

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) / YEAR B

The Holy Gospel that the Liturgy presents to us on this second Sunday of Easter, is one of the most well-known, discussed, and appreciated—the meeting of the Risen Lord with St Thomas. The Fathers of the Church have given us numerous insights into this Gospel text. Likewise, it has proven the inspiration to the numerous artists who have physically represented the events of this Gospel in order to give us a clear idea of what happened, ‘eight days after’ the first apparition of the Risen One, to the disciples congregated in the cenacle. -*Excerpt from Catholic Culture*

GEARING UP FOR THE... SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2021

APRIL 17 & 18 / JUNE 19 & 20 / OCTOBER 2 & 3

From Arthur Peters, ShareLife Executive Director: As we begin our 2021 ShareLife Parish Campaign, we have a lot to think about. The world has changed so much in the past year – many people have seen reduced work hours, or have lost their jobs, and are turning to community resources for assistance. The social agencies supported by ShareLife through Catholic Charities have experienced an increased number of people reaching out to them.

Thanks to ShareLife supporters like you, Catholic Family Services (CFS) agencies are finding new ways to help women facing domestic violence. Due to Covid, an abusive partner is more likely to be at home if the agency attempts to call the person seeking help. CFS Peel-Dufferin has purchased cell phones for their staff, so that people needing support can text instead of calling, since it is safer and quieter.

CFS agencies have also been holding counselling sessions for clients at times when the abuser is