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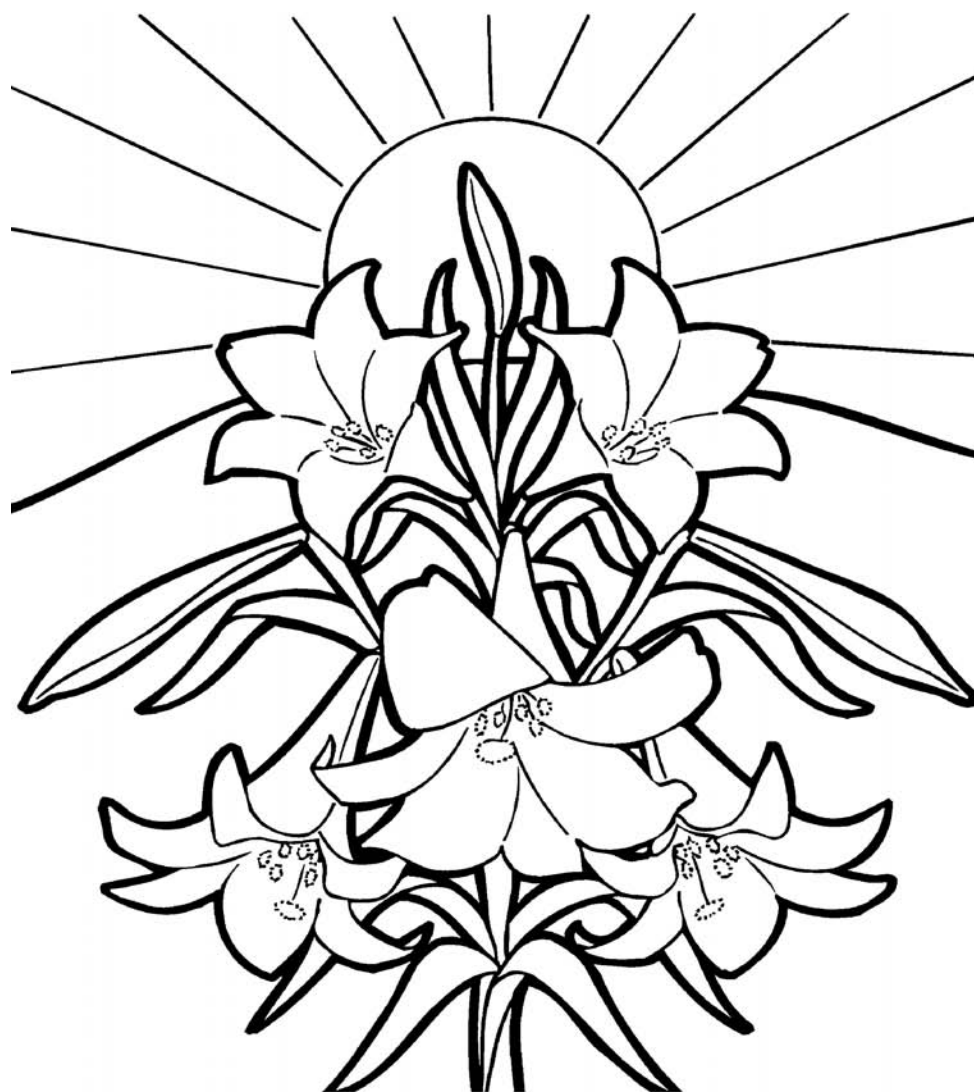
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**The Lord has Risen,
Allelaia, Allelaia, Allelaia!**

EASTER SUNDAY



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, March 28th @ 9:00 am

† Armando Villanueva req. by Marie and Camille Herrera

Tuesday, March 29th @ 7:00 pm

† Olga Novak req. by Beverly Shewchuk

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary and Emilio Benincasa

† Kevin William Lancey req. by Alfred and Liza Cadawas

Wednesday, March 30th @ 8:30 am

† Michelle Trentadue req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, March 31st @ 8:30 am

† Teresa Shaw req. by Elizabeth and Domenic Flagello

Friday, April 1st Holy Hour @ 7:00 pm & Mass @ 8:00 pm

† Michelle Trentadue req. by Rose Bortolussi

Saturday, April 2nd @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &

McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

† Don Reid and D. Gibson req. by Fr. Michael

† Carmel Ryder req. by Jim Ryder

† Gennaro Bruno req. by Rosa Bruno
@ 5:00 pm

Special Intention req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, April 3rd @ 9:00 am

St. Mark Community req. Fr. Michael

@ 11:00 am

† Michele Tersigni req. by Maria Ferri

@ 12:30 pm

† Al Hachey req. by Hachey Family

@ 3:00 pm

† Thanksgiving for mercy req. by Fr. Michael

Pray For The Sick

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle)

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Michelle Trentadue and Martin Glynn

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2016

Week of Easter Octave – after all masses

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016

15 minutes before all Sunday morning masses



Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016

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Pope Emeritus Benedict - "Deep crisis facing Church Post-Vatican II"

(LifeSiteNews.com) – On March 16, speaking publicly on a rare occasion, Pope Benedict XVI gave an interview to Avvenire, the daily newspaper of the Italian Bishops' Conference, in which he spoke of a "two-sided deep crisis" the Church is facing in the wake of the Second Vatican Council.

