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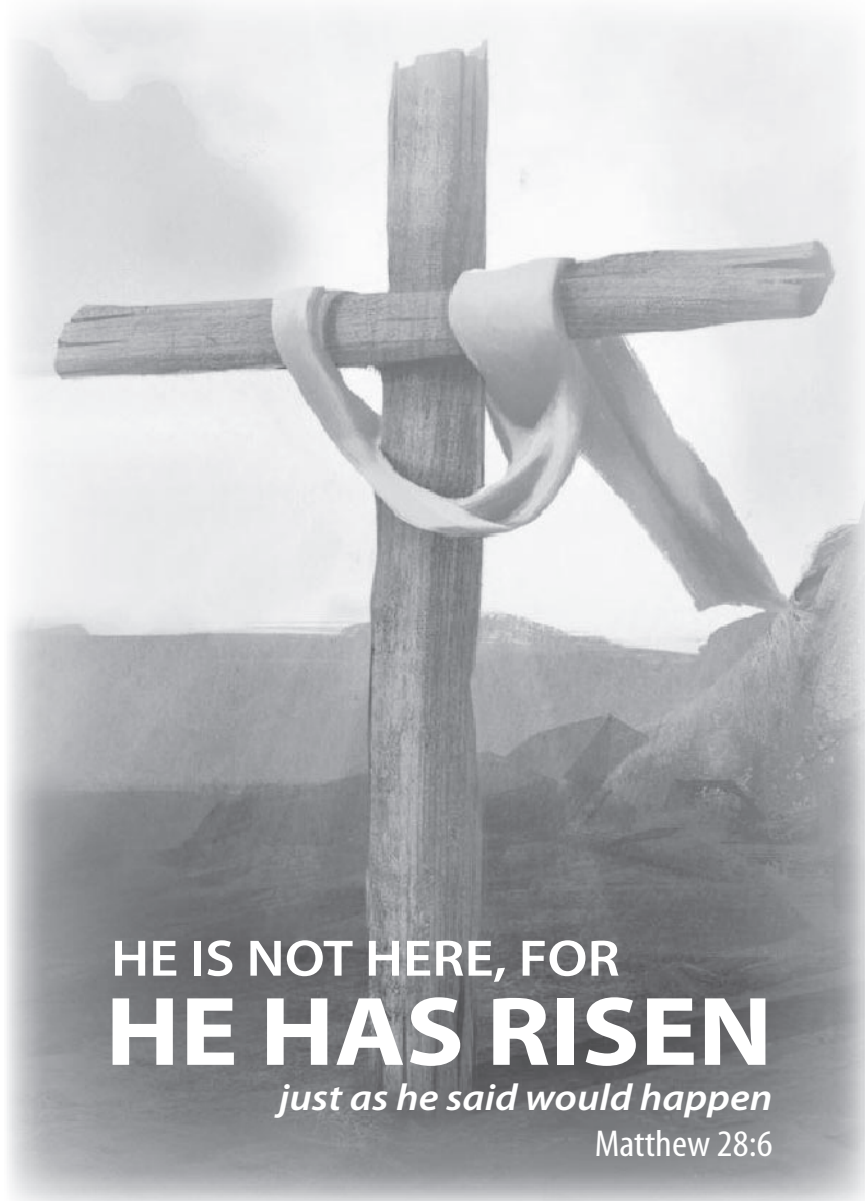
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HE IS NOT HERE, FOR
HE HAS RISEN

just as he said would happen

Matthew 28:6

EASTER SUNDAY / B RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." Easter is the great celebration of victory of life over death.

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY EASTER!

On behalf of Father Carlos and the St. Brigid's Parish staff, we would like to extend our best wishes for a joyful Easter. *For all gathered today in prayer, may we continue to grow in God's life and bring God's presence to all in our lives.*

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 2

Chapel Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am on Easter Monday, April 2nd and the Parish office will be closed.

