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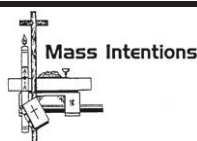
Associate Pastor - Fr. Ravi Tete

Deacon - Joseph Murphy



He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia

EASTER SUNDAY



Saturday, April 16 - Easter Vigil

8:05 p.m. - EMILY LEPINE R.I.P.

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. - MICHAEL PAIVA R.I.P.

10:30 a.m. - DECEASED MEMBERS OF STUGLIK & STARZYK FAMILIES

12:30 p.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday, April 18

9:00 a.m. - ANGEL & EDGAR ANGLO R.I.P.

Tuesday, April 19

7:00 p.m. - FELICITAS GONZAGA R.I.P.

Wednesday, April 20

7:00 p.m. - THERESA MARTIN R.I.P.

Thursday, April 21

7:00 p.m. - *(Still available)*

Friday, April 22

9:00 a.m. - ROQUE CABRAL R.I.P.

Saturday, April 23

9:00 a.m. - DECEASED MEMBERS OF MARTUCCI FAMILY

5:00 p.m. - JOE & LUCY FERNANDES R.I.P.

Sunday, April 24 - Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 a.m. - ANTONIO & MARIA CABECEIRAS R.I.P.

10:30 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

12:00 noon - NICOLA & FELICIA FIGLIANO R.I.P.

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Saying those words is like drinking a tall glass of cold water after being out in the desert all day. Lent is over and it is now time to celebrate the great joy of Easter!

At the Easter Vigil, the Exsultet is sung as Mass begins in darkness, illumined only by candles throughout the church. The Exsultet is a beautiful hymn of rejoicing in Christ's triumph over sin and death. One part states:

O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned for us so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

This line stands out because it calls the sin of Adam "necessary" and refers to it as "O happy fault." At first, this may seem strange. Why is it that we refer to the sin of Adam, Original Sin, as "necessary" and "happy." The answer is Easter. It's because God, in His perfect wisdom and love, took sin and the consequence of sin (death) and used them as the means of the salvation of the world. That's what Easter is all about!

This may be hard to comprehend so it's worth thinking about more deeply. Without Adam's sin, there would be no Jesus. God would not have had to become one of us. So even though the original sin of Adam, as well as all future sin, is evil and wrong, God in His perfect power and love chose to use it as the very means of the salvation of the world. How? By allowing the sins of the world to persecute Him and crucify Him, and then, by turning that suffering and death into the very means of salvation. Jesus destroyed sin by destroying the consequences of sin which is death. Jesus' Resurrection takes away the effects of all sin for those who cling to Him.

How do we cling to our Resurrected Lord? There are many ways. One way is to take joy in everything. Start with whatever it is that burdens you the most. Whatever it is that makes you angry, sad or depressed. Whatever that is, it can potentially become one of your greatest sources of grace and joy. Seriously, it can. If the brutal Crucifixion of Jesus, the Son of God, can turn out to be the greatest event in all of human history, then your personal suffering, your burden, or even your sin can very much become a source of great joy as long as you let God transform it into part of His Resurrection!

This is the meaning of Easter! Easter means that nothing can keep us from the joy that God wants to give us. Nothing can steal that joy away. At times we will struggle just as Jesus did in the Agony of the Garden and the *Via Dolorosa* (the Way of the Cross), but those sufferings will not win. The Resurrection won with Christ and it will win with us when we cling to Him. Jesus persevered and, in the end, rose victorious. This is Easter!

Let Him fill you with hope and with the joy that only the Resurrection can bring. God wants Easter to begin now in our lives! Happy Easter!

Readings for April 17

Acts 10.34a, 37-43 Colossians 3.1-4

John 20.1-18



Fr. John, Fr. Ravi, Deacon Joe, and the office staff would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



Please keep the students in your prayers as they begin to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation throughout the Easter Season.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



The Lord expressed His will regarding this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I 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 are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.”

Come celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 24th from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



Open Invitation to The Serra Club of North Peel Meeting

Saturday, April 23rd, 2022 9:45am
(Following the 9am local parish mass)
Location: St. Mary's Parish Hall
66A Main Street South Brampton
April's Speaker: Fr. Tomasz Skibinski
Rector of Redemptoris Mater Seminary

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OCTAVE OF EASTER



The 8-day period between Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday is called the Octave of Easter. Each day is a Solemnity and a “little Easter.”



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BUNDLE UP WEEKEND **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The truck for the St. Vincent de Paul will be in the back parking lot next weekend **April 23rd -24th** to accept donations of gently used clothing, shoes, and linens. Please see the bulletin board or website for acceptable items. The truck will be open 30 minutes before and after each Mass.



The annual March for Life will be held on Thursday, May 12th in Ottawa. There will be Mass at St. Leonard's at 6:00 in the morning and the bus will leave after Mass and return at approximately 9:30 p.m.

This event is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and St. Leonard's Parish. Tickets for the bus can be purchased at the parish office for a cost of \$35.00 per person. If you are interested, please contact the office at 905-846-5385. For more information, please call Eric: (416) 402-4091 or Joe: (647) 281-9212 or email: JoeResendes19@gmail.com



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 priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org Website: vocationstoronto.ca

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