

## From the Pastor's desk.....

St. John Chrysostom in his famous Easter sermon invites us all to "enter into the joy of the Lord! First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together! Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!"

This day, this Easter Octave and the 50 days of Easter are a time to celebrate and rejoice. We have gathered together to celebrate the great things that Our Lord has done. By his resurrection he has conquered death. In his "Hymn of Triumph" at the conclusion of his letter to the Church in Corinth, St. Paul writes, "When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: *Death, is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?* Now the sting of death is sin and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

For me, it is a great joy to celebrate my first Easter as a pastor with this loving, caring community at St. Mary Star of the Sea. I would like to thank everyone who made these celebrations meaningful: Deacon Steve and Deacon Mark, Fergus and his choir, the altar guild, the altar servers, the Lectors, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the Ushers and really everyone who chipped in to make these days solemn.

May the peace and joy of the risen Christ be with you and your families. Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord:  
**Christ is Risen! Alleluia! He is truly Risen!  
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Fr. Michael*



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL wishes everyone a Happy Easter and a big thank you for supporting our Easter Chocolate sale on the April 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> weekend.

## CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, sewing, or do some other craft, the St. Mary Star of the Sea Craft Group invites you to come join us on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring a lunch - tea, coffee and goodies provided. We enjoy getting together each week to make items for our annual Bazaar in November. Proceeds from our sales are donated to local charities. Come join us for a day of fun and relaxation, your new ideas are most welcome. For more information, contact Anne at 905-891-1230.



## SSVP MARCH REPORT

Our team members had a very busy month, making 32 home visits, and distributing \$2889.06 in grocery store vouchers and bus tickets. During March, parishioners donated \$1579.90. Thank you for assisting the poor!

## EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

*(Please note that incense will be used at the Easter Vigil Mass and the 11:00 am Mass on Easter Sunday)*

### HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 20, 2019

8:00 pm VIGIL MASS – For the People

### EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 21, 2019

MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

9:00 am Mass - † Guido Barbisan

*Requested by Erma Barbisan & family*

11:00 am Mass - † Antonietta Valentino

*Requested by Alfredo Valentino & family*

*No Mass on Easter Monday & Tuesday*

*The Parish Office will remain closed on Easter Monday*

## FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- 1 – First Holy Communion Classes from 12:15 - 1:40 pm, in the hall, on May 5, May 12 and May 19
- 3 – Sacrament of First Reconciliation - April 25 at 7 pm (Church).
- 4 – Second Interview: Beginning Thursday, April 25, please call 905-278-2058 or email [st.marystarofthesea@bellnet.ca](mailto:st.marystarofthesea@bellnet.ca) to set up an appointment for the second interview with Fr. Michael
- 5 – Sacrament of First Holy Communion: on the Weekends of June 15/16 and June 22/23.

## CONFIRMATION

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- 2 – Event # 5 on Thursday, May 2 at 7 pm in the Church/Hall.
- 3 – Confirmation Rehearsal: on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 7 pm in the Church/Hall. Sponsor's are required to attend.
- 4 – Sacrament of Confirmation:  
5 pm Mass on Saturday, June 8, 2019 (St. James and public and private schools). Candidates are required to be at the Church at 4 pm.  
11 am Mass on Sunday, June 9, 2019 (St. Luke's school)  
Candidates are required to be at the Church at 10 am.
- 5 – Certificate Sunday: Confirmation Certificates will be given out at all the Masses on the weekend of June 22 and 23. At the second interview, please let Fr. Michael know which Mass you will be attending that weekend.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL # 11955

### AN INVITATION TO BECOME A KNIGHT

Are you 18 years or older and have never been invited to become a member of the fraternal order of the Knights of Columbus? Please therefore consider this as a personal invitation to become a Knight.

Becoming a Knight is an addition to being a participating Catholic who has an interest to further your activity within the Catholic Church. Brother Knights are true brothers to one another in complimenting the parish community. There are many advantages to you and your family in joining our fraternal order. Explore these advantages by speaking to one of us at one of our events or email me at [raymarentette@gmail.com](mailto:raymarentette@gmail.com).

