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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: APRIL 15, 2018

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MINISTRY

Mass Intentions

(April 13 – April 20, 2018)

Saturday, April 14: 5:00 p.m. Mass

Intentions of Frank Mizzi *Req. Agnes Caruana*

Sunday, April 15: 6:00 p.m. Mass

+ Eva Zaprazala *Req. Frank McMahon*

Tuesday, April 17: 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thanksgiving for Omayra Toro Young *Req. Aymara Toro*

Year of Ministry – April 2018

During the month of April, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who invites us to proclaim the Good News of our Salvation, we pray and support our **Ministers of the Word** (Lectors), the Ministers of **Holy Communion**, **Ushers** and the Ministers of the **Hospitality**.

If you would like to be part of any of these ministries, I ask you connect the office or fill out the form available at the entrance. I also encourage those who serving in these ministries to attend an information session on **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act to be held on April 29th, 2018 Sunday after the morning 10:30 am mass**. Thank you for your time, talents and effective ministry at St. Ann parish and Native Peoples' Mission. May God continue to bless you.

Refugee Resettlement Committee Meeting.

Today Sunday, April 15, St. Ann's Resettlement Committee will be holding their monthly Committee meeting after the 10:30 a.m. mass, in the church rectory. Committee members are encouraged to attend and new members are always welcomed to join. If you have any questions please contact Theresa at 416-700-3358 or theresaspohn@gmail.com

ShareLife 2018

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.

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Archdiocesan Day of Prayer: May 4



On this day, Cardinal Collins has asked that we all take the time, as a community, to pray for all vocations; priesthood, religious and consecrated life. During this time, we also ask that you pray for our soon-to-be priests along with all those who are discerning or who are currently in formation. For more information, please contact the parish office, email the Office of Vocations at vocations@archtoronto.org or call 416-968-0997

Seminar on the Joy of Love: *Amoris Laetitia*

The Holy Family Prayer group is hosting a seminar on Pope Francis' latest letter: ***The Joy of love Amoris Laetitia***. This is a special invitation for couples and families to register for **Our last session will be on April 28, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the Hall**. For more info please contact the parish office.



Happy Spring Message from Pope Francis

Happy Spring! But what happens in Spring? Plants blossom, trees flower. I will ask you some questions. Can a sick tree or plant fully blossom if it is sick? No! Can a tree, a plant which is not watered by rain or artificially, blossom nicely? No. And can a tree and a plant whose roots have been removed or which have no roots flower? No. Without roots, can they flower? No! And this is a message: Christian life has to be a life that must blossom in works of charity, in doing what is good. But if you have no roots, you cannot blossom, and who is the root? Jesus! If you are not with Jesus, there in the roots, you will not blossom. If you do not water your life with prayer and the sacraments, will you bear Christian flowers? No! Because prayer and the sacraments water the roots and our life blossoms. I hope that your Spring may be bloom beautifully, as blooming as Easter will be; blossoming with good works, virtue and doing good to others. The Eucharist makes us strong in order to produce fruit in good works to live as Christians. Let us approach the Eucharist: receiving Jesus who transforms us into him makes us stronger.

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The Road to Emmaus

Pastoral Reflections by Rev. Wilson Andrade, CSC



The story of disciples on the Road to Emmaus is a dramatic story of how the Eucharistic celebration becomes a place to experience the presence of the Risen Christ. We wonder why we should come to Sunday Mass! Today's liturgy answers that: "to recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread."

It is true that we can experience the presence of God everywhere; creation, home, workplace, travelling, walking etc... But for us as believers, we meet Jesus *in the breaking of the bread* – during Eucharistic celebration.

In fact the story of those two disciples is our daily story of going for Mass. Like the disciples we come to the church with our own disappointments, misunderstanding, our daily struggles.

During the liturgy we listen to the Word of God – if we are truly open –it gives an insight into our life-struggles – we look our whole life-story – in light of God. God speaking to us in the depth of our hearts.

In the second part of the liturgy we offer gifts – like the disciples welcomed Jesus into their home, wanted him to have supper with them. It is in the breaking of the bread that they recognized Jesus. If we see through the eyes of faith, we can recognize Jesus being present in the Eucharist.

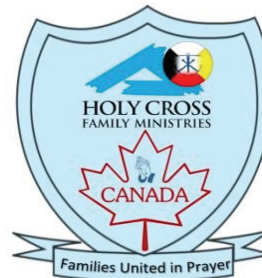
The concluding part of the story is the most significant – they run back to Jerusalem to tell others about how they have seen Jesus. So we too are called to "Go" and spread the Good News: **Jesus is Risen indeed! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!!**

Feast Day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Kateri was born in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon near the town of Auriesville, New York, in the year 1656. Kateri converted to Christianity in her teens and was baptized as a Roman Catholic at the age of twenty, incurring the great hostility of her tribe. Although she had to suffer greatly for her Faith, she remained firm in it. Kateri went to the Jesuit mission of Kahnawake, a new Christian colony of Natives in Canada, where she lived a life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged. She died on April 17, 1680 at the age of 24. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans. **Join us as we celebrate her feast day this Sunday, April 22.**



Holy Cross Family Ministries: Celebrating Family Prayer



*"Family that Prays together,
stays together."*

- Ven. Patrick Peyton, CSC
Join us to celebrate Family Prayer on **Saturday, May 5, 2018** hosted by the Holy Cross Family Ministries.

4:00 p.m. – Marian Procession and Rosary

5:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist celebrated by
Archbishop James MacDonald, CSC

6:00 p.m. - Dinner & Dance

Dinner and Dance Tickets are available at \$15.00 at the back of the church. Proceeds will go towards supporting the Holy Cross Family Ministries in Canada. Please, continue to support as begin the Family ministry in Canada.



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