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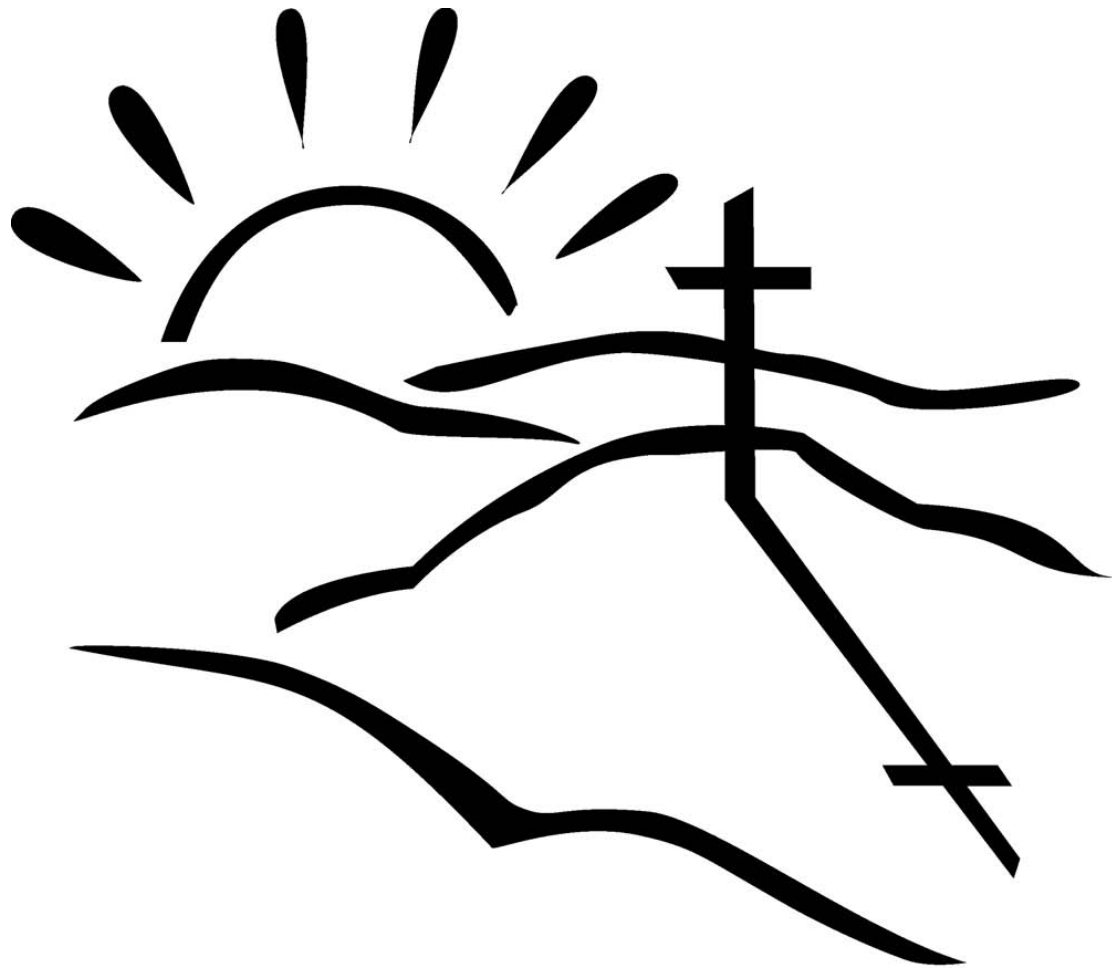
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*Rejoice!*

*For the Lord is truly risen!*



**Sunday, April 1, 2018**  
**Easter Vigil**  
**Year B**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**April 2 - April 7**

