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THE CALL TO HOLINESS

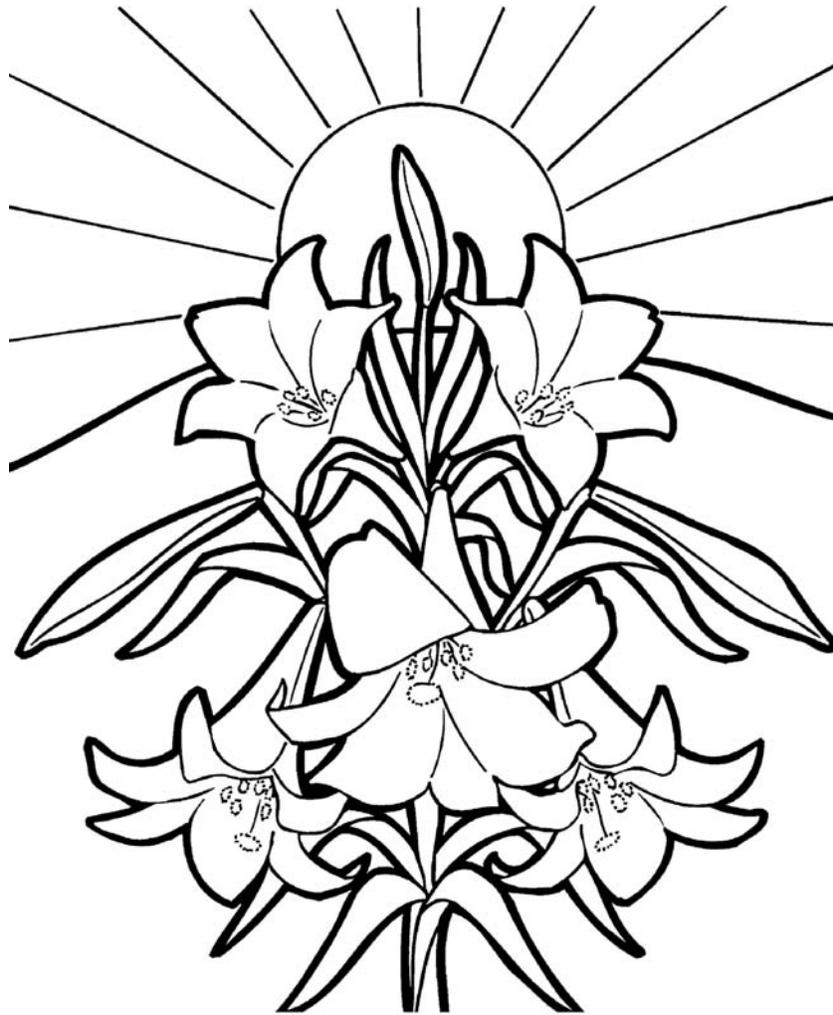
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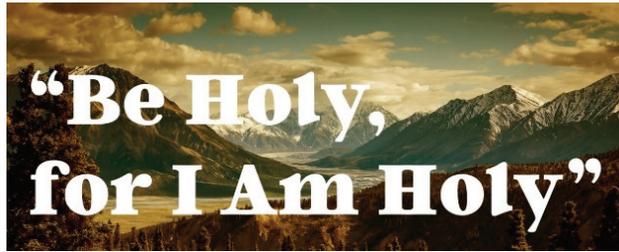
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**The Lord has Risen,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Easter Sunday: April 04, 2021
CELEBRATING THE CALL TO HOLINESS

2021: The Call to Holiness



We would like to dedicate the new Liturgical year of 2020 – 2021 as the **Year of Call to Holiness**. Holiness is closely linked to joyfulness and blessedness. During this year of call to Holiness, may be a time for each one of us to listen to God speaking to us in the Scriptures or in the silence of our hearts, to renew our baptismal promises and to actively participate in the Sacraments of the Church

and lastly by our Sacred service to others, we can bring God's holiness and proclaim it to the whole world.

As we celebrate the year of **Call to Holiness**, the month of April is dedicated to virtue of **Hope** in 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. Let us become **Messengers of Hope** with joy and Easter Peace.

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.



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Thank you for celebrating Easter with us



We would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Holy Week celebrations more beautiful, meaningful and richer especially: for all volunteers of 24 ministry groups 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 St. Ann and Native Peoples' Mission. May you and your families be filled with Easter Joy.



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Day Celebration



Join us in celebrating the feast of our beloved indigenous saint, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, on **Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 5:00 pm**. The theme of our celebration is "St. Kateri Tekakwitha: Voice of Healing and Holiness."

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.

We wish to honor her relevance for us as Catholics in Canada in healing and fostering relationships with indigenous peoples and the Earth. The Sisters and Associates of the Congregation of Notre Dame will join us in the celebration. At present, this celebration will be a virtual celebration as per Public Health Rules. Thank you for your support in our ministry.

St. Ann Parish Liturgical and Pastoral Activities

We will be *livestreaming* the Daily Masses and Weekend Masses.

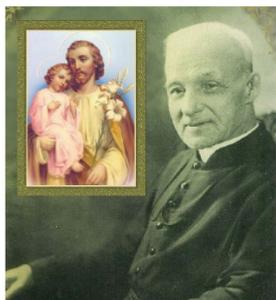
Weekday Masses will be posted on the website and on YouTube at 9:00 am

Please check the Websites: <https://www.stanntoronto.com/> Or <https://www.hcfm-canada.com/>

St. Ann Food Bank on Saturdays Foodbank Hours: 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation or Personal conversation Please call the office and make an appointment to meet Fr. Wilson Andrade at 416 577 2973 or send an email to stannparishtoronto@gmail.com

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



Thank you for joining us for the 10 days of novena prayers to St. Joseph. The Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada has produced 10 Novena Prayer Videos to reflect on the Life of St. Joseph. We encourage you visit our Website and YouTube to use for these videos for your prayer and reflections. Those who would like to attend the quiz on the life of St. Joseph, you are most welcome to email us at familyministry.canada@gmail.com.

Visit our Website and Subscribe to our YouTube Channel: <https://www.hcfm-canada.com/>

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