

Easter Sunday



From The Desk of Fr. Dunstan: Dear Brothers and Sisters of Saint John's, I wish you all Happy Easter. Alleluia!!!

It has been five months that I have started my faith journey with you, and it has been a great pleasure to travel with such a vibrant faith community here. After several years of administrative evangelizing journey, being a shepherd with the sheep of St. John's Parish, is a unique pastoral experience.

I would like to thank God first, thank the Archdiocese and each one of you along with Father John-Mark and Karen Baptiste, the pastor and office administrator respectively. You welcomed me, made me feel at home here at this parish and deepened my call to priesthood through the celebrations of all the sacraments. We celebrated together Christmas and Easter. We prepared well for the celebrations of the mysteries: the incarnation and the paschal mysteries of Jesus Christ.

To all ministry coordinators, you put your heart and soul to make every liturgical celebration meaningful to all the faithful who come to participate in the parish celebrations. I also congratulate the Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation ministers, as these children will be the future of the church.

Easter is the heart and soul of our Christian faith and on this Easter Sunday, I feel at one with Saint Paul, full of joy saying: "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is void of content and your faith is empty too" (1 Cor. 15:14). It is very true, you and I are rejoicing as we happily celebrate the Lord Jesus who became man, lived life like us except sin, suffered unimaginably, died on the cross like a bandit for our sins, and rose from dead to grant eternal life.

First impressions are the best impressions that one can experience. After the pandemic COVID lockdown experience, if you can do so much as true disciples of Jesus the Risen Lord, I am sure you can do wonders in the parish. I wish you all the best and I ask God to give you the necessary graces to continue the good work that you are already doing with the profound encounter of the Risen Lord.

May the Risen Lord be with you today and always.

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say Rejoice!!!

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 10th

For + DARRIN CAMERON ELLIOTT

Requested by Lourdes Elliott

Tuesday, April 11th

For + JOE COSTA

Requested by Maria Tavares

Wednesday, April 12th

For + GEORGINA & MARIE REVELLS

Requested by Georgina Revells

Thursday, April 13th

For INTENTIONS OF CATHERINE CHANG

Friday, April 14th

For + ROGER SAVOIE

Requested by Magella Savoie & Family

Please Pray For The Sick

David Hibberd, Christine Curran, Jacob McLean, Carl D'Sousa, Joan Tierney, Amanda Finlay, Diane Meldrum, Jack Lees, Carmel Richard

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: We are pleased to bring the Sacrament to all homebound parishioners. Please contact the parish office if you or a family member wish to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the sick.



The Sanctuary Light burns this week in loving memory of Edmond Valin Sr.



Our Parish is where we are married and bring our children to be baptized. It is where we come to be fed in the Holy Eucharist, be reconciled with God and the world, and hope to leave this world on our final journey to meet the God that we love. Help support your parish so that we are able to keep our doors open to support you when you need us. It is only through your offerings that we can continue to serve you. Contact the office if you wish to begin using envelopes or for more information on our Pre Authorized giving (PAG). Alternatively, scan the QR code below and the link will take you to our "Donate" button on our website where you can donate through your credit card; don't forget to select "St. John's Parish, Toronto" in the drop down menu. Thank you for making a gift to your Parish. Please remember St. John's Parish in your last will and testament.

	2019	2023
Sunday Offertory	\$ 5820	\$ 4657
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1110	\$ 1421



Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul poor box as you exit the church. Your donations help St. Vincent de Paul Society respond to needy families and individuals within our parish boundaries who are struggling to make ends meet.

In The News


RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND: Friday, April 21 to Sunday, April 23 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga. Retrouvaille is for couples whose marriage needs a tune up or even a major overhaul. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples. It is Catholic in origin and outlook but open to people of all faiths. It begins with a weekend experience and continues with a series of follow up sessions. Contact: 437.234.5610 for more information and to register.

REFLECTING ON CARDINAL COLLINS' PASTORAL LETTER: on the Sacred Heart of Jesus "Create in me a clean heart, O God." (Psalm 51:10). Focusing on the Sacred Heart leads us to the very heart of who Jesus is, the divine person who took on our humanity, who journeys with us, who meets us on the road, as he did with the discouraged disciples on the road to Emmaus. To learn more about the Cardinal's letter, Heart Speaks to Heart, visit www.archtoronto.org/sacredheart.

BUNDLE UP FOR SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: at St. Theresa's Shrine, 2550 Kingston Road, Scarborough on the weekend of April 23rd. Already spring cleaning, drop off your gentle used clothing, bedding, shoes at the St. Vincent de Paul truck that will be available at St. Theresa's Shrine Church. For more information visit www.ssvptoronto.ca

"SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW? MY NEW LIFE AFTER THE RESURRECTION": As the long journey through Lent finally comes to an end and Easter dawns upon us, we can so quickly move onto the ordinary once again. There is new life found in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and we are called into the light. Join in this retreat, as Fr. Michael Corpus (Vice Rector at St. Augustine's Seminary) shares his wisdom on resisting the ordinary and striving for excellence in the Easter Season. Saturday, April 15 – 8 am Mass followed by breakfast at 8:30 am. Presentation: 9 am – 12:00 pm at Blessed Trinity Church, 3220 Bayview Ave., Toronto. Contact: Ria Kinghorn at 416.827.6659 or ria_sunshine@hotmail.com

SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION: One of the most financially sound ways to support your parish is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. A great tax break for you and support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, and many others. For further information, contact the development office at 416.934.3400 Ext. 519 or email to development@archtoronto.org.


VOCATIONS: "He has been raised from the dead!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sister. If God is calling you to serve him contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Parish News

EASTER MONDAY: Join us for Mass at 8:15 am. The Rosary Group begins just after 7:45 am.


 Show your love by giving to ShareLife

Jesus' love for us invites us to give to others, especially those most in need. ShareLife agencies continue to support the most vulnerable in our community through services that are only possible through your kind and generous donations. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Our goal is \$76,000. Can you help us help them!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 40 CANS FOR LENT: was a great success once again this year. Thank you to all who donated to our collection. You succeeded in donating approximately 500 pounds of food and \$120 in monetary donations. All proceeds will be taken to the Good Shepherd Refuge.

SAVE THE DATE: Mother's Day weekend, come join the Knights of Columbus as they host all parishioners and especially Mom's and Mother figures after all Masses. Beverages and pastries will be served.

SPRING CONCERT : The 11 am Choir joined by some special guest soloists will be having a Spring Concert on Sunday June 4th at 3 pm. Watch the bulletin for updates.

MASS OF CELEBRATION TO WELCOME ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS (FRANK) LEO:

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place on Tuesday, April 11, at Blessed Trinity Parish, Toronto at 7 pm. A reception will follow the Mass in the parish hall. If you are interested in attending and require a ride please contact the office. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.



HELP KEEP MASKS OUT OF LANDFILLS: If you use disposable masks, please save them and not throw them out. St. John School has partnered with an organization that recycles disposable N95 and surgical type masks. To celebrate Earth Day/Week the students of St. John's will be collecting used disposable masks at all 3 Masses on the weekend of April 22nd and 23rd. Please save your masks from landfills and drop them off at Mass that weekend. Spread the word to your family and friends. Every mask helps.

Little Levity: Little Johnny said to his father Brad, "Dad, how come you are always telling me not to eat anything you find on the ground and don't take anything from strangers. Yet here we are on Easter Sunday and the Sunday school teacher says "Go and search in the dirt for candy that the Easter Bunny, over there, left for you! And you say it's okay Son, go search and don't forget to thank the Easter bunny!"

Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa

The office will be closed on Easter Monday. Email us if you have an emergency.

