each week plus a DIVINE MERCY. Join us every Wednesday @ 5:30 p.m. in the church.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS (male or female) are needed. If you or your child can help, please call the parish office.

NEW USHERS (male or female) are needed. If you can help, please call the parish office.

SHARELIFE Working wonders for people locally and around the world... Pope Francis reminds us that this is the year of mercy. How do we extend the hands of Christ to others in our daily lives? For some, it may be caring for an elderly relative, volunteering at a soup kitchen, or helping to collect food or raise funds for charity. In our busy society, many of us do not have the time to actively participate, and as such we rely on the many agencies within our community to provide love, care and support to those in need. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, our annual ShareLife appeal provides resources to over 40 agencies, bringing much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Collectively, through our support, we share in their success in making a positive difference in the lives of those they serve. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, consider your ability to help your brothers and sisters in Christ, and make a contribution to our annual appeal. You will be helping to make a difference – indeed you will be working wonders! **Next Sunday, March 13th is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

 **MARK your CALENDAR**



SPRING GALA
on Friday, May 13th!

The Spring Gala is an opportunity for parishioners to get together at a nice banquet hall with a sumptuous dinner to celebrate our parish family. Come and join us! For tickets, please call Antonietta at 905-737-3210, Ross at 905-883-5458 or the parish office.

YOUTH GROUP will meet in the Parish Hall **after the Sunday 4:30 p.m. this next weekend.** All the youth of the parish are invited to attend. Next 2 meetings will be on March 20th and April 3rd.

SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED is a vibrant, relevant and complete programme to re-evangelize and reinvigorate our parish. The 5th of our 9-part sessions in our parish hall is on **Wednesday, March 9 from 7-8 p.m. IS CANCELLED.** The rest of the sessions will be on, April 13, May 4, and June 8.

2016 LIFT JESUS HIGHER ADULT RALLY on Sat., March 5th 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Metro Convention Centre. \$20 each. For tickets and info, visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org. or call 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360.

2016 LIFT JESUS HIGHER YOUTH RALLY (ages 13-18) on Saturday, March 5th from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. \$15 each. For info or to register visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org or call 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360.

BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE

On March 19th at the Canada Christian College in Toronto. The day will strengthen and challenge men to grow in faith and virtue while also addressing the struggles that men face. Special Father/son rates available. All info / tickets info@ServiamMinistries.com. / call 888-522-2070,

2016 LENTEN CALENDAR

Lenten Scripture Study

Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

Fridays in Lent

- 1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Italian
- 1:30 p.m. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Soup Fridays in the Parish Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- 6:15 p.m. - Stations of the Cross in English
- 7:00 p.m. Mass in English

All Fridays of the year are days of abstinence from meat but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to the needs of others, and to save money to give to the poor. Current Church discipline permits one to take a main and two lesser meals which do not equal the main meal. **Mandatory fast days are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, on which days one must abstain from meat and eat only one main meal. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence and meat may not be taken on these days. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.** Parents are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.

Parish Mission: "An Ocean of Mercy" by Fr.

Tomasz Wikarski. Starting with homilies - weekend of March 5th/6th and continuing with 7:00 p.m. Masses on March 7, 8, 9.

Archdiocesan Day of Confessions

Wed., March 9th 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Mother of Perpetual Help Workshop by Fr. Jacek

Cydik, CSSR. Begins with Mass on Saturday, March 12th at 8:30 a.m. followed with workshop in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

Free Movie Night featuring Passion of the Christ

Saturday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m. Mass

Solemnity of St. Joseph

Saturday, March 19th at 8:30 a.m. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Blessing of Easter Food Sat, March 26th at 11 a.m.