Mon. April 2	9:00 am	† Pedro Constantino
Tues. April 3	9:00 am	† Souls in Purgatory
Wed. April 4	9:00 am	Intention of Nicholas Vanderputt
Thurs. April 5	9:00 am	† Sally Mount
Fri. April 6	9:00 am	Intention of Mario & Maria Simoa Intention of Tram Nguyen † Martin & Arnolta Raposo † Alfred & Matilda Hannah † Felix & Pius Miranda & Family
Sat. April 7	9:00 am	† Intention of Manuel Bonoc & Family
	5:00 pm	† Deceased members of The Knights of Columbus

**REFLECTION**

Today's Easter gospel, which tells of the coming-to-faith of Peter and the beloved disciple John, is neither the most beautiful nor the most moving of those testimonies to the resurrection which all four gospels contain. But it is especially appropriate for us; unlike the loving women, we have not encountered angels at an empty tomb or been surprised by Christ's appearing. Our belief must rest on God's word in scripture and the witness of those before us (Peter's homily in Acts is an example of the earliest preaching"). But our faith rests also on our own encounters with Christ through the persons and events of our lives. For his rising is not only historical fact.. Time cannot confine him: Christ lives today! Our communion with him is still hidden, our lives still swayed by evil. But one day Christ will be fully revealed; we shall join him in victory and live in the Father's glory. Easter calls us to become new people, full of the joy of the living and glorious Lord. *Alleluia!*  
 (Sunday Mass Book)

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2017 CONTRIBUTIONS**

Income tax receipts for all 2017 contributions to the regular Sunday Collections, ShareLife, Special Collections and the Building for Growth Fund are available in the Narthex for pick up. If you contributed to the **Family of Faith Campaign** in 2017 you will receive an Income Tax Receipt for this directly from the **Archdiocese of Toronto**. Please pick up your Tax Receipt from the Narthex. The envelopes are in alphabetical order. **Kindly ensure you take your own receipt.** Thank you for your generosity.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY-APRIL 8TH**

The Novena began on Good Friday and continues through to Saturday, April 7th. Regarding Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus' words "The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion on that day shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" speak of a gift of grace equaled only by that of Holy Baptism.

**To receive this most singular grace**, we must also:

- 1) Have performed some act of mercy
- 2) Contemplate on that day the Mystery of Redemption as the greatest revelation of Divine Mercy towards us
- 3) Completely trust Jesus.

**To specially celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on April 8th there will be an hour of Adoration beginning at 2:45 p.m.**, closing with Benediction, blessing of personal Divine Mercy images and public Veneration of the Divine Mercy image.

Refreshments to follow. Donation of finger foods will be gratefully accepted and all are welcome to join us!

See posters at church exits for details or call Bonnie Washer at 416-284-5772.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**



St. Michael's College U of T Scholarship-\$3,000.00

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the CWL of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College, U of T. Eligibility-Any young woman of Catholic faith applying to St. Michael's College as their first choice for post secondary education. 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 Science or Sciences.

All forms and information for this scholarship are available online at [www.cwltoronto.ca](http://www.cwltoronto.ca). First click RESOURCES then REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Or applications are also available through our parish CWL Education and Health Chair. Please contact Hyacinth at [hyacinth.fernandes@tcdsb.org](mailto:hyacinth.fernandes@tcdsb.org) or 416-287-1231

**GOOD SHEPHERD**

**PROVIDE A MEAL PROGRAM 2018**

A lidded casserole container and recipe are provided and can be found in the Office's Vestibule.

Drop off the Frozen casserole on the dates provided below between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. after the Saturday morning mass in the west parking lot.

