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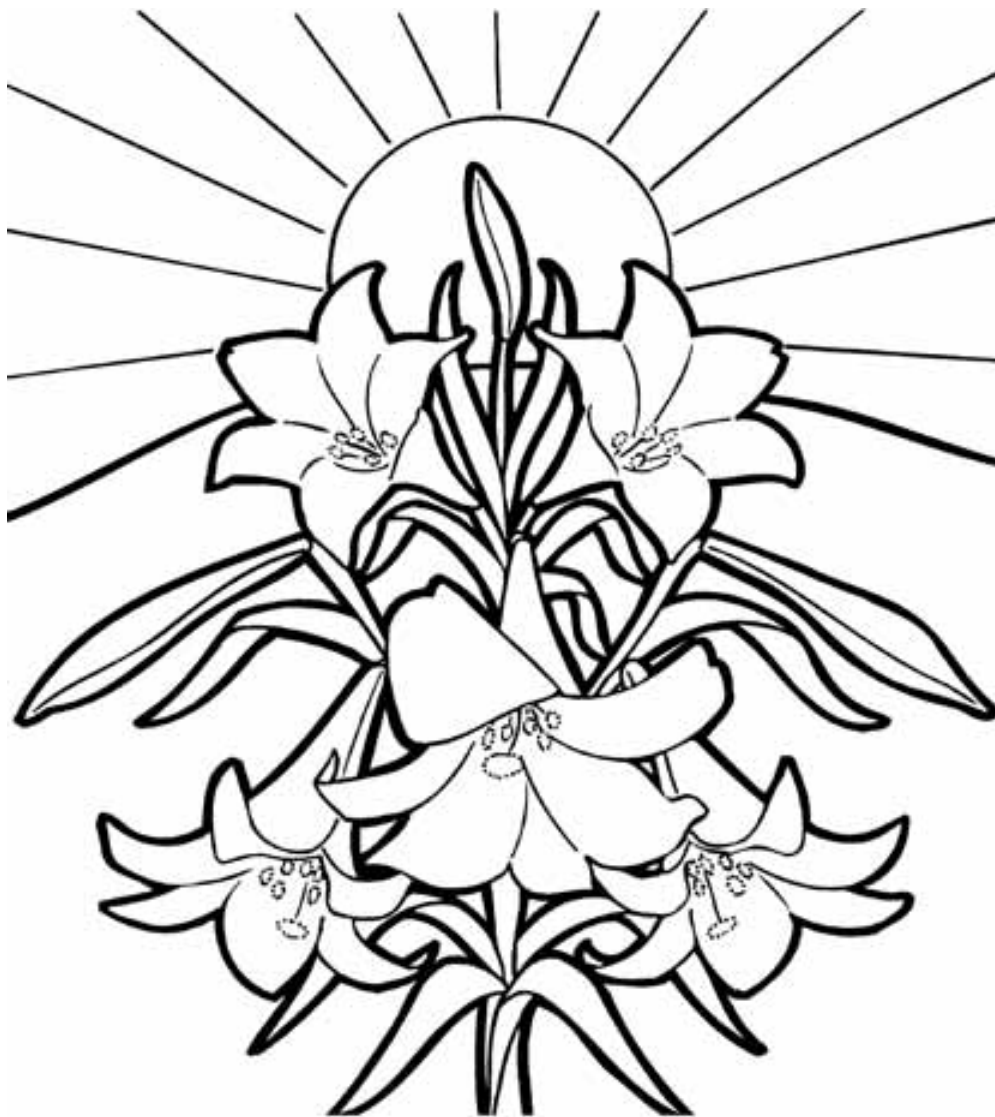
Rev. Father Boniface Perri

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Rev. Father Joseph Lam Tran

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Rev. Mr. David Langley



The Lord has Risen,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

From the Desk of Father Boniface



Whom are you looking for? This question of St. Mary Magdalene has always fascinated me. When we came to Mass today, who did you think you would find. A friend, a miracle worker, a leader, a confident, a social worker or simply a comfortable memory. St. Mary Magdalene came for that I think, a memory. She saw Jesus killed on the cross and buried. She came to weep for her friend who did so much for her.

But her hopes were more than fulfilled, amazingly so! It was hard for her to fully believe Jesus when He said, *"I will rise from the dead"*, these happenings are not part of the natural world, and even the appearance of angels could not completely break through her way of thinking. But Jesus is not only human; He is God, the second person of the Blessed Trinity. And He did indeed rise from the dead in a new and glorious form. He is alive! Death has no power over Him. Yes, Jesus is her friend as He is ours; He is a miracle worker and the healer of our hearts. But He is these things and more, because He is God, He is life and light itself and in that light no darkness and no limitation can exit. And it was that light and love that finally allowed Mary to see Jesus for who He is.