Pope Benedict reminds us of the formerly indispensable Catholic conviction of the possibility of the loss of eternal salvation, or that people go to hell:

The missionaries of the 16th century were convinced that the unbaptized person is lost forever. After the [Second Vatican] Council, this conviction was definitely abandoned.

The result was a two-sided, deep crisis. Without this attentiveness to the salvation, the Faith loses its foundation.

He also speaks of a "profound evolution of Dogma" with respect to the Dogma that there is no salvation outside the Church. This purported change of dogma has led, in the pope's eyes, to a loss of the missionary zeal in the Church – "any motivation for a future missionary commitment was removed."

Pope Benedict asks the piercing question that arose after this palpable change of attitude of the Church: "Why should you try to convince the people to accept the Christian faith when they can be saved even without it?"

As to the other consequences of this new attitude in the Church, Catholics themselves, in Benedict's eyes, are less attached to their Faith: If there are those who can save their souls with other means, "why should the Christian be bound to the necessity of the Christian Faith and its morality?" asked the pope. And he concludes: "But if Faith and Salvation are not any more interdependent, even Faith becomes less motivating."

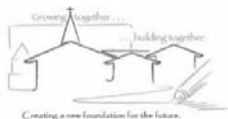
Pope Benedict also refutes both the idea of the "anonymous Christian" as developed by Karl Rahner, as well as the indifferentist idea that all religions are equally valuable and helpful to attain eternal life.

"Even less acceptable is the solution proposed by the pluralistic theories of religion, for which all religions, each in its own way, would be ways of salvation and, in this sense, must be considered equivalent in their effects," he said.

Benedict also reminds his audience that: "The Church is not self-made, it was created by God and is continuously formed by Him. This finds expression in the Sacraments, above all in that of Baptism: I enter into the Church not by a bureaucratic act, but with the help of this Sacrament."

MARCH 27, 2016

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Happy Easter!



Let's get all our eggs in the basket!

Pick up your information package on April 9/10!

The New Evangelization Summit April 15th and April 16th

An international conference that gathers leading experts from around the world to inspire thousands of Catholics to be engaged in the New Evangelization.

Friday, April 15 from 7 pm to 9:30 pm

Saturday, April 16 from 8:45 am to 4:30 pm

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24 Cheritan Ave, Toronto

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Tickets must be purchased in advance.

For information go to: www.newevangelization.ca,
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Physician Assisted Suicide Symposium

Saturday, April 2nd from 9 am to 12 noon

At St. Patrick's Parish – 5633 Hwy 7, Markham

Keynote speaker – Dr. Moira McQueen
from the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute

Learn more about the Catholic thought on this troubling issue that is about to become law. Ethical, Legal, medical and end of life issues to be discussed. Free admission.

Pre-registration required at stpatrickscwl@gmail.com

Euthanasia / Assisted Suicide Tell Legislators How You Feel

By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to visit CanadiansforConscience.ca and use this website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns.

Please urge your elected representative

- 1) To protect the vulnerable; and
- 2) To ensure that individuals and institutions can provide health care without having to compromise their moral convictions

Pastor's Easter Message

The greatest Feast Day in our Christian calendar, when we celebrate God's saving love for us, when our Heavenly Father gave His only Son as the Prince of our Salvation. Jesus laid down his life for His friends to reconcile us with His Father. The supreme proof of both His love and mercy. In this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us do all we can to make this mercy our own and extend the invitation to those around us that God has placed in our lives.

Happy Easter and God bless you all! Fr. Michael

Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, March 28th at 7:30 pm

Small Group / Café Night

This month, we will break into small groups to talk about how prayer and worship help us to discern how to deal with difficult times in our life. A special guest will share some thoughts and personal experiences on maintaining faith in hardship. We will also enjoy a coffee house-style music worship session with the High School Worship Team. If you need a ride to the meeting, contact Bernice van Herpt at bvanherpt@rogers.com.

We hope you come out...and bring a friend!



Friday, April 1st from 7 pm to 9 pm
Grades 6 to 8

Coins for Life 2016 – Wrap Up April 2nd and 3rd

*Volunteers will be at the back of the church
after all the masses on the weekend of
April 2nd and 3rd to collect the coin boxes.*

Campaign Life Coalition and the Colombian Squires of St. Mark thank you for your generosity. Your contribution will help save countless innocent lives and help CLC pro-life workers to continue to run the March for Life.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration Sunday, April 3rd

Confessions: 2 pm to 3 pm

Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 2:30 pm

Celebration of Mass: 3 pm

Holy Hour: 4 pm to 5 pm



Totus Tuus Summer Camp July 10th – 15th, 2016

Children and youth of our parish are invited to join us for the Totus Tuus Summer Program at St. Mark.

Children entering Grades 1-6

Program Dates: Monday to Friday from 9 am to 2:30 pm

Cost: \$75 for the first child in the family
\$60 for each additional sibling.

Intermediate/High School program for Grades 7-12

Program Dates: Sunday to Thursday from 7 pm to 9 pm

Cost: Free

Starting March 30th, registration forms will be available for pickup at the church, or can be downloaded from the St. Mark Church website at www.stmarkstouffville.ca

Registration will take place at St. Mark's Church

April 23rd from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, and after all masses on April 24th. First come, first served basis.

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