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 people, 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 included 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.

The second ShareLife Collection will take place the weekend of April 21st and 22nd. Please continue to give generously!

LENTEN BAGS SPIRITUAL JOURNEY PROGRAM

Thank you to all those parishioners that supported and participated in this year's Lenten Spiritual Journey.

We kindly ask that the Purple Lenten bags, along with your financial contribution, be returned to the Parish. They can be placed in the regular offertory collection basket or you can drop them off at the Parish office (Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm). Your donations will go towards the Saint Vincent de Paul and Out of the Cold programs.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on March 25th, 2018 was **\$4,439.40**. The P.A.G. collection for the month of March was **\$5,222.82**. **Please remember St. Brigid's Church in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.)!**

ONLINE FAITH FORMATION COURSES April 8th to May 12th

Registration is now open for the next cycle of online faith formation courses, offered through the Archdiocesan partnership with the University of Dayton. This opportunity is available to all members of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Areas of study include: Parish Ministry to those with Special Needs; Adult Faith Formation; Administration in Ministry; Youth Ministry; Scripture; Prayer; Morality; Church History and more.

For more information contact Ms. Connie Price at cprice@archtoronto.org or (416) 934-3400 - ext. 513. Registration closes on Wednesday, April 4th.

ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR Saturday Rehearsal Dates: April 7 & 14

The next two rehearsals for the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir will take place on **Saturday, April 7th & 14th from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the Church.**

SACRAMENT IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

FOR CHILDREN PREPARING TO RECEIVE FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be an important meeting on **Sunday, April 15th** for Parents/Guardians of the children preparing to receive the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** and **First Holy Communion**. The meeting will take place at 12:00 Noon (after the 11:00 am Mass) in the Church Hall.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Thursday, April 26th at 7:00 pm** in the Church and the Sacrament of *First Holy Communion* will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 5th at 12:00 Noon** in the Church for St. Brigid's students and for the public school and private school students. Please contact the Parish office if you have any questions or concerns.

ANNUAL CONFIRMATION RETREAT FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS & SPONSORS

A reminder to **ALL** students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, their parents/guardians, and sponsors: please join us in the Church on **Saturday, April 28th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm** for the Annual Confirmation retreat. The retreat is a time of reflection and an opportunity to raise our voices and sing God's praises. We look forward to your participation! May God bless you on your journey.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Sunday, April 22

The purpose of the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest". As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead His people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way.

PRAYER FOR EARTH DAY: Sunday, April 22

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the ocean and streams, for the towering hills and the whispering wind, for the trees and green grass. We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendour of fields of golden wheat, and taste autumn's fruit, and rejoice in the feel of snow, and smell the breath of spring flowers. Grant us a heart opened wide to all this beauty; and save us from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thorn bush is aflame with your glory. Amen.

This day is dedicated to providing information and inspiration needed to fundamentally change our attitude towards plastics. We call on everyone to do their part.

**DOMENICA DI PASQUA / B
RISURREZIONE DEL SIGNORE**

Pasqua del Signore: con Cristo risorgiamo a una «Vita nuova» L'annuncio pasquale risuona oggi nella Chiesa: Cristo è risorto, egli vive al di là della morte, è il Signore dei vivi e dei morti. Nella «notte più chiara dei giorni» la parola onnipotente di Dio che ha creato i cieli e la terra e ha formato l'uomo a sua immagine e somiglianza, chiama a una vita immortale l'uomo nuovo, Gesù di Nazaret, figlio di Dio e figlio di Maria. Pasqua è dunque annuncio del fatto della risurrezione, della vittoria sulla morte, della vita che non sarà distrutta. Fu questa la realtà testimoniata dagli apostoli; ma l'annuncio che Cristo è vivo deve risuonare continuamente. La Chiesa, nata dalla Pasqua di Cristo, custodisce questo annuncio e lo trasmette in vari modi ad ogni generazione: nei sacramenti lo rende attuale e contemporaneo ad ogni comunità riunita nel nome del Signore; con la propria vita di comunione e di servizio si sforza di testimoniare davanti al mondo.