This Easter reminds us to discover Christ anew as the light of the world and the person who alone can fulfill that inner thirst for joy and peace, the one who by His grace all other joys have been given to us. If we go to Him without reservations or preconceived notions and simply be with Him, He will be there: in that thought we have when we pray, in that moment of the Mass that for some reason today touches us, in that feeling of closeness and love that seems to fill our hearts at times. The more we come, the more we are filled by His love and grace, the more we will be able to ascend to heaven with Him and see Him face to face.

On behalf of Fr. Joseph, Rev. Dave, myself and all of us here have a Blessed and Happy Easter!

FROM OUR PARISH GROUPS

CWL ANNUAL FEAST of OUR LADY of GOOD COUNSEL DINNER and SOCIAL

Tuesday, April 26th, following the 6:00pm Mass.

Special Guest Speaker on drug interactions.

Tickets are \$22.00 per woman.

Contact Tina Gasper at 905-775-4386

PARISH BAKE SALE

Sunday, May 1st after all Masses.

Open to all members of the parish to donate baked goods and to buy. All proceeds to the Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County.

COFFEE SUNDAY

**On Sunday, May 1st after all Masses.
Come and have coffee or tea and buy
some of the CWL's baked goodies!!!**

Weekly Collection

Offertory Donation was \$8,363.00

Our Weekly goal is \$6,000.00

Thank you for your amazing generosity!

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

This is the complete schedule for the Divine Mercy Novenas

Everyone is welcomed to attend

Sat, Apr 23 rd	5:00pm	Wed, Apr 27 th	6:00pm
Sun, Apr 24 th	3:00pm	Thu, Apr 28 th	6:00pm
Mon, Apr 25 th	10:00am	Fri, Apr 29 th	6:00pm
Tue, Apr 26 th	6:00pm	Sat, Apr 30 th	6:00pm

Sunday, May 1st

3:00pm – Divine Mercy Celebration

EASTER MONDAY

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, APRIL 25TH FOR EASTER MONDAY AND REOPENING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH.

Also note that Mass for Easter Monday will be at 9:15am

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Is accepting monetary donations. Please drop off your envelope in the weekly collection or in the SVP box located in the parish lobby. Make sure your name and address is on the outside of envelopes for your tax receipt purposes. Thank you!

WANTED – CHOIR MUSICIAN



After many years of wonderful service, we are in need for a music minister. We are looking for a Liturgical Musician to play the organ or the piano at the **8:30am Sunday Masses** for the Portuguese Choir **starting on Sunday, June 26th**. Portuguese language is an asset but not mandatory. The Portuguese Choir practices on Mondays after the 7pm Mass. St. Augustine said when you sing you pray twice, once with the words and once with the beauty of the music. Without it our Mass is severely diminished. Please be open to God's call. If you know someone who might be interested, please pass this message along or if you have any questions call the Parish office at 905-775-2065.

**FIRST COMMUNION for students of
Marie of the Incarnation School and
students from other PUBLIC Schools**

Please be advised that students from the above schools will be making their First Communion on

Sunday, May 1st at the 11:30am Mass

Let us keep these young people in our prayers as they are about to receive our Blessed Lord for the first time!

AN EASTER BLESSING

All glory and praise are yours, Holy Father, ruler of heaven and earth: we praise you for raising your Son Jesus from the dead and for giving Him victory over sin. Make us holy as we follow Him in love, and fill us with your Spirit, so that we may give your glory all the days of our life. Blessed are you, Father, for ever and ever. Amen!

Please Note there is no 6:00pm Mass Easter Sunday evening. We hope you enjoy this evening with family and friends.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

HOLY SATURDAY – April 23rd

EASTER SUNDAY – April 24th

8:30am + Joe Sandner by Paul & Sylvia Castellani

10:00am + Maria & Luis Borges by Maria Da Silva

11:30am + All Souls

5:00pm Spanish Mass

6:30pm Pro Populo

9:15am Monday, April 25th

+ Ignazio Polizzi by Wife

+ Jose, Maria & Luis Ferreira by Fernandes Family

+ John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira

+ Anna & Paula Gucciardo by Sorella Saraino & Family

+ Rafael Miranda & Arminda de Jesus Ferreira by Miranda Family

+ Jozefa Pindel by Joseph & Marie Mendrele & Family

* Special Intentions by Maria Dinis

* Special Intentions for E.H.

