

**W**e come to Easter Sunday's celebration filled with the memory of the liturgies of the greatest week of the Church's year – liturgies which have spoken for themselves, as they invited us to relive in faith the great things God has done for us, coming to a great climax in the Easter Vigil – captured in the words of St. Paul read during the Vigil, 'As Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too' are called 'to live a new life'.

The days after Easter have a remarkable atmosphere. The Church's mood is not one of exuberant triumph, but one of wonder and calm. Faith must come to terms with the new creation brought into existence by the Paschal Mystery. And it is impossible to forget the price that has been paid: the one who 'went about doing good' has died 'hanging on a tree'.

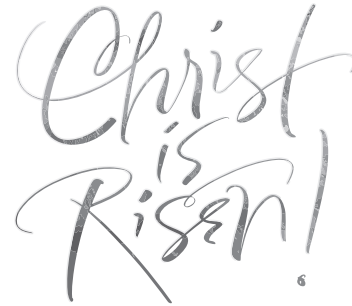
Though they proclaim realities which are incomparable in their greatness and importance, the Church's liturgies do not strive to impress by creating effect. Only faith can fully appreciate the motivation that brought them into existence; they are a reflection of the Church's living response to what God has done for us. A group of people who have come through a great ordeal or an extraordinary experience will often find themselves in a mood of calm, reflection and gratitude. The liturgies of Easter Week have such a mood.

With Peter, in the first reading, we look back upon the gospel story that has led up to the great event in which we have been given a share. Peter recalls the ministry of Jesus 'anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power' and his tragic death; and as a privileged witness he announces the Lord's resurrection, to be 'the judge of the living and the dead', the one witnessed to by 'all the prophets'.

With Paul, in the second reading, we look forward with a hope that has no bounds. The destiny which is ours through the power of the Saviour's resurrection invites us to 'look for the things that are in heaven', because the life we now have 'is hidden with Christ in God'.

In the gospel reading - the story of Peter and the beloved disciple running to the empty tomb - the Church of the Apostles acknowledges that faith does not come easily: only a generous openness to God will find faith in the Risen Lord. This openness is linked especially with a knowledge of God's ways to be found in 'the teaching of scripture'.

The renewal of baptismal promises, which is customary at the Easter Day Mass, invites us to reflect upon the immense implications of our sharing in the Saviour's risen life, for the sake of the whole world.



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**The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims forever that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times.**

If you feel God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto. 416-968-0997 vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

**Working wonders for those entering the priesthood...**

Men who have responded to God's call to dedicate their lives to His service come from all walks of life. Those who enter the priesthood come from different ages and backgrounds, economic situations, skill sets, and ethnic communities. At ShareLife-funded agencies such as Serra House, Redemptoris Mater, and St. Augustine's Seminary, they undergo extensive theological education and practical field training. Through ShareLife, you are helping sustain the vocations for priesthood and inspire discernment for God's call. Last year ShareLife helped support 80 priests and seminarians in their formation studies.

ShareLife's campaign continues — Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Readings ~ Acts 10:34a, 37-43 ~ Colossians 3:1-4 OR 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 ~ John 20:1-18



**Mass Intentions This Week — April 6 to 12**

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Delia Montoya Ortiz	Delia Urosecic
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Pauline Webster	Mirta Poce
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Catharine Roy	Melba DeWitt
Thursday, 9am	✠ Emilio Ragnoni	Jovita Ragnoni
Friday, 9am	✠ members of the Goseco, Valencia & Feliciano families	Linda Feliciano
Saturday, 9am	✠ Luka Vojnic	The Bodrug family
5:15pm	✠ John Justyn	Chester Justyn & family
Sunday, 8am	✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠	
9:30am	✠ Patricia Murray	Eta
11am	✠ Robert Siebelhoff	Kathy Justin
12:30pm	✠ Adam Beldycki	His family

**Rosary Group Stay and Pray Daily, After 9am Mass + Fridays, 2pm**

Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

*"The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description."*

—Archbishop Fulton Sheen



**Children's Liturgy of the Word — Join us!**

This program for children 4-10 years old returns with vigor next Sunday at the 9:30am liturgy. **All are welcome!**

**OLS 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary — a continued call for ideas!**

If you have an idea you'd like to share with the newly-formed planning committee, please send an email, care of the parish office, to olosorrows@bellnet.ca — watch this space for updates and announcements!



**Stretch & Flex — all are welcome! — Tuesdays, 6:30—7:30pm in the parish hall**

\$10 per session. Bring a yoga-type mat, perhaps a bottle of water and wear comfy clothing!

**Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land November 9—17, 2015**

This once-in-a-lifetime journey, under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Matthew Furguele, marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our parish. Cost is \$2,490 pp. Contact Halina at 905-886-0232, ext. 315 or 647-294-4116. An information & registration meeting for all who are interested in joining our tour to the Holy Land this November will take place on Wed., April 8 at 7pm in the parish hall.

**Your Offertory Envelopes — please write in an amount**

**Parishioners!** Please take a moment each week to write the amount of your donation on your envelope. This greatly assists parish staff in their accounting duties. If you're using the supplied (numbered) envelopes, you need not write your name — we'll know it's you based on the envelope number. If using a surrogate envelope, do please make sure to note your number or name along with the amount! **As always, thank you for your cooperation!**

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." — St. John Paul II

**Art Show & Sale — Fundraiser for Local Charities — April 11, 10am—4pm**

Take this opportunity to discover a wide selection of art. Admission is \$10 which includes a draw for a mixed media work by Michael Zarowsky. This important event supports many local charities and takes place at Kingsway-Lambton United Church, 85 The Kingsway (corner of Prince Edward and the Kingsway). The Zarowsky work entitled "Autumn" and the work of the other 30 artists may be viewed at [www.kingswaylambton.ca/artshow](http://www.kingswaylambton.ca/artshow)

**Prayer Quest Tuesdays, April 7—28 — Mass at 9am, Prayer Quest at 9:45am**

This series of four sessions of 2 hours each will be a help to all who seek to deepen their relationship with God and renew their spirits through a variety of forms of prayer and reflection. "Prayer is the living relationship of the children of God with their Father... Thus, the life of prayer is the habit of being in God's presence." (Catechism of the Catholic Church). Takes place at St. Bonaventure's Parish, 1300 Leslie St., Don Mills, M3C 2K9.

**Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life**

These programmes address topics related to the faith formation of maturing adults. There are four sessions of two hours each: Spiritual strengths and inner resources, outreach, gratitude and celebration and forgiveness. Registration appreciated but walk-ins most welcome. Sr. Mary Rose Marrin, CSJ, Facilitator. To register, call Brenda Voisin (416) 934-3400, ext. 523.

- **Mondays:** April 13, 20, May 4, 11, 1—3pm, St. Rose of Lima Parish, 3216 Lawrence Ave. East, Scarborough, M1H 1A4
- **Thursdays:** April 9, 16, 30, May 7, 1—3pm, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 14 Highgate Dr., Markham, L3R 3R6

**Lectio Divina with Cardinal Collins Vespers, 7pm — Lectio Divina, 7:30—8:15pm**

Lectio Divina ("divine, or sacred, reading") is the name given to a spiritual tradition among Christians over the last two thousand years, in which they attentively and prayerfully read the word of God. One Sunday evening each month, all are welcome to join Cardinal Collins, for Lectio Divina at St. Michael's Cathedral. This year is year two of a three-year series on The Gospel of Mark. The remaining evenings are: April 12 ('Leaving everything'; Mark 10.17—31), May 3 ('On the road to Jerusalem'; Mark 10.32—52) and June 7 ('Hosanna'; Mark 11.1—25).

**Meagan's Walk: Creating a Circle of Hope — Saturday, May 9**



Founded by Denise Bebenek in 2001, the year she lost her cherished five-year-old daughter Meagan (a student at OLS School) to a cancerous brain tumour, the 14th annual Meagan's Walk celebrates courage, spirit and hope and has raised more than \$3.1 million for Sick Kids' Hospital. For more information please visit the website [www.meaganswalk.com](http://www.meaganswalk.com) today! — **Thank you!**

**Catholic Cemeteries Free Estate Planning Seminars — April 11 or 18, 9am**

You'll learn about Catholic burial traditions, cremation and funerals, the advantages of pre-arrangements, protecting loved ones while ensuring your wishes are legally protected with a proper Will, estate plan cost savings, the importance of power of attorney and finding legal advisors. Sat., April 11 — Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery & Sat., April 18 — Assumption Catholic Cemetery. Call 416-733-8544 or email us at [info@cc-fs.ca](mailto:info@cc-fs.ca) to register.

**Regis College — Windows on Theology Continuous Learning Series**

"The Dawn from on High Will Break Upon Us: The Gospel of Luke" is presented by Professor Scott Lewis, S.J. for eight weeks starting April 9, 11am—1pm. Cost is \$175. For more information or to register, visit [www.regiscollege.ca/Windows\\_On\\_Theology](http://www.regiscollege.ca/Windows_On_Theology)