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Rev. Mr. David Langley

Rev. Mr. Pedro Guevara-Mann



Rejoice, for the Lord is Risen!

FROM THE DESK OF FR. BONIFACE EASTER MESSAGE



*Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen!
Truly He is Risen!!*

My dear Friends, in the Lord, what other greeting can we give at this season but these words, as St. Augustine says, are ever ancient and ever new!

Ever Ancient, for these words are the first message of the Christian Church, near close to two millennium ago and ever new, ever new for those people who are not baptized and hearing them for the first time, ever new for those who have had their faith only in the cultural milieu but now for the first time Christ has touched their hearts in a personal and profound way. Perhaps it will be through us that they hear it if we are not afraid to profess our faith. Happy the man, says St. Paul who brings good news. (Rm.10:15). Ever new, for now in this time in history when society has forgotten God they hear this message that He is real and with us anew, ever new to those who carry a cross, of illness or financial problems to know that He who defeated death can give you grace to triumph over anything in this world.

All of us, every day can be touched by God anew, in a prayer we have said a thousand times and all of a sudden a word strikes us profoundly, in a part of the Mass that moves us, in doing good for others, in Spiritual reading or just an inner joy and clarity as Jesus visits our hearts. Our problem is that sometimes the cares of the world bury us in worrying only about this life and in the midst of all these concerns and hundreds of details, we can forget or even despair that Jesus did rise from the dead and that He is not a historical figure but with us right now, wanting to unite to a pure heart in us. Every day Jesus can reveal something to us whether that is something profound or something close and familiar. Whatever it is, Christ is not dull and He can touch our soul with wonder and joy. Let us pray for each other this Easter season, dear friends, that we may always have a heart ready for our risen Lord to enter.

*On behalf of Father Bernard Lee, Deacon David Langley,
Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann and all of the Holy Martyrs
of Japan Pastoral Team, HAPPY EASTER!*

CHRIST HAS RISEN!

Devotions for Our Lady will be starting Saturday, March 2nd at 4:00pm & each first Saturday until July 6th. First Five Saturdays - Novena followed by confessions and Mass at 5:00pm. All are welcome.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

This is the complete schedule for the
Divine Mercy Novenas

Everyone is welcome to attend

Sun, Mar 31st 3:00pm

Mon, Apr 1st 10:00am

Tue, Apr 2nd 6:00pm

Wed, Apr 3rd 6:00pm

Thu, Apr 4th 6:00pm

Fri, Apr 5th 6:00pm

Sat, Apr 6th 6:00pm

Sunday, April 7th

3:00pm - Divine Mercy Novena

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory donation for March 24th was \$8,146.01

Our weekly goal is \$6,000.00

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. **The applications must be submitted by April 8th, 2013.** For further information, please contact the Education and Health Convener, CWL, at Holy Martyrs - Brenda Dainton at 905- 551-1685.

Christians of the Holy Land

It would be a blessing if you could celebrate the Vigil Mass of Easter in Jerusalem at the Sepulchre Church. Parishioners would fill the Church, courtyard and roof. In Arabic, Holy Saturday is known as "Saturday of the Light". When the Patriarch exits the Tomb with the Light lit by the Holy Spirit, and passes it from one candle to the next, there is a frantic euphoria of happiness and redemption. On Holy Saturday, our focus is on the Tomb of Christ. This is no ordinary grave. It is not a place of corruption, decay, and defeat. It is life-giving, a source of power, victory, and liberation. I encourage you to visit this Tomb and stand in solidarity with the Christian Palestinians. Do NOT deprive yourself of touching what Christ literally touched! I ask you this Easter, and the next 50 days, to remember the Christian character of the Holy Land in your prayers, namely the Christian Palestinians, and our Holy Sites commemorating Jesus' earthly journey. *Happy Easter. Peace, Rami Qumsieh, (Knight of the Holy Sepulchre)*

PRAYER QUEST

Prayer Quest is a four-evening study and practice in prayer for people who feel weary from busy lives or empty from constant caring. Wisdom from some of the Church's great Saints will light the way in this spiritual journey.

Where: Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish, 167 Essa St, Bradford.

