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THE YEAR OF CARE FOR CREATION

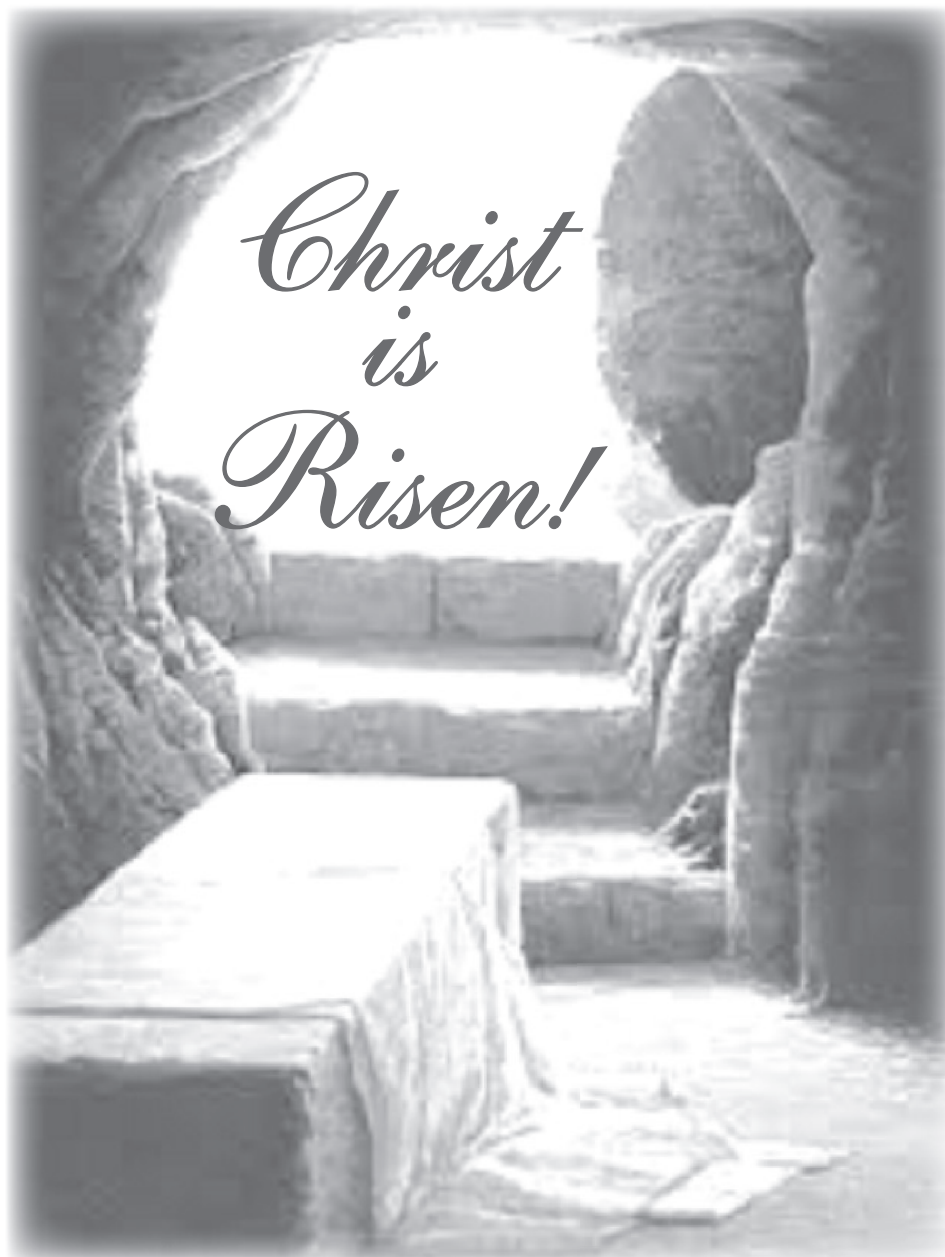
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EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 21, 2019

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF CARE FOR CREATION

Mass Intentions (April 18 – April 26, 2019)

Holy Thursday, April 18: 8:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Mass – Holy Cross Fathers

Req. Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC

Easter Monday, April 22: 8:00 a.m.

+ **Joseph & Christine Fernandes** *Req. Maria Fernandes*

Friday, April 26: 7:00 p.m.

+ **Lourenco Borges** *Req. Arinda Duarte*

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Day Celebration

Join us in celebrating the feast of our beloved indigenous saint, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, on **Saturday, April 27, 2019**, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. The theme of our celebration is “St. Kateri Tekakwitha: Building Bridges to Reconciliation.” We will honor her relevance for us as Catholics in Canada in healing and fostering relationships with indigenous peoples and the Earth.



