The Parish Community of St. Ann

Served by the Holy Cross Fathers

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THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: MARCH 27, 2016 CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MERCY

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.





Easter holds out an invitation to each one of us. It 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. It invites us to let Jesus help us trust once again, after we have had our trust betrayed. It invites us to let Jesus help us to love again. It 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. It's the good news that Jesus has triumphed over evil and death. It is the good news that Jesus is ready to

work miracles for us.

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 wishes...

We extend our Easter wishes to every member of the 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.

March 20, 2016	Total
Offertory - Envelopes	\$1,036.00
Offertory - Loose	\$363.05
Total Offertory	\$1,399.05

Congratulations!

St Ann Parish Community congratulates and celebrates our newest members of the parish: Russell Li, Chloe Li, Logan Li, Maxwell Pan, Matthew Pan, Gabriel Izzard, Xuan (Linda) Peng, Hua (Christy) Lin and Rameshwar Ricky Gocool; as they received the Easter sacraments on Holy Saturday.

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Mass Intentions (March 26 – April 1, 2016)

Tuesday, Mar. 29: 8:00 a.m.: Holy Souls Req.: Maria Fernandes

<u>Wednesday, Mar. 30:</u> 8:00 a.m.: + Cecilio Delen

Thursday, Mar. 31: 8:00 a.m.: + Andrew Gotianun Req.: Herminia Levy & Family

Special Thanks....

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make our celebrations more beautiful, meaningful and richer especially... Choir members, Altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, Lectors, Decorators, sacristans, Handmaids of the Lord, Holy Family Prayer Group, Food Bank volunteers, Development and Peace Committee members. Thank you very much for your time and commitment.

Pilgrimage to Rome, Lourdes and the Holy Land with Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC

From October 22 to November 4, 2016 (14 days), we will be visiting holy sites in Rome, Lourdes and the Holy Land. Price: CA\$3,390.00 plus taxes. For more information, call Ms. Bier at 416-297-0694 or Ms. Malonzo at 416-291-8495



St. Ann's Parish Fundraising Dinner On **Saturday, May 28**, St. Ann's Parish will host a fundraising Dinner for Church renovations. The event will take place at the Parish Hall starting at **6:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$20. There will be music, wine & door prizes.

ShareLife Sunday 2016

Working wonders overseas through the Pastoral Mission Fund "This workshop has helped me to reflect on my priestly call, a privileged service in God's Kingdom; and has reenergized me and my brother priests to be better in our service. Given our rural and remote location, serving people who live in poverty can be draining at times. This workshop and dialogue has made a renewing impact for many of us. It has given us hope and strength to renew our enthusiasm and we do hope it continues in the future. We are deeply grateful and offer our prayers of support to ShareLife who made it financially possible for us to come together." —*St. Justine de Jacobis Pastoral Office, Catholic Eparchy of Segenelty, Eritrea.*

Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016 Please give generously. You can work wonders!

THE PARADOX OF OUR TIMES

Is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers Wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints We spend more, but we have less. We have bigger houses, but smaller families More conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees, but less sense More knowledge, but less judgement More experts, but more problems More medicines, but less wellness. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often We have learnt how to make a living, but not a life. We have added years to life, but not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back But have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbour. We have conquered outer space, but not inner space. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted our soul. We've split the atom, but not our prejudice. We've higher incomes, but lower morals. We've become long on quantity but short on quality. These are the times of tall men, and short character; Steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the times of world peace, but domestic warfare, More leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition. These are the days of two incomes, but more divorces; Of fancier houses, but broken homes. It is a time when there is much in the show window. and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, And a time when you can choose,

Either to make a difference.... or just forget the message.

