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## ShareLife Profile : Mitch

### Without ShareLife

- mother with mental health problems
- kicked out of home; dropped out of school
- living on the streets, stealing food to survive

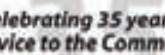
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**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

<b>Monday, May 30</b> Special Intention	8:00 am
<b>Tuesday, May 31</b> <b>VISITATION OF MARY</b> Louis Sheehy (Deceased) <i>Requested by the family</i>	8:00 am
<b>Wednesday, June 1</b> <b>ST. JUSTIN, Martyr</b> William Tam (Special Intention) <i>Requested by May Tam</i>	8:00 am
<b>Thursday, June 2</b> James Lee (Deceased) <i>Requested by Cecelia Lee</i>	8:00 am
<b>Friday, June 3</b> <b>ST. CHARLES LWANGA &amp; COMPANIONS, Martyrs</b> Msgr. Ambrose E. Sheehy Ordination Anniversary	8:00 am
<b>Saturday, June 4</b> Michael & Catherine Doran (Deceased) <i>Requested by Patricia Yule &amp; family</i>	9:00 am

**Congratulations**

(Rev. Msgr.) Ambrose E. Sheehy, C.H.H.

Congratulations Msgr. Sheehy on celebrating the 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of your Ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood of Jesus Christ – **June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We extend our prayers and gratitude to you at this exciting time!



*We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism*

**Christopher Kai-Heem Ho,  
Sophia Isabella Pinto**



**Knights of Columbus**

**Knights of Columbus Eastern Diocese Association** – Regular meeting on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Precious Blood parish hall. Elections for officers will be conducted at this meeting and all Knights are welcome to attend.

**Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)** – If you would like to help as an usher for Blessed Trinity at any of the Masses, please contact Steve Nemeth at 416-841-0920 or 905-882-9956.



**THE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION**

Forty Hours Devotion will be held at Blessed Trinity, beginning with a Solemn Mass and procession with the Blessed Sacrament through the Church on **THURSDAY, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> 2011 at 7:00 pm.**

The monstrance will be placed on the altar for adoration and prayer for the next 40 hours. The Church will be open day and night. The closing will take place on **SATURDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> 2011** with a solemn Mass and procession with the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at the 9:00 am Mass.

“The Forty Hours Devotion is a special 40-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. Of course, the focus of this devotion is on the Holy Eucharist. As Catholics, the words of our Lord burn in our hearts: “I myself am the living bread come down from Heaven. If anyone eats this bread, He shall live forever; the bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world” (Jn 6:51).

Affirming our belief in the real presence of our Lord in the Blessed sacrament, the Vatican Council II taught that the Holy Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life” (“Lumen Gentium,” No. 11). While the Mass is the central act of worship for us Catholics, an act which participates in the eternal reality of Our Lord’s passion, death and resurrection, Vatican Council II upheld and encouraged the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. Of course such devotion derives from the sacrifice of the Mass and moves the faithful to both sacramental and spiritual communion with our Lord. As Pope Pius XII taught in “Mediator Dei”, “*this practice of adoration has a valid and firm foundation.*” Our late Holy Father, Pope John Paul II had repeatedly “highly recommended” public and private devotion of the Blessed Sacrament, including processions on the feast of Corpus Christi and the 40 Hours Devotion.

Second, the number 40 has always signified a sacred period of time: the rains during the time of Noah lasted 40 days and nights; the Jews wandered through the desert for 40 years; our Lord fasted and prayed for 40 days before beginning His public ministry. The Forty Hours devotion remembers that traditional “40-hour period” from our Lord’s burial until the resurrection. Actually in the middle ages, the Blessed Sacrament was transferred to the repository, “the Easter Sepulcher”, for this period of time to signify our Lord’s time in the tomb.