After the Eucharistic celebration, there will be an hour session discussing the theme with Tom Dearhouse and a festive dinner. Dinner tickets are available for \$20.00. Please contact Sr. Petite Lao, RNDM, at 647-762-9664, email: petitelao@gmail.com, web: <https://stkateri.eventbrite.com>

St. Kateri Feast Day Signing Rehearsals

St Paul's Taizé Prayer Ministry has been invited to participate in the inter-parish Celebration of the Feast Day of St Kateri (April 27th) hosted by the Native People's Mission by providing music in the Taizé tradition. If you would like to join us in singing these beautiful prayers, our next rehearsal will be on **Wednesday, April 24th** at St Ann's Church. Rehearsal starts at 6:30 pm. For more information you can contact us at stpaultaize@gmail.com

ShareLife 2019

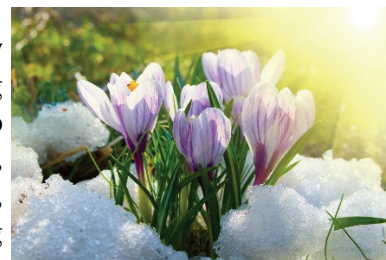
Living the Gospel through immediate mental health services. Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly. That's why the five Catholic Family Services agencies in the Archdiocese of Toronto now offer walk-in counselling. This initiative can often meet clients' needs without requiring longer term counselling. Clients report a clinically significant increase in confidence that they can tackle their problems. For some agencies, ShareLife is the sole funder of this important program. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping restore hope to those in crisis.

May 5 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Care for Creation – April, 2019

As we celebrate the year of Care for Creation, the month of April is dedicated to reflecting on the **Spring of Nature**. *Creation reveals God's presence*, and as the spring begins let us be aware God's presence by reflecting on the nature. Every day begins with new life, new opportunities, new possibilities, so let us use them for the good of all. We also pray how we can help in creating a safe and sustainable environment for our family and in our community.

We will specially focus on practicing concrete ways to care for the Nature, by gardening, recycling, using more natural light, helping others by encouraging words and actions. May God continue to bless and guide us in caring for the Creation.



St. Ann's Resettlement Committee's Giving Campaign

We are pleased that our Syrian family is doing very well. The parents are taking ESL classes and the children are in school. We look forward to introducing you to the family later this spring.

Gift Cards: Thank you to everyone who has donated gift cards, they do make a substantial difference to our family's welfare. We will continue to collect cards for grocery stores, discount fashion stores, drug stores and ones that sell household items on the last Sunday of every month. If you wish to contribute to this program, the next donation day will be **Sunday April 28, 2019**, during the regular collection.

Committee Volunteer: If you would like to become a committee volunteer you are welcome to attend our meetings which are usually held on the third Sunday of the month after 10:30am mass but will be held on **Sunday April 28th** this month since Easter takes place on the third Sunday of the month this year.

If you wish to be a committee volunteer please contact Theresa at **416-700-3358** or theresa.spohn@icloud.com. As always your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated.

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Pastoral Reflections

By Rev. Wilson Andrade, CSC

Dear Friends,

Once again we joyfully celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the day when Jesus conquered death and gave us life. This is the day when Jesus conquered fear and gave us freedom. It is the greatest and the most solemn feast in the Church. It is the feast of Jesus transforming us and making us a new creation.

As we celebrate Easter let us reflect on the words of Pope Francis, *“Dear brothers and sisters, Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If until now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. Jesus will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won’t be disappointed. If following Jesus 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”.*

Easter holds out an invitation to each one of us.

Easter invites us to open our hearts to the risen Jesus and to let him do for us what he did for the disciples, that is to offer peace and joy.

Easter invites us to let Jesus help us trust once again, after we have had our trust betrayed.

Easter invites us to let Jesus help us to love again.

Easter invites us to have hope. It invites us to start all over again.

This is what Easter is all about. It’s the good news that the risen Jesus is in our midst.

Easter is the Good news that Jesus has triumphed over evil and death.

Easter is the good news that Jesus is ready to work miracles for us.



Thank you for celebrating Easter with us

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make our celebrations more beautiful, meaningful and richer especially: Choir members, 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 and Resettlement Members and all volunteers and members our parish community. 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 of St. Ann and Native Peoples’ Mission. May you and your families be filled with Easter Joy.



Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada

Would you like to learn to make a Rosary?

The Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada at St. Ann Parish will be hosting our next group of Rosary Makers’ Training event on **April 28, 2019 at 3:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. If you would like to become a Rosary Maker, please fill out the Registration Form. We are planning to make 50,000 rosaries that will be distributed to many churches, hospitals, schools and missions in the world. Thank you for helping us spread God’s message of love in the families.

For more information contact: Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC. Phone: 416 466 2127.

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