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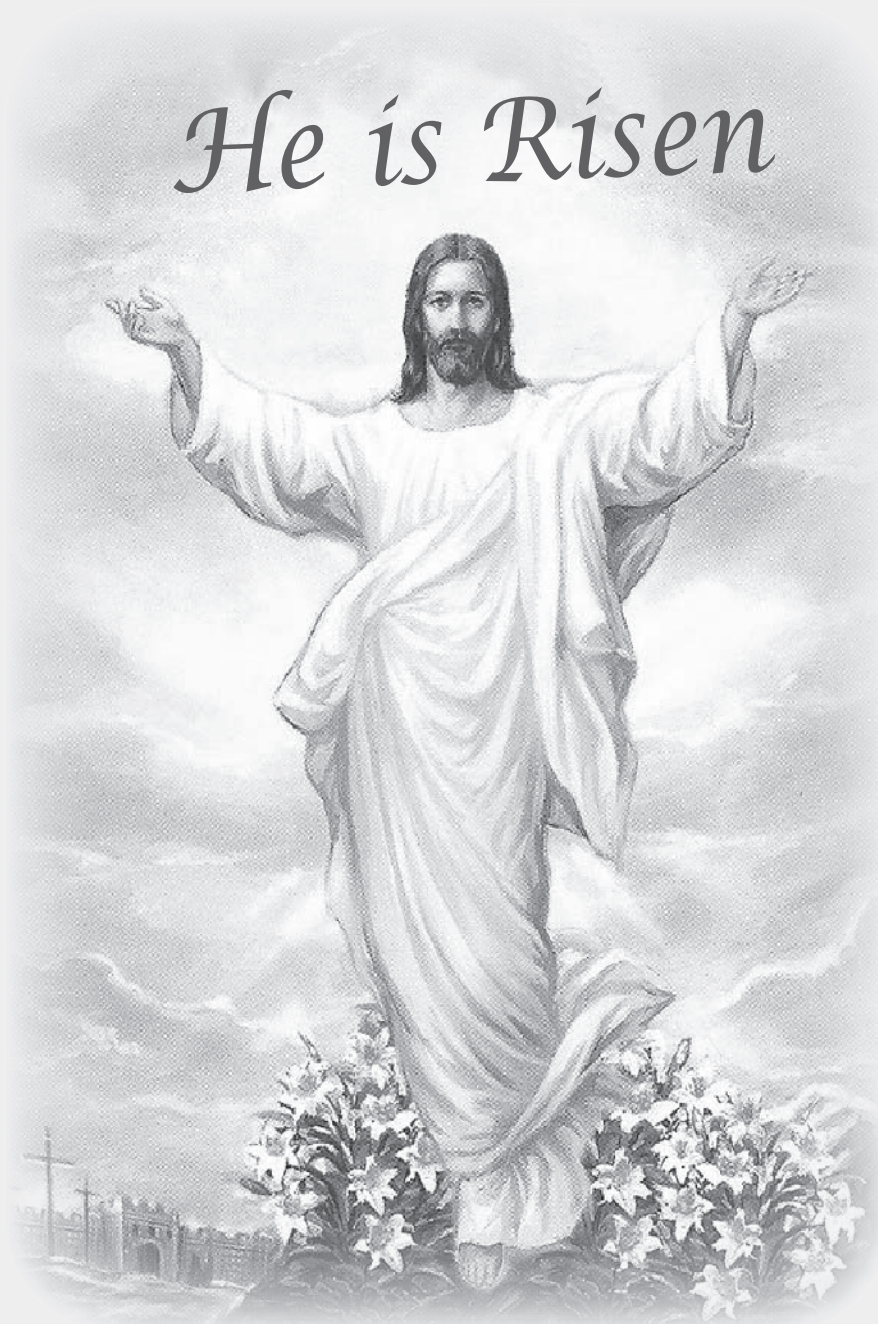
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EASTER SUNDAY



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, April 18th @ 7:00 pm

- † Ross Seaward req. by Family
- † Fred Gaerlan req. by Alica, Kaitlin & Spencer Gaerlan
- † Loreto Visco req. by Domenica Visco and Family

Wednesday, April 19th @ 8:30 am

Kelly and Baker Families req. by Gerladine & Frank

Thursday, April 20th @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

Fr. John Szura req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, April 21st @ 7:00 pm

- † Glen Allan req. by Fran and Family

Saturday, April 22nd @ 9:00 am

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- † Fred Gaerlan req. by Elena Medina
- † Luz Villanueva req. by Marie and Camille Herrera

@ 5:00 pm
† Dino and Pasqualina Raponi req. by Tony & Onesima Raponi and Family

Sunday, April 23rd @ 9:00 am

St. Mark Community req. Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am

- † Anna DePinto and Rocco & Carlo Lozito req. by Domenica Lozito

@ 12:30 pm

Divine Mercy for our world req. by Fr. Michael

Weekly Holy Hour at St. Mark's

Every Thursday from 9 am to 10 am



“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.

Catholic Websites

For current and informative news articles on the Church, check out the following websites:

www.archtoronto.org

www.wordonfire.org

www.ewtnnews.com

www.lifesitenews.com

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Spiritual Corner



Excerpt from:

St. Therese of Lisieux by those who knew her Testimonies from the process of beatification

Edited and translated by Christopher O'Mahony.
Published by Veritas Publications.