6 marzo 2016 - 4^a di Quaresima

Se potessimo contemplare le anime nella loro nuda verità, ci troveremmo di fronte, qui in chiesa, allo stesso spettacolo che offrono gli eserciti dopo la battaglia: vedremmo alcuni che sono morti, altri feriti. Vi prego e vi scongiuro allora: diamoci l'un l'altro una mano e cerchiamo di rialzarci. Io stesso infatti faccio parte dei feriti, ed ho anch'io bisogno di essere guarito. Ma non scoraggiatevi per questo: le ferite, benché gravi, non sono certo incurabili. Tale è il nostro medico: basta che ci accorgiamo di essere feriti, e anche se abbiamo toccato il fondo della malvagità, egli ci apre tuttavia molte vie di salvezza. (...) Anche se dunque avremo toccato il fondo della sventura, e ci troveremo nelle medesime condizioni di colui che dopo aver dissipato l'eredità paterna si riduceva a mangiare ghiande, troveremo completa salvezza nel pentimento.(...) Buono è infatti il Signore Dio. A lui basta unicamente questo: che il debitore dei diecimila talenti gli si getti ai piedi, che lo scialacquatore delle sostanze paterne ritorni e che la pecorella smarrita voglia essere ricondotta all'ovile (Giovanni Crisostomo, *Omelie su 1Cor 23.5*).

Il ragazzo non torna indietro perché vuole bene a suo padre, ma perché in casa di suo padre si sta meglio di dove è adesso: quindi lo spinge la degradazione a cui è arrivato, e la speranza di migliorare la situazione. Non è ancora una grande conversione, però per noi è significativa, perché è quasi sempre la nostra conversione: torniamo perché stiamo male dove siamo, perché ci rendiamo conto della nostra perdita di dignità, di gioia, di speranza, di luminosità, e non perché vogliamo bene al Signore; ci rendiamo conto che la realtà del peccato è scomoda, allora si ritorna: è una piccola conversione. (...) La parabola è aperta, cioè finisce con le parole del padre; non dice quello che è successo dopo... ma a che scopo? Perché questa parabola è detta per gli scribi e i farisei, cioè per quelli che mormorano di Gesù: Gesù insegna loro come è il cuore di Dio e perché lui, Gesù, che rappresenta il cuore di Dio (perché Gesù è sulla terra l'immagine dell'amore per gli uomini), tratti così i peccatori e i pubblicani. La parabola è un invito a scribi e farisei perché facciano anche loro festa; se pubblicani e peccatori vanno ad ascoltare Gesù, invece di mormorare devono essere contenti, cioè anche loro partecipare alla gioia di Dio (L. Monari, *Vi annunzio una grande gioia* pp. 91-92, 95-96).

AVVISI

1. Ogni venerdì di Quaresima, si prega la Via Crucis in chiesa, all'1.00pm in italiano.
2. Vi si invita all'adorazione eucaristica ogni venerdì dal 1.30 alle 6.15pm, seguita da Benedizione Eucaristica e Via Crucis in inglese.
3. Le buste per le offerte per il 2016 sono a vostra disposizione nella sala parrocchiale.
4. Pellegrinaggio in Terra Santa ed in Italia con P. Omar, 23 maggio – 4 giugno 2016. Per maggiori informazioni, chiamate Stan (647-463-9057) o Halina (647-294-4116).
5. Missione quaresimale parrocchiale in inglese oggi, a tutte le S. Messe, e per le prossime tre sere alla S. Messa delle 7pm.

MASS INTENTIONS		March 6 - 12
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	+Alberto Perricciolo
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Antonio e Filomena Pietrantonio +Rina Giovanni +Francesco e Filomena Rotundo +Cosimo e Filomena Pacitto +Michele Ventrella +Gerardo Osario +Sigismondo Posa e Francesco
	11:00 a.m.	+Paul Joseph & Donna
	12:30 p.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	4:30 p.m.	+Victory Jones
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Raffaele Spagnuolo
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	+Members of the Naughton Family +Members of the Paxton Family +Members of the Madden & Winton Families +Brian Davison +Vicente Navarro Jr. +Philius Melanson
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	+Harry Stone +Deceased of the Cirrona family +Edel Quinn

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Fr. McGough, Fr. Tilley, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Rose Chang, Alan Cook, Manuela Clement, Rosa Corvinelli, Caterina De Grano, Paolo D'Elia, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nicholas Di Cearare, Francesca Di Domenico, Tanya DiPersio, Maria DiZio, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Frank, Gail Frey, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Gabriella Ludwinski, Mary Malandrino, Jacob, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Susan McGee, Maria Medeiros, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Louise, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Giovanna Nonni, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Patricia Rybka, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jannette Thompson, Leonor Vargas, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan

CALLING ALL GIRLS on Friday, March 18th from 7-10 p.m.
DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE on Saturday, March 19th from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For Tickets, more info or to register, please call 905-279-7702 or visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com.

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