**Drop off date: Next Saturday Apr. 7**



## SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

### Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

**MASSES:** **Sunday April 8th @ 1:00 p.m.**  
St. Brendan & St. Jean De Brebeuf  
**Sunday April 15th @ 1:00 p.m.**  
Cardinal Leger, St. Dominic Savio &  
Sunday School

### Confirmation

**4th set of classes taking place the week of April 15**

### RETREAT DATES:

**Saturday April 14** Sunday School (8:30-1:00 pm)

**Tuesday April 17** St. Dominic Savio &  
St. Brendan (9:00-2:00 pm)

**Monday April 23** St. Jean de Brebeuf &  
Cardinal Leger (9:00-2:00 pm)

**MASSES:** **Sunday, April 22nd @ 2:00 p.m.**  
St. Brendan, St. Dominic Savio & Sunday School  
**Sunday, April 29th @ 2:00 p.m.**  
Cardinal Leger & St. Jean de Brebeuf

### PARISH MINISTRY—CONTACTS

**Catholic Women's League:** Lucia Vacca at 416-283-3536  
General Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each  
month in Room 2. Rosary at 7:10 p.m. followed by a  
meeting. Next meeting on Monday, April 9th  
**Faith Enrichment:** Bonnie Washer at 416-284-5772 or  
Louise at 416-283-5055 Thursdays at 9:30 -10:45 a.m. in  
Room 2.

**Knights of Columbus:** Roy Van Veen at 416-281-0132  
General Meetings every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30  
p.m. in Room 2. Next meeting Thursday, April 19th  
**Legion of Mary:** Dawne Williams at 416-284-8699 or  
Rohini Furtado at 647-827-5964. Meetings every Tuesday  
at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1, Legion of Mary Juniors at 6:30  
p.m.

**Live Christ Share Christ Program:** Francis and Therese  
Baduria at 647-981-5973. Meetings every first Saturday of  
the month after the 9:00 a.m. mass. Enrich your faith  
journey from Fr. Tony Adusei's teachings.

**Prayer Group:** Wavell D'Souza at 416-498-0948 or Patty  
Haley at 647-888-1292. Meetings every Thursday 7:30  
p.m. Rosary at 7:45 p.m. Praise and Worship, Reflection on  
the Sunday Gospel, or a Biblical Teaching & Fellowship.

**Refugee Outreach:** Carmela Gaudet at 416-283-8151  
Meets on the last Saturday of the month after the  
Gatherings.

**Seniors 50+ Club:** Joe Van Pinxteren at 416-284-4213  
Lunch, cards, scrabble and companionship from  
12:00 - 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall every Wednesday.  
Seniors Mass is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at  
11:00 a.m.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Tom De Luca at  
416-606-9260 Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at  
9:30 a.m. in Room 3.

**Youth Ministry:** Contact Angie Bernard, 647-242-8429 or  
youth.ministry@stjosephstoronto.org



The Pastoral Team wishes you all a very  
**Blessed and Happy Easter.**

### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED...**

on Easter Monday, April 2nd 2018  
We will be open on Tuesday April 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

### **ROSALIE HALL**

#### **We are looking for Board Members.**

Rosalie Hall is a Catholic faith-based organization. Its  
mission is to assist young parents in need and their children  
to realize their potential through the provision of a wide  
range of community, residential, educational and  
child development services.

If you are interested please contact Riley Pearson at  
647-323-5025 or Catherine Clarke at 416-705-8953



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus are holding a  
**membership drive on the weekend of April 14th.**  
If you're interested in joining a group of Catholic men who  
serve their parish & community, who live their faith  
through service & charity, and come together as friends &  
brothers, meet the Knights in the Church Hall after mass.



### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

#### **Bundle Up Weekend!**

On the weekend of April 14th a SSVP container will be in  
the church's west parking lot to collect your  
**gently used clothing, footwear and linens.**  
Drop off times are from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Volunteers will be there to assist.

### **SHARELIFE**

#### **Living the Gospel by evangelizing our faith in the greater world**

Gia Lao Parish resides in the mountainous Diocese of Xuan  
Loc in Vietnam. Its parishioners, mostly poor, work on the  
hillside farms. The Pastoral Mission Fund, with the support  
of ShareLife provided a one-time grant so the parish could  
acquire resources it could not otherwise provide. This  
includes bibles and hymnals, along with training for 60  
catechists, who lead marriage preparation and catechism  
classes. With your support, Gia Lao Church is bringing faith  
to a community in the greater world.

**April 22nd is the next ShareLife Sunday**

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