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CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY

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He is Risen



EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 16, 2017
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Easter message from Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, In the Gospel of this radiant night of the Easter Vigil, we first meet the women who go to the tomb of Jesus with spices to anoint his body (cf. Lk 24:1-3). ...It is an event which leaves them perplexed, hesitant, full of questions: "What happened?", "What is the meaning of all this?" (cf. Lk 24:4). Doesn't the same thing also happen to us when something completely new occurs in our everyday life? We stop short, we don't understand, we don't know what to do. Newness often makes us fearful, including the newness which God brings us, the newness which God asks of us. We are like the Apostles in the Gospel: often we would prefer to hold on to our own security, to stand in front of a tomb, to think about someone who has died, someone who ultimately lives on only as a memory, like the great historical figures from the past. We are afraid of God's surprises; we are afraid of God's surprises! He always surprises us!

Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do.

There is one last little element that I would like to emphasize in the Gospel for this Easter Vigil. The women encounter the newness of God. Jesus has risen, he is alive! But faced with empty tomb and the two men in brilliant clothes, their first reaction is one of fear: "they were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground," Saint Luke tells us – they didn't even have courage to look. But when they hear the message of the Resurrection, they accept it in faith. On this radiant night, let us invoke the intercession of the Virgin Mary, who treasured all these events in her heart (cf. Lk 2:19,51) and ask the Lord to give us a share in his Resurrection. May he open us to the newness that transforms. May he make us men and women capable of remembering all that he has done in our own lives and in the history of our world. May he help us to feel his presence as the one who is alive and at work in our midst. And may he teach us each day not to look among the dead for the Living One. Amen.

Happy Easter Season!

ShareLife

Living the Gospel by evangelizing our faith in the greater world. St. Anthony's parish in the Diocese of Guntur in India has nine mission stations which are between 10-15 kilometres away from the parish. There are nearly 350 Catholic families and five hundred children going to school from these areas. As the mission stations are a distance from the parish, the faithful do not experience many religious activities. Father Mayakuntala Kumar, pastor of the parish, with the support of the Pastoral Mission Fund and ShareLife, is conducting a Children Faith Formation Camp to help the children to become rooted in the Catholic faith. With our support, Father Kumar is helping to evangelize the faith not only for today, but for the future as well.

Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017

Please give generously.

Mass Intentions

(April 17 – April 21, 2017)

Monday, April 17: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:00 a.m.: + Purificacion Electona

Req.: Bernadette Ramos

: Thanksgiving for Omayra Toro Young

Req.: Toro Young Family

Thursday, April 20:

8:00 a.m.: Thanksgiving for Virginia Sison

Req.: Virgie Sison

Friday, April 21: St. Anselm

7:00 p.m.: + Luis Anselmo Pillajo

Req.: Mariana Chumana

: Thanksgiving for Toro Young Family

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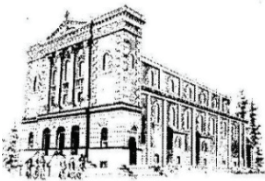
Presentation on St. Kateri Tekakwitha



Kateri was born in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon near the town of Auriesville, New York, in the year 1656. She was the daughter of a Mohawk chief and a Roman Catholic Algonquin, Tagaskouita. When she was four years old her baby brother and both her parents died of smallpox. She survived the disease, but was left with facial scars and impaired eyesight. She was adopted by her aunt and an uncle, a chief of the Turtle Clan. Kateri converted to Christianity in her teens and was baptized as a Roman Catholic at the age of twenty, incurring the great hostility of her tribe. Although she had to suffer greatly for her Faith, she remained firm in it. Kateri went to the Jesuit mission of Kahnawake, a new Christian colony of Indians in Canada, where she lived a life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged. She died on April 17, 1680 at the age of twenty-four. To celebrate the Feast Day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha we will have a **presentation by Matthew Hanzel on the life of this extraordinary saint**. Please join us at the parish hall on **April 23rd** after the 10:30 a.m.

Special Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make our celebrations more beautiful, meaningful and richer especially: Choir member, Altar servers, Eucharist ministers, Lectors, Decorators, sacristans, Handmaids of the Lord, Holy Family Prayer Group, Holy Cross Youth, Food Bank volunteers, Development and Peace Committee members. Thank you for your time and commitment. We also extend our Easter wishes to every member of our parish. Thank you for everything you are to us and for the blessing you all bring to our Parish Community. May St. Ann's be a sign of Jesus' Risen Life.



Catholic Education Week

"Walking Forward Together"

We invite all parishioners to join in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2017, which runs from **April 30- May 5**. For more than 165 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, nurturing the gifts and talents of every student. We celebrate the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools provide, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who faithfully journey with our young people each day. For more information about Catholic Education Week visit www.goodnewsforall.ca

"The Eucharist – the Passover of the New Covenant?"

Hosted by Fellowship of St. Joseph of the Association for Hebrew Catholics, join Blessed Trinity Parish Hall (3220 Bayview Ave., Toronto) on a dynamic and interactive journey of discovery of the Hebrew roots of the Eucharist. Presented by Fr. Joseph Alozie, CCE, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary, on **April 18 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** Learn about the history and theology of the Blessed Sacrament and be motivated to fall in love more deeply with our Saviour in the Eucharist. All are welcome. For more information, email ahctoronto@gmail.com

House Blessing

If anyone would like the Priest to visit and bless your homes throughout the year, please let us know. You can call the Parish office at 416-466-2127 to set up an appointment to bless your homes.



Congratulations!

St. Ann Parish community congratulates and celebrates our parish's newest members: Hung Quoc Truong, Gia-Tuan Truong, Vimali Pathmanathan, Navaneethan Navaratnam, David Milstead, Isla Henry, Doolin Hardeen, Clint Ottley and Stephanie Vukov; as they received the Easter sacraments on Holy Saturday

Pasta Night Dinner and Dance



On **May 27**, the Handmaids of the Lord will be hosting a Pasta Night Dinner and Dance. Join us from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the parish hall for a wonderful evening of music, dance and prizes. Tickets are \$15, with proceeds going to St. Ann's Hall renovation project.



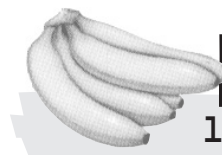
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