When: Thursday evenings: April 18, 25, May 2, 9, at 7- 9pm

Provided at no fee by the Office of Formation for Discipleship, Archdiocese of Toronto. Pre-registration is requested to facilitate planning. To register contact Laurie van den Hurk 705-428-5537 or lvandenhurk@archtoronto.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Saturday – March 30th

1:00pm – Blessing of the Food
5:00pm – Divine Mercy Novena
8:00pm – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – March 31st

Masses will be:-

8:30am – Pro Populo
10:00am – Pro Populo
11:30am – Pro Populo
3:00pm – Divine Mercy Novena
4:45pm – Spanish Mass
6:30pm – NO MASS

9:30am Easter Monday, April 1st

+ Lilli & Joseph Sandner by Silvia & Paul Castellani
+ Fernando Gomes by Wife & Children
+ Claudino & Maria Neto by Rosa & David Oliveira
+ Maria Rosa de Jesus & Maria Rosa Caseira by Joaquim Neto
+ William & Will Kristman by Katherina Djurkowitsch
+ Olivia Ribeiro Cacalussa by Isaura Balugas & Family
+ Julio Manuel & Joao Soares by Maria & Abilio Soares
+ Carmel Colford by Son – Joe

8:30am Tuesday, April 2nd

+ Maria Rosa De Jesus & Claudino Neto by Joaquim Neto & Family

7:00pm Wednesday, April 3rd

+ Mary Mendrek by Joe Mendrek & Family

8:30am Thursday, April 4th

+ All Souls by Maria da Silva

7:00pm Friday, April 5th

+ All Souls by Lourdes Marques

9:30am Saturday, April 6th

+ Franco Trotta by Carmela Trotta & Alberino Innuccilli

5:00pm Saturday, April 6th

+ Giuseppe Beninati by Wife – Francesca
+ Antonio & Cecilia Fernandes by Fernandes Family
* Special Intentions for Rui Santos Domingues by Celso & Maria Domingues
+ Teresa Silva & Venancio Silva by Family
+ John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
* In Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Edward McEvenue by Parish Staff
+ Michele & Giuseppina Bianco by Saverio & Grazia Bianco
+ Albina Vieira Barbosa by Lucia & Orlando Araujo

Sunday, April 7th

8:30am Francisco & Jose Francisco Rodrigues by Wife & Mother – Ester
10:00am Kazimiera Podumis by Rak Family
11:30am First Communion for children of Marie of the Incarnation School
4:45pm Spanish Mass
6:30pm Pro Populo

“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”



All Lifeteen events start following the 6:30pm Sunday Youth Mass	All EDGE events start at 7:00 to 8:30pm on Monday evening in the Parish Hall.
Mar 31 – Easter Sunday – No Life night	Apr 1 – Easter Monday – No Edge
Apr 7 – Social	Apr 8 – Back to the Beach
Apr 14 – The Fullness of Time	Apr 15 – Rise Up

NEW BEGINNINGS: For those who have lost a loved one through Death, Separation or Divorce. Come and join us for an informative evening: Our Facilitator is Dr. Josephine Lombardi, the author of “On Earth as It Is in Heaven.” She holds a doctorate in theology and is Assistant Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology at St. Augustine Seminary. **Her Topic:** “A Walk through the Lord’s Prayer.” **Date:** April 2nd **Time:** 7 – 9pm. **Location:** Archdiocese of Toronto Pastoral Centre – 1155 Yonge St, 4th Floor, Toronto, (North East corner of Yonge and Shaftebury- free underground parking off Shaftebury and we are beside the Summerhill subway station). Pre-registration is NOT required.

YOU DESERVE A WEEKEND AWAY...

Consider a fulfilling “Marriage Enrichment” weekend in the secluded garden-like setting at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga. A Good marriage can become a great marriage with proper nourishment.

Register now for the next Marriage Enrichment weekend held on April 5-8, 2013. Please call Kathleen at 905-278-5229 or email: ksmith@qoa.ca or for further information, contact Father Tomy at 905-278-5229 ext 225 or visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/queenofapostlesca/>

CATHOLICISM SERIES PRESENTATION

2013 is the “Year of Faith”. Holy Martyrs Parish will be presenting a 10 week series of videos and discussions, starting on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00pm and every Tuesday thereafter until Tuesday, April 30th. The Videos are by Rev. Robert E. Barron. The discussion will be lead by Fr. Boniface with refreshments to follow afterwards in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend this very informative free event.

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend
on April 19th to April 21, 2013

Married couples: You deserve a weekend to cherish being together; to rediscover each other and focus on ways to make your relationship even better. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers this opportunity. Consider giving each other or another couple that you know the gift of a weekend away from daily pressures; time to be with each other and with God on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. See www.wwme.org For further information or registration, please contact: Cora and Mike Bryce at 905-896-2958 or cora-mikebryce@sympatico.ca

EASTER SUNDAY – March 31st, 2013

The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as preists, brothers and sisters. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997. vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca



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Monday, April 1st.
Have a Blessed Easter
from the Parish Staff.*

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