The Forty Hours Devotion begins with a solemn Mass of Exposition, which concludes with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a procession. The Blessed Sacrament remains on the altar in a monstrance. During the next 40 hours, the faithful gather for personal or public prayer in adoration of our Lord. The Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the tabernacle for the daily Mass and then returned for exposition after Mass. At the end of the

devotions, the Mass of Reposition is offered, again concluding with a procession, benediction and final reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

... three special dimensions have also surrounded this devotion: the protection from evil and temptation; reparation for our own sins and for the poor souls in purgatory; and deliverance from political, material or spiritual calamities. Here the faithful implore our Lord to pour forth His abundant graces, not only for themselves, but their neighbours, not only for their own personal needs, but for those of the world. Such practices are evidenced in the history of this devotion.”



### WORKING WONDERS FOR THE YOUTH...

Mitch was 15 when he was kicked out of home by his mentally unstable mother. He lived on the streets, stole food, dropped out of school. To ward off the cold, “finding grates was the big thing”. Mitch was saved from the dangers of the streets by Covenant House, a ShareLife agency. Today, he lives in the agency’s shelter and attends its on-site high school. *In 2009, ShareLife agencies provided residential programs for 1,500 young people. An additional 40,000 were also given food, shelter, guidance, care and education. Please support ShareLife.*

**Next Sunday, June 5, 2011 is ShareLife Sunday.  
Please give generously.**

#### **Appreciation Celebration – Fr. Eric Rodrigues**

An appreciation celebration will be held for Fr. Eric in the parish hall on **Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>** following the 12:15 pm Mass. This is our opportunity to say “**thank you**” to Fr. Eric.

**Fr. Eric Mah** has been appointed by Archbishop Collins as our new Associate Pastor. We are happy to welcome him and we assure him of our support, prayers and a happy home here, as he begins his pastoral assignment.

**Father will arrive on June 27<sup>th</sup>**



#### **Blessed Trinity Sponsored Family**

The committee wishes to thank parishioners for their very generous and caring support of our Newcomer Family. The family has been overwhelmed with so much love and caring which is such an important foundation for a successful new life in Canada. God bless you all for your many donations and for showing our new family such a warm welcome



### THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN BOTH IN BODY AND SOUL

#### **“What are the reasons that support or justify the bodily Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven?”**

Here is what St. John Damascene says: “It was fitting that the body of her who in childbirth had preserved her Virginity without stain, would

remain incorrupt even after death...It was necessary that she who had borne the Child who Himself is the Creator in her womb, would dwell in the divine tabernacles... It was necessary that the Mother would possess all that was of the Son”.

Pope Pius XII in his Bull “*Munificentissimus Deus*” declared that “Mother and Son appear always associated in the battle against the infernal enemy: the battle that, as had been preannounced in the Protogospel (Gen. 3,15), would end with the overwhelming victory over sin and death... In such a manner is the most exalted Mother of God mysteriously united to Jesus Christ from all eternity with the same decree of predestination, immaculate in her Conception, a spotless Virgin in her Motherhood, a generous companion of the divine Redeemer... She triumphed over death as her Son already had and was raised in body and soul into the glory of Heaven.”

#### **What is the Church’s teaching concerning the doctrine that affirms Mary’s bodily Assumption into Heaven?**

As a consequence of the unanimous agreement expressed through the centuries by Popes, Bishops, Doctors and Saints of the Church, the Supreme Pontiff Pius XII judged that a solemn intervention of the Magisterium of the Church would be fitting concerning the doctrine of Mary’s Assumption into Heaven. Indeed, on November 1, 1950, the same Pontiff declared and defined as a dogma of Faith, that is, as a truth revealed by God, “that the Immaculate Mother of God the ever-Virgin Mary, ended the course of her earthly life, and was assumed into heavenly glory in soul and body” (*Munificentissimus Deus*).

The privilege of the Assumption must be understood only in the light of divine Revelation; that is, it is one of those truths that we accept by faith, revealed only by divine testimony.

Only God was able to reveal to us that Our Lady is in Paradise both in body and soul.”

“Who is Mary” ... Fr. Gabriel M. Pellettieri, FI

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