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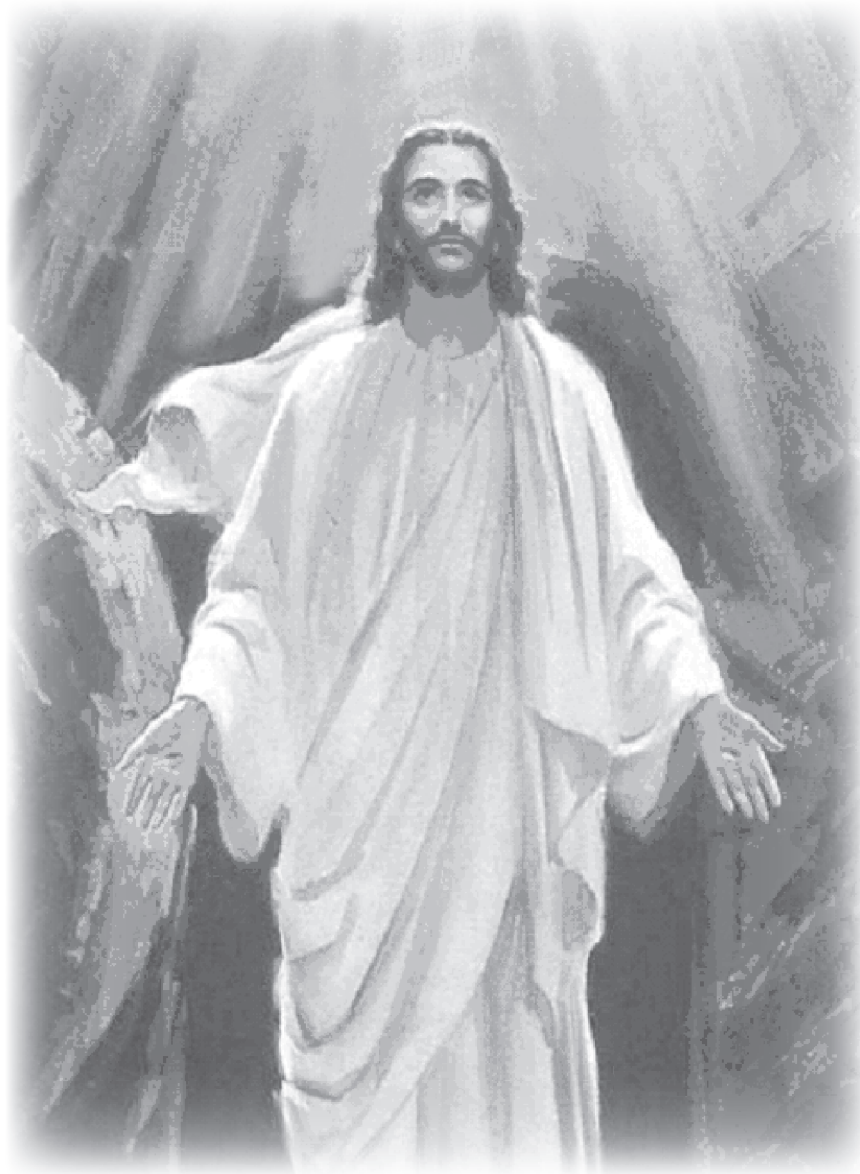
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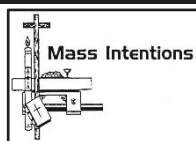
Associate Pastor - Fr. Benny Joseph Ezhormattam

Deacon - James Bell



Christ is Risen!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION



Saturday, March 30 - Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m.- BRUNO DEFINA & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FIGLIANO FAMILY R.I.P.

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m.- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30 a.m.- VIRGINIA SARAIVA R.I.P.

12:30 p.m. SALLY HUANG R.I.P.

Monday, April 1

9:00 a.m. - DEANNA ANDREWS R.I.P.

Tuesday, April 2

7:00 p.m. - NICKI RAO R.I.P.

Wednesday, April 3

7:00 p.m. - THANKSGIVING INT. OF AHOEILOE FAMILY

Thursday, April 4

No Regular Mass - Confirmation for St. Evan School

Friday, April 5

9:00 a.m. - AUDREY ALDERSON R.I.P.

7:00 p.m. - YIN HSIANG WU R.I.P.

