# Living the Gospel



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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter



#### **Communion Reflection**

The wounds of love.....

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Those who care about others pick up a lot of wounds. There may be no great wounds, only a multiplicity of little ones – a hosts of scratches, wrinkles and welts. But there can also be a lot of invisible wounds; the furrows left on the mind and the heart by hardship, worry and anxiety, disappointments, ingratitude and betrayal. These wounds are not things to be ashamed of. They are badges of honour. They are proof of our love. Jesus didn't hide his wounds. Neither should we. By His wounds we are healed.

*St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp Burns for the intentions of The Grossi Family* 

#### Masses of Intentions

Monday – Johnny & Fe Bangalan + / Vanessa Ludlow + Tuesday – Rev. Gerry Scott, CSSP +Daisy DeLeon (INT) Wednesday – Doris Farrell + / Henri Pilon + Thursday – Kata Vukasinovic + / Henri Pilon + Friday - Anna Notarandra + / Henri Pilon + / Ruth Conforti + / Irma Crothers +/ Mita Mikoravska +/Rose Ann & Paul Marsh + Dr. Frank Skain +

#### <u>Please keep in your prayers the sick:</u>

Rosemarie Chapeskie, Michael Chiarotto, Robin Noel Ennevor, Evelyn Ferreira, Patricia Sinclair-Goodfellow, Kathryn Horgan, Simon Jimenez, Rocco Manserro, Jolanta Nowakowska, Vince Pellettier

ATTENTION ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS - Crosses will be presented to all Confirmation Students after all Masses April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### First Reconciliation, First Communion Classes

Sundays 11:00-12:00 pm or Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 pm. Classes are held in the Parish Hall. Sunday Class date is : May 6. Tuesday Class dates is : May 8.

First Communion on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 2:00 pm for the Sunday Class & 4:00 pm for the Tuesday Class

Confirmation Classes

Classes are held on Wednesday's 4:30 - 5:30 pm in the parish hall.

Confirmation Retreat date is Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. 4 4 4 4

Confirmation date is Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Students are required to attend all classes and the Confirmation Retreat

#### **Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Sacrament Dates**

www.blessedsacramentcs.com First Communion will be NEXT Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 2:30 pm

Confirmation will be on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm

**Living the Gospel by helping those with addictions -** Scarred by an abusive childhood, Andrew became addicted to hard drugs as an early teen. His next 20 years were spent in-and-out of jail and the hospital. He finally came to St. Michael's Homes, a ShareLife-funded agency that offers a residential program for those struggling with substance abuse. Now sober and equipped with coping skills, Andrew is happy and building a new life. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping people like Andrew get their lives back on track.

April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.



Scripture : Acts 3.13-15, 17-19, 1 John 2.1-5, Luke 24.35-48

Behold, I make all things new, says the Lord. Alleluia!. (Rv 21.5)

Blessed Sacrament Card Group - Meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall 1:00pm – 3:30 pm. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome. There is an elevator to assist you to the parish hall.

The annual GoodLife Fitness Toronto Marathon will be taking place on Sunday, May 6, 2017. The race route will have Yonge Street south closed from York Mills to Eglinton from 7:00 am to 10:00 am. We work hard with City officials to provide ample notice, minimize disruptions, and to reopen roads as soon as possible. The GoodLife Fitness Toronto Marathon benefits many local charities including the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation and Sick Kids Hospital. For additional information, please visit please visit torontomarathon.com or email info@torontomarathon.com

**Parking on Weekends:** We understand the challenge of finding parking on the weekends, but please do not block our neighbours' driveways, it is illegal and hazardous. Please make sure when parking on the streets around the Church that there is room for emergency vehicles to get by. Toronto Police reminded us that cars blocking or too close to corners can be ticketed and/or towed. The Toronto Police also remind parishioners that additional parking is available on Duplex Avenue, streets west of Duplex Avenue, Yonge Street and streets east of Yonge Street. We appreciate your cooperation and remind you to obey all stated parking laws and to be mindful of those living adjacent to our church. Thank You – Father Larry

**Blessed Sacrament Sunday Bus!** - Our bus driver will pick up any senior parishioner who needs a ride. They will be picked up at their door in time for the 11:30 am Mass on Sundays; then return them home after Mass. For info call the Parish office 416 481-2256



What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

**Women's Group** – Knitting Group meeting is on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Loretto Room. Everyone is welcome.

Please remember the poor. Drop a Loonie or Toonie in our poor boxes. Thank You!

Thank you for the Good Shepherd Casseroles too!

Thanking everyone who supported our Out of the Cold Program. Thanks to Clergy and Volunteers of Glenview Presbyterian Church and St. Leonard's Church for their ecumenical kindness.

-Fr. Larry Marcílle

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is a time to celebrate and thank Canada's 12.7 million volunteers. Join Volunteer Canada and Investors Group April 15-21, 2018 to recognize the contributions of volunteers in our communities.

This year's theme is: "Celebrate the Value of Volunteering – building confidence, competence, connections and community".

Volunteering is often seen as a selfless act; a person gives their time, skills, experience, and passion to help others, without expecting anything in return. And while volunteering is a form of service, many volunteers will tell you that "you get more than you give". From opportunities to develop new skills, to finding deep and meaningful personal connections, the magic of volunteering is that it creates social and economic value for all.





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