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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 27	12:10 p.m.	† Juliana Mueller
Tuesday, March 28	12:10 p.m.	† Members of the Vatri Family
Wednesday, March 29	12:10 p.m.	† Christine Lunn
	7:00 p.m.	† Filomena Cordeiro
Thursday, March 30	12:10 p.m.	† Members of the Cudini Family
Friday, March 31	12:10 p.m.	† Lyla Brocklebank
Saturday, April 1	9:00 a.m.	† Frank Nunes



Please remember to pray for those who are sick especially **Bill Baldwin, Nicole Bell, Bill**

Taylor, Maggie Murray, Janet Austin, Ashley and Denise Smith, Basil Sebastian and Chris McCauley.



Please remember to pray for those who have died especially **Ralph Weishar, Stella**

Wosniak and Gerald Hammond.

COFFEE SUNDAY



Join us for Coffee after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses. A big thanks to this week's host our parish

ShareLife Committee.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

For any Roman Catholic baptized adult, who, for one reason or another has missed the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, preparation classes will begin soon and run for six weeks. Confirmation will be celebrated as a group on a date yet to be determined. For more information, please contact Deacon Del Allan in the parish office at ext. 125.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOST PASSOVER SEDER at 93 Berczy St.

"Wine to gladden the heart..." (Psalm 104:15)



On **Palm Sunday, April 9 at 4:00 p.m.**, Council 1626 will present its annual Seder Dinner that includes a full meal (main course & dessert),

wine for toasting, song and prayer. We will read from a traditional PASSOVER HAGGADAH with modifications that reflect our Catholic faith. The cost is \$20.00 per person and seating is limited to 40 participants. For further information, call Al MacLeod at (705) 728-4076 or esl2@rogers.com.



"Living the Gospel" locally and around the world...

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it is volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Our annual appeal provides resources to 42 agencies, bringing much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, consider your ability to "Live the Gospel" by helping those who are vulnerable and in need, and make a contribution to ShareLife

Next Sunday, April 2nd is ShareLife Sunday.

Our parish goal this year is \$145,000. Please give generously!

MARCH 29TH - DAY OF CONFESSIONS



From **March 26 to April 1st, 2017**, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confessions**. This week, let us make the journey into the heart of our relationship with God. Take a long, loving look at the ways God calls us to grow. Take this challenge and hold it in readiness for the rich blessing that is manifest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our parish, the schedule for confessions is as follows: **Wednesday, March 29th, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Confessions are available at our local parishes as follows:

Holy Spirit Parish on Friday, March 31

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

St. John Vianney Parish on Friday, April 7

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

FIRST CONFESSIONS - REMINDER

For all registered First Communion students, First Confessions are on **Saturday, April 1 at 1:00 p.m.**



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 8/9 – Regularly scheduled Masses with the distribution of palms.
HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13 - Mass at 7:00 p.m. (there is no noon Mass). As is the tradition of the Church, there is only one Mass on Holy Thursday. It will include foot washing. All parishioners will be offered the opportunity to participate in this wonderful ritual of service and humility.

HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION

From the conclusion of Holy Thursday Mass until midnight you are invited to make your way back to church to spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. This will take place in the Church proper from 8:00 pm until midnight.



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14 - At both 12 noon and 3:00 p.m. there will be the celebration of the Good Friday liturgy (this is not a Mass). The Passion Reading, Good Friday Intercessions, Communion and Veneration of the Cross.

EASTER VIGIL MASS –

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 AT 8:00 P.M., (there is no 5:00 p.m. mass and no confessions today). This central celebration of the Eucharist calls all of the faithful to be present as Christ in the Eucharist is restored to the tabernacle and to the midst of the Church. This is a Mass of Sunday observance and will include our regular collection.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16 – For those who are unable to attend the vigil, Masses will be at the regular time: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



If you are passionate about making a difference in your community by making mental health services accessible to anybody of any income level you may like to serve on the **Board of Directors of Catholic Family Services Simcoe County**. Time commitment is approx. 3–4 hours in an average month. For more information about Catholic Family Services and the position of Board director, visit www.cfssc.ca/careers.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT - Sat., April 1.

Hunt 1-1:30 p.m.; Activities/ Refreshments 1:30-3 p.m. Registration TODAY in the parish hall after all Masses or email:

stmaryseastereggghunt@outlook.com.



A NEW TESTAMENT READING GUIDE FOR LENT 2017



We continue with our Lenten reading guide with the following readings for this week, Week Four:

Monday, March 27	Acts 7 – 11
Tuesday, March 28	Acts 12 – 17
Wednesday, March 29	Acts 18 – 23
Thursday, March 30	Acts 24 – end
Friday, March 31	Romans 1 – 8
Saturday, April 1	Romans 9 - end

REFUGEE COMMITTEE UPDATE



The Sudanese family the parish sponsored in October 2015 finally arrived from Jordan on Tuesday!

Pictures of the family are in the foyer of the church this weekend. Upon landing in Canada, sponsored refugees become permanent residents of Canada. They are then referred to as newcomers. These Sudanese newcomers are currently staying with a local family until suitable, affordable housing can be located. They have spent the first week looking for housing, completing government paperwork to arrange SIN, OHIP, etc., learning to take the bus, meeting with settlement workers at the YMCA Newcomer Centre and the career centre. They also travelled to Toronto to meet with the Office for Refugees Archdiocese of Toronto to learn about the rights and responsibilities of living in Canada.

In the next week, volunteers will continue to host the family for meals, local trips to the library, grocery stores, bank, language classes, schools and local seasonal Canadian events. There is so much to learn about living in a new country!

Thank you for all your prayers and support.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

Next Chapter Network a faith-based support network for women who have been widowed. Next meeting is Monday, March 27 at 7:00 pm in room 3. **Lunch and Learn** in an DVD program offered throughout the year, held on Monday following the 12:10 p.m. Mass in room 3.

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE



Friday, March 31, 7:00 p.m. in our parish. We invite you into reflection and meditation

through prayer, song, Scripture and silence. This event is hosted by St. Mary's Parish. For more information, please call Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426 or email shannonbarks@hotmail.com.

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