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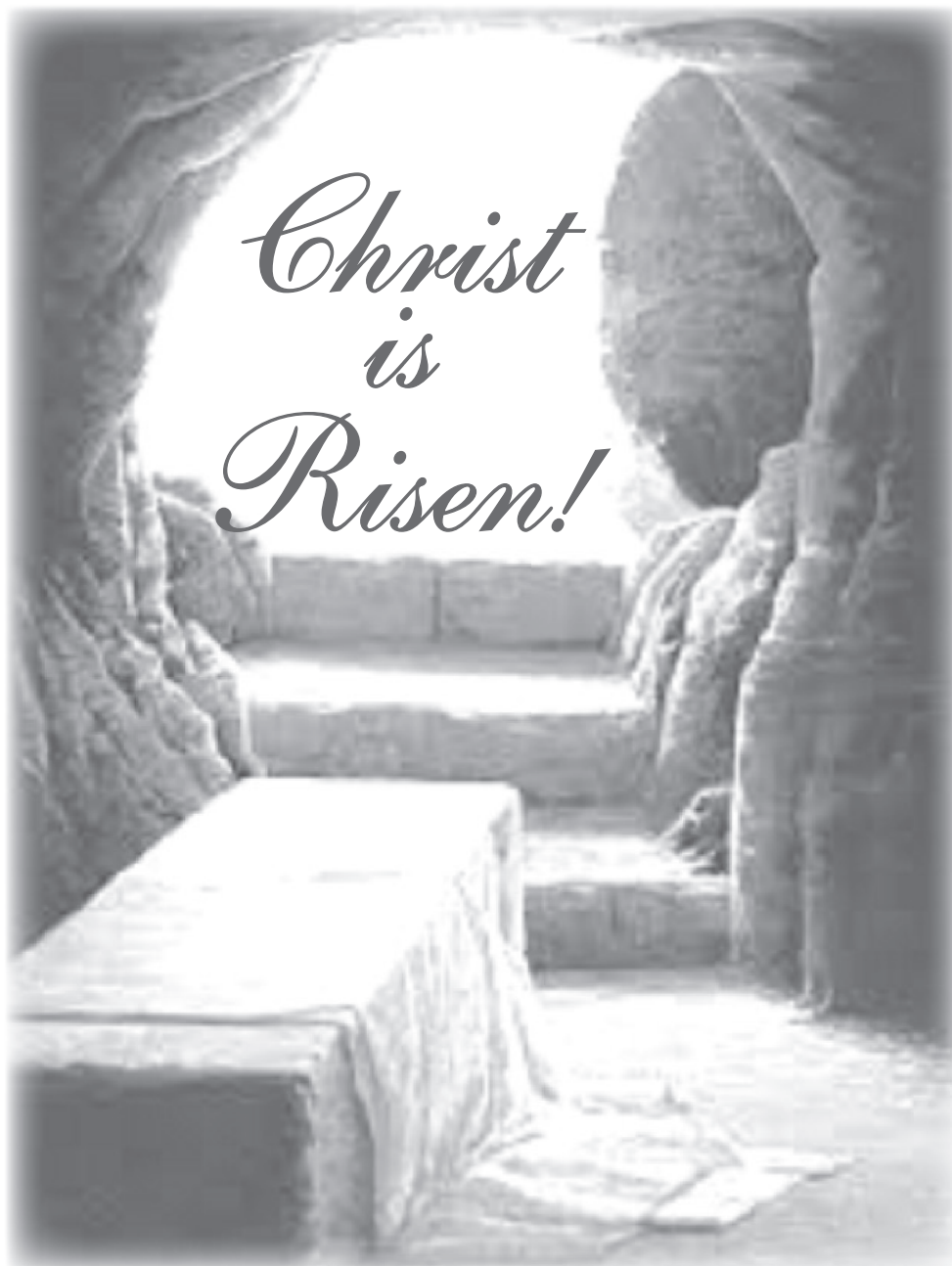
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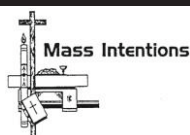
OUR PARISH TEAM:

Pastor - Fr. P. John Nosan

Associate Pastor - Fr. Ravi Tete, HGN

Deacon - James Bell





Saturday, April 8 - Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. - **BRUNO DEFINA R.I.P.**

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. - **JUNIPERO LAGTAPON SR. R.I.P.**

10:30 a.m. - **MICHAEL PAIVA R.I.P.**

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

Monday, April 10

9:00 am. - *(Still available)*

Tuesday, April 11

7:00 p.m. - **JOE & LUCY FERNANDES R.I.P.**

Wednesday, April 12

No regular Mass - Confirmations for St. Evan School

Thursday, April 13

7:00 p.m. - **CARMELA & ANTONIO MAZZOTTA R.I.P.**

Friday, April 14

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

Saturday, April 15

9:00 a.m. - **RAMAN MAKASARE R.I.P.**

5:00 p.m. - **ADRIANA FIGLIANO R.I.P.**

Sunday, April 16 - Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 am. - **GILLES DUPONT R.I.P.**

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

12:00 noon - **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE STUGLIK & STARZYK FAMILIES R.I.P.**

Readings for April 9

Acts 10.34a, 37-43 Colossians 3.1-4
John 20.1-18



Please note that there will not be a regular evening Mass on Wednesday, April 12th as there will be Confirmation for the students of St. Evan. Please keep all of our students in your prayers who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation throughout this Easter Season.



Birthingright Brampton wishes to thank everyone who has returned their baby bottle. If you still have not returned yours, please bring it to the Parish Office as soon as possible or call Birthingright at 905-874-0607. All bottles must be returned for auditing reasons. **May God bless all of you!**

EASTER SUNDAY



Alleluia! He is Risen! It is time to celebrate the great joy of Easter!

At the Easter Vigil, the *Exsultet* is sung as Mass begins in darkness, illuminated 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 might 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 might 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 all sin 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 consequence of sin, which is death. Death loses in the Resurrection! Jesus' Resurrection takes away the effects of all sin for those who cling to Him.

Take joy in everything. Start with whatever it is that burdens you the most. Whatever that is, it can become your greatest source of grace and joy. 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!

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!

(From mycatholic.life)



Fr. John, Fr. Ravi, Deacon James, and the office staff would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter!

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and 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 all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. 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 forth 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." (Diary 699)

Come celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16th from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



Totus Tuus is coming! The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for "Totally Yours") this summer from July 30 to August 4, 2023. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechesis, Mass, confession, songs, and games!

DAY CAMP (for Grades 1-6) Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM Monday, July 31st to Friday, August 4th, 2023

EVENING PROGRAM (for Grades 7-12) Sunday to Thursday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM Sunday, July 30th to Thursday, August 3rd, 2023

EARLY BIRD starting April 29th - \$60 for day camp and \$25 for evening program per person for the entire week. Price goes up June 1st! To register or for more information, please contact Kevin Senra at totustuus_stl@yahoo.ca More information about the program is also available at www.totustuustoronto.ca



The annual March for Life will be held on Thursday, May 11th 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 \$40.00 per person. If you are interested, please contact the office at 905-846-5385. For more information, please call Eric at (416) 402-4091 or Joe at (647) 281-9212 or email: JoeResendes19@gmail.com.

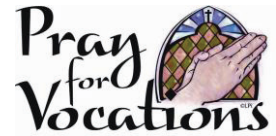


Change of Date...CWL Spring Tea Party & Fun Fashion Show will be held at St. Leonard's Parish Hall on Sunday, **June 4th** from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. All are welcome. More details to follow.

"He has been raised from the dead!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

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