TANTI AUGURI DI UNA BUONA PASQUA

Padre Carlos Sierra e il personale della Parrocchia vi augurano a tutti voi, alle vostre famiglie, agli amici e benefattori tanti auguri di una Pasqua serena e piena di armonia. **Signore Gesù, Buon Pastore, insegnaci ad ascoltare la tua voce, a riconoscerla fra mille altre voci che promettono e non mantengono, e a seguire in Te la via della Verità e della Vita che ci porta al Padre.**

PASQUETTA: LUNEDÌ, 2 APRILE

La Messa nella Cappella sarà celebrata alle ore 9:00 am il Lunedì di Pasqua, 2 Aprile e l'ufficio parrocchiale sarà chiuso tutto il giorno.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE E MENSILE

La colletta regolare della settimana 25 Marzo 2018 e' stata **\$4,439.40**. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Marzo è stata **\$5,222.82**. Grazie per la vostra contribuzione per aiutare alle spese della chiesa. Dio vi recompense. **Per favore, ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrocchia puo' essere "il terzo figlio della carità" nel vostro testamento?**

Mass Intentions

Holy Saturday: March 31st

11:00 a.m. Solemn Rosary and Marian Meditation
8:30 p.m. Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 1st

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
9:30 a.m. Per tutti i membri defunti della Famiglie Pirrotta e Infanti
+Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family
+Giuseppina Napoli, req. by the Family
+Rosina Colangelo, req. by the Rampino Family
+Antonietta & Albino Rampino, req. by the Family
+Raffaella Valentini, req. by Maria Valentini
+Mattia Tafaro, req. by the Family
+Carmelo Grosso, req. by Concetta Romagnuolo
+Franco & Antonio Gennuso, req. by the Family
+Salvatore Biagini, req. by the Family
+Tindaro Gumina, req. by the Family
11:00 a.m. For all the souls in Purgatory, req. by Maria Calo & Family
+Eileen Crichlow, req. by Tillie & Yvonne Chaisson
+John A. Gill, req. by the Floriano Family

Easter Monday, April 2nd

9:00 a.m. +Edward Flood, req. by Monica Donovan

Tuesday, April 3rd

12:00 p.m. +Michael & Josephine Del Grande, req. by Lucia Del Grande
+Josie Caruso Silver, req. by Maria Frassica
7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Raffaella Nudo, req. by the Family

Wednesday, April 4th

12:00 p.m. +Edward Flood, req. by the St. Brigid's Parish Community
6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Meditation, Vespers-Liturgy of the Hours
7:00 p.m. **Novena Mass:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday, April 5th

12:00 p.m. +Angelo & Giuseppe Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia

Friday, April 6th

12:00 p.m. +Barbara Edwards, req. by Monica Donovan & Teresita Ng

Saturday, April 7th

9:00 a.m. +Angela Strazzeri, req. by Rosa Virzi
+Antonietta Buttino, req. by Rosa Virzi
5:00 p.m. +Lavigna Cramarossa, req. by Maria Calo & Family
+Christiana Jones, req. by Hannah Jones
+Felicia Tela, req. by the Family
+Michael Crum-Ewing, req. by the Family

APRIL 8: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8 APRILE: DOMENICA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened" (Diary 699). Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, on the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church. Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Diary 699). We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Divine Mercy.


Gesù stesso chiese a Suor Faustina di scrivere questa Novena e di recitarla in preparazione della Festa della Divina Misericordia, la prima domenica dopo Pasqua. Gesù disse a Suor Faustina: "Desidero che durante questi nove giorni tu conduca le anime alla sorgente della mia Misericordia affinché attingano forza, sollievo e ogni grazia necessaria nei sacrifici della vita e specialmente nell'ora della morte.

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