8:00am Tuesday, April 26th

+ Nicolas Klinger by Sister & Family

7:00pm Wednesday, April 27th

+ Mary Galea by the C.W.L. Northern Region

8:00am Thursday, April 28th

+ Regina Antosik by Balon Family

7:00pm Friday, April 29th

+ Jose Freire, Gloria Mendes, Antonio Francisco by Wife & Children

9:15am Saturday, April 30th

+ All Souls by a Parishioner

5:00pm Saturday, April 30th

+ Celeste Henriques by Vilma LaRoche & Family

+ Francisco & Vitoria Rodrigues by Wife Ester

+ Celeste Oliveira Simiao by Sarafina Ingoglia

+ Laurentina & Manuel Neto by Jack Neto & Family

+ Amilcar Miranda by Emilia, Julia & Isabel

+ Janos Szabo by Daughter & Family

+ Fernando Vias by Rosa & Jack Afonzo & Family

+ Stella Scuderi by Saverio & Enza Saracino

Sunday, May 1st

8:30am + Robert Karola & Edgar Moeller by Daughter

10:00am + Joao Gomes Faria Jr. by Augusta Barros

11:30am + Joao Laranjeiro by Wife & Children

5:00pm Spanish Mass

6:30pm Pro Populo

"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"

MARYGROVE GIRLS CAMP and CAMP OZANAM for BOYS

We are currently accepting registrations for these camps which run throughout the summer months. This program is for families that are experiencing financial or domestic hardship. Please leave your contact information with the parish office or for further info and camp dates, call the office at 775-2065.



Major Reliquary of Canada's Newest Saint Visits St. David's Parish
Friday, May 6th, St. David's Parish – 2601 Major MacKenzie Drive.

The Major Reliquary of Canada's newest saint, Brother Andre Bessette, will be visiting the Archdiocese of Toronto. This is a wonderful opportunity for our diocese to celebrate the call to holiness and spiritual renewal, following in the footsteps of St. Andre. All are welcome to participate.

Theme: "Open the door to Christ for Spiritual Renewal"

1:00pm – Arrival of the Reliquary with visitation and personal veneration.

7:30pm – Mass in the presence of the Reliquary.

8:30pm – 10:00pm – Visitation and personal veneration.

Sunday to Sunday.....

UPCOMING EVENTS at HOLY MARTYR'S PARISH

Sun Apr 24th – Easter Sunday

Mon Apr 25th – Parish Office Closed for Easter Monday

Tue Apr 26th – CWL Feast Reception

Sun May 1st – Coffee Sunday after every Mass

Sun May 1st – CWL Bake Sale after every Mass

Sun May 1st – 11:30am – First Communion for Marie of the Incarnation and all other PUBLIC schools



Apr 24th – No Life Night

Apr 25th – No Edge Night

HAPPY EASTER

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK – MAY 1st to 6th "CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT"

Our publicly funded Catholic schools invite parishioners to join them in celebration Catholic Education Week 2011, which runs from May 1-6. During this week, the Catholic community celebrates the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools make to our students, our community, to our society and to the province at large. Catholic education continues to integrate Gospel values into every aspect of the school's life and curriculum. For more information about Catholic Education Week or to find your local school board, visit GoodNewsForAll.ca or the Archdiocese of Toronto online at: www.archtoronto.org.

PATHWAYS: WOMEN'S SELF-ESTEEM GROUP

Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County presents Pathways; an 8 session group for women seeking to increase their overall self-image, learn greater self-acceptance and make positive changes in the lives. Pathways starts Tuesday, May 10th in Barrie. Program fee is \$160. with subsidy available for those who qualify. Please call 705-726-2503 to register.

WOMEN'S "ACTS" RETREAT – May 5th to 8th

at Queen of Apostles, Mississauga. A new and exciting retreat experience helping us to grow in a personal relationship with God. "ACTS" – Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Call 905-278-5229 for further information or reservations.

TORONTO RETROUVAILLE

Help for Troubled Marriages

A live-in weekend to assist couples experiencing troubles in their marriage relations will be taking place April 29, 30, May 1st. For further confidential and no-obligation information, you can refer couples to 416-281-6007 and www.torontoretrouvaille.com.

THE TALLIS CHOIR of TORONTO

Saturday, May 7th at 7:30pm – St. Patrick's Church

The Tallis Choir presents Handel: Coronation Anthems at St. Patrick's Church, 141 McCaul Street, Toronto.

For tickets and info, please call 416-286-9798 or email info@tallischoir.com. www.tallischoir.com/ticketing.html.

Tickets at the door are:

Students \$10, Seniors \$25 and Adults \$30

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