“One day, when she was sorely troubled by an interior trial, she said: ‘Oh, Mother, how fortunate for us that God became man, so that we could love him. It was well he did, for otherwise we would never have dared to love him.’ Her approach to our Lord was chiefly through the Childhood and Passion. Her love of the child Jesus drew her to offer herself to him as a toy in the hands of a child. By this apparently childish expression, she meant that she should surrender herself entirely to our Lord’s will, and be prepared to be treated by him as he pleased. In the Holy Face, she saw an expression of all the humiliations our Lord had to endure, and drew from it a constant willingness to suffer and be humiliated for love of him. One day we were standing in front of a picture of the Holy Face, and I said: ‘What a pity his eyes are lowered; we can’t see the expression in them.’ ‘Oh, no!’ she said. ‘It’s better that way; we could not look at his divine expression without dying of love.’” – Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

Free Estate Planning Seminar

Saturday, April 29th at 10 am

Catholic Cemeteries will be hosting an Estate Planning Seminar at **Christ the King Cemetery, Reception Centre 7770 Steeles Ave. E., Markham**

RSVP: Frank Jannetta, Catholic Cemeteries
416-733-8544 ext. 2023 or fjannetta@cc-fs.ca

Reminder...

There will not be a meeting for Alpha during Holy Week. Alpha will resume again after Easter on April 18th. Thank you.

Alpha – Thank you!!!

Thank you to the following **Women's Ministry members** for their generous contributions to the Alpha meal on March 28 – **Maria Vecchiarelli, Sara Seaward, Angela Metauro, Antonietta Botticelli, Colette Larsen, Mary Comeau, Laura Ronco, Sarah Barclay and Tracy Morrison.**

Thank you for your help!

We would like to sincerely thank the following people who helped prepare the church for Easter:

- **Jodi Harker, Susan Logan, Jeri-Lynn Vogan, Cellie Canaon, Sarah Rodricks, Natalia Horscroft, Christina Viggiani, Sara Seaward, Marie Herrera, Dot Gourley, Edna Billsborough, Navis Cruzada, Gerladine Kelly.**
- Thank you also to **Anna Bonkowski** for washing the Eucharistic Minister gowns and **Rose Cabrelli** for washing the Altar Server gowns.

APRIL 16, 2017



Parish Movie Night Saturday, April 22nd



This month's movie: Little Margaret of Castello

Little Margaret is the story of a girl born blind and disabled. She is abandoned and cared for by the homeless. At her death, miracles begin to occur.

Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm
Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge. Running Time: 97 minutes

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2017

Week of Easter Octave – after all masses

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23, 2017
15 minutes before all Sunday morning masses

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration Sunday, April 23rd



Confessions: 2 pm to 3 pm (Fr. Duffy)
Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 2:30 pm
Celebration of Mass: 3 pm (Fr. Duffy)
Holy Hour: 4 pm to 5 pm (Fr. Michael)

Women's Group Meeting Saturday, April 24th at 7 pm

If you're wondering if there's more to life than just "getting by" and are ready to focus on what really matters, then discover the extraordinary Catholic teaching known as the **Theology of the Body**. Given to us by Pope John Paul II, the Theology of the Body is renewing marriages, awakening vocations, healing wounds, and setting people free to live the life of greatness to which we are all called.

Rose Heron and Jan Noonan, of the God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Ministry, will present this adult faith formation session which will introduce to you God's amazing plan for humanity and address the most fundamental and universal questions, including:

What is my life's purpose?

If you desire to discover and live out the fullest meaning and purpose of your life, then this workshop is for you! We hope you will join us. For more information, contact: stmarkswomensministry@gmail.com.

Coins for Life 2017 – Wrap Up Coin Boxes to be returned on April 22 & 23

Volunteers will be at the back of the church after all the masses on the weekend of April 22nd and 23rd to collect the coin boxes.

Campaign Life Coalition and the Colombian Squires of St. Mark thank you for your generosity!

Every coin makes a difference. Your contribution will help save countless innocent lives and help CLC pro-life workers to continue to run the March for Life.

The Church's Social Teachings

An interesting talk on the Church's social teachings will be given by Paul Tomory in the Parish Hall on the following dates: **May 16th, 23rd and 30th after the 7 pm Mass.**

All are welcome!

Pastor's Easter Message

Dear Parishioners and People of God of St. Mark's Parish, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families all the rich blessings of this, most Holy Season of Easter, which our Father in Heaven wishes to bestow on us. May we continually grow in the realization of the truly awesome price that was paid by Jesus to place this hope in our hearts of living with Him and all the Angels and Saints in Heaven forever. And with this realization, may the spirit of grateful obedience, love and praise likewise continue to grow in our hearts. **Happy Easter!** Fr. Michael

St. Mark's Summer Camp

Kingdom Camp

Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for Kingdom Camp at St. Mark's Church.

Children entering Grades 2 to 4

Program Dates: Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 14

Children entering Grades 5 to 8

Program Dates: Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21

Early Bird Special Pricing (register before April 24)

1st Child - \$125

Each additional sibling - \$100

Regular Pricing (register after April 24)

1st Child - \$160

Each additional sibling - \$140

Registration will take place at St. Mark's Church

Saturday, April 22nd from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm or completed forms can be dropped off at the church office.

First come, first served basis. Registration forms are available for pickup in the church foyer or by going to:

www.tinyurl.com/kingdomcamp2017



Catholic Corner

Calling ALL Catholics to Divine Mercy Sunday on April 23, 2017

This blessed Sunday is when our Lord opens the floodgates of heaven with his mercy and **offers TOTAL forgiveness for all our sins and punishments to those that receive Holy Communion and go to confession.**

Jesus informed St. Faustina in the 1930's that He "would pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness."

What an incredible gift to give to mankind!!!

To fittingly observe the Feast of Divine Mercy we should:


- Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter
- Make a good confession-a recent confession during late lent and no stain of unconfessed mortal sin
- Place complete trust in Jesus
- Receive Holy Communion on the feast of Divine Mercy
- Venerate the Image of Divine Mercy

Come receive Jesus' abundant mercy.

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