Saturday, April 6

9:00 a.m. - INT. OF WALTER DEMELO & FAMILY

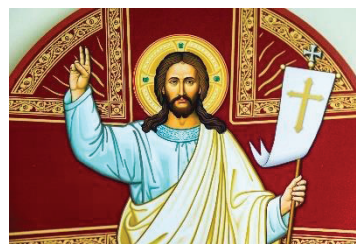
5:00 p.m. - ELVIRA & OLIMPIO MOLLICONE R.I.P.

Sunday, April 7 - Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30 a.m. - JUNIPERO LAGTAPON SR. R.I.P.

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



ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness. Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

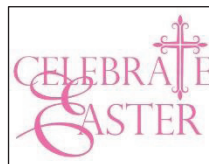
(Excerpt from the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet))

The Vigil Mass begins in darkness, after the sun sets, with all the lights out in the Church. Outside, a new "blazing fire" is lit and blessed that symbolizes the Light of Christ that dispels all darkness. From that fire, the Easter candle and other candles held by the faithful in the church are lit, and the new light illuminates the church. The procession into the church with the candles is followed by the singing of the ancient hymn the *Exultet*. That hymn is the Church's announcement of the Resurrection of Christ and is filled with profound theology, presented with youthful excitement and amazement. The tabernacle remains empty as a way of inviting the faithful to anticipate the celebration of the Eucharist once again. The lengthy Liturgy of the Word follows, as it recounts the history of God's plan of salvation. Finally, the Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated within the Mass that culminates with the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist.

(Source of content: mycatholiclife.com)

Readings for March 31

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



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

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



Please note that there will **not** be a regular evening Mass on Thursday, April 4th, 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 the Easter Season.

Upcoming dates for Confirmation: April 10th, May 2nd, 7th, 9th, 14th, and 16th. There will not be regular Masses on these evenings.

Banns for Ordination

Ferdinand Valera is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Toronto on May 25, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral.

Please remember him in your prayers.

Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska and added the Feast of Divine Mercy to the Church's official calendar. Saint Faustina, who died in 1938, was a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She came from a simple and poor family of farmers, had only three years of rudimentary education, and performed the humblest of tasks in her convent. But she also was a mystic who was privileged to have many private revelations from our Lord. In obedience to her superior and spiritual director, she recorded these private revelations in six notebooks. Those notebooks are known today under the title: *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*. The messages contained within her diary present profound communications from God for our day and age.

“On that day (the 8th day of Easter each year) 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 flow 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” (#699).

Come celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 7th from 2:30 to 3:30 pm with Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, Confession, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



Holy Name of Mary College School (HNMCS), an independent Catholic school for girls in grades 5-12, will host an Open House on **Saturday, April 6th at 10 am**. It will provide an opportunity to discover the benefits of an HNMCS education, and include a campus

tour as well as introductions to the HNMCS faculty, students, and administrators. We hope to see you there!

For more information, please visit www.hnmcs.ca or call Giselle Fernandes at 905-891-1890, ext. 103.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual March for Life will be held on Thursday, May 9th in Ottawa. There will be Mass at St. Leonard's at 5:45 in the morning and the bus will leave after Mass and return at approximately 9:00 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.

CORE PRO-LIFE RESPONSE Saturday, April 13: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm St. Mary's Church, Brampton

Learn the pro-life position on important life issues from a scientific and human rights perspective, and be inspired by powerful testimonies from women who have overcome difficult situations.

This is a free event with lunch provided. Register: trtl.ca/youth-conference.

BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Next weekend (April 6/7) will begin the Baby Bottle Campaign for Birthright Brampton. Bottles will be available after each of the Masses for you to take and fill with change/bills/cheque to help Birthright continue to aid mothers and save babies. Please bring the bottle back to church the weekend of May 4/5.



SPRING TEA AND FASHION SHOW



The Catholic Women's League will be hosting a Spring Tea and Fashion Show on Sunday, May 5th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. More details to follow.

Please note: The Solemnity of the Annunciation will be celebrated on Monday, April 8th this year, as the normal date of March 25th fell within Holy Week.

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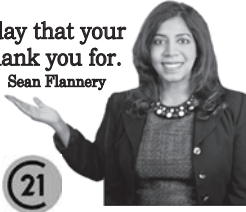


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