# SL ShareLife

## Living the Gospel through immediate mental health services

Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly. That's why the five Catholic Family Services agencies in the Archdiocese of Toronto now offer walk-in counselling. This initiative can often meet clients' need without requiring longer term counselling. Clients report a clinically significant increase in confidence that they can tackle their problems. For some agencies, ShareLife is the sole funder of this important program. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping restore hope to those in crisis.

We thank all who have so generously donated and encourage others, who have not yet donated to this very important campaign that funds Catholic charities, to please do so over the next several weeks.

**SECOND SHARELIFE SUNDAY IS MAY 5, 2019**

Our goal this year is \$136,500

To date we have received \$37,886 (28%)

*Thank you for your generosity*



## **BUNDLE UP FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

Bring your gently used clothing, shoes, linen and household goods to share with others on April 27/28. A SSVP truck will be in the church parking lot, so please share what you can with those less fortunate. We will donate or sell these donations to support our outreach efforts. Thank you for your continued support. The truck will be open all day Saturday and Sunday until 6 pm. Volunteers will assist with loading before and after weekend Masses.

## **KARAOKE NIGHT SAVE THE DATE**

That's right! St. Mary's will have its first ever Karaoke Night on Sunday, May 5 from 7 - 8:30 pm. This is a family event. All ages are welcome. Snacks provided. Start working on your routine!

## **LINKS TO FAITH APRIL 21, 2019**

**WEEK 16 – CHRIST'S RESURRECTION WAS A  
CONCRETE EVENT – 21 APRIL 1996  
– POPE JOHN PAUL II**

"In the liturgical season running from Easter to Pentecost, the Church is recollected in contemplation of the risen Christ. Thus she relives the primordial experience that lies at the basis of her existence. She feels imbued with the same wonder as Mary Magdalen and the other women who went to Christ's tomb on Easter morning and found it empty. That tomb became the womb of life."

To read this Easter 1996 address from Pope John Paul II on the EWTN website, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: [www.stmarystarofthesea.ca](http://www.stmarystarofthesea.ca) and select [Week 16 – Christ's Resurrection was a Concrete Event – 21 April 1996 – Pope John Paul II](#)

## **COMMUNITY MEAL**

Please note that Friday, April 26, 2019 will be the last Community Meal of the season.

## **BE AN ALTAR SERVER !!**

We invite young people who have received their First Holy Communion to grow stronger in their faith and become more active in the celebration of the Mass by altar serving. Those interested, please Register by filling a form (on tables at the exits) and drop it in the Offertory basket at any weekend Mass.

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**

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8:00 pm VIGIL MASS - For the People

### **EASTER SUNDAY 21ST**

9:00 am MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION  
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### **EASTER MONDAY 22ND**

NO MASS  
PARISH OFFICE WILL REMAIN CLOSED

### **TUESDAY 23RD**

NO MASS  
7:00 pm Choir practice (Church)  
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting (Hall)

### **WEDNESDAY 24TH**

10:00 am Craft Group Meeting (SJR)  
7:00 pm Mass – Special intention of Anthony Lobo  
Requested by the family  
7:45 pm Legion of Mary Meeting (SJR)

### **THURSDAY 25TH**

9:00 am Mass – †Mayleen Rajkumar  
Requested by friends and family  
7:00 pm SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION  
(Church)  
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting (Hall)

### **FRIDAY 26TH**

9:00 am In Thanksgiving for Lisa Kumar  
Requested by Sandra & David Lawrence  
6:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal - Mesfin/Matranga

### **SATURDAY 27TH**

10:00 am Mass – †Peter DiMartino  
Requested by Lilia D'Ovidio  
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
10:45 am Confessions  
12:30 pm Wedding - Mesfin/Matranga  
5:00 pm Mass – †Clelia Guidolin  
Requested by the DeSante family

### **SUNDAY 28TH**

9:00 am Mass – †Alan del Puerto Jr.  
Requested by the family  
11:00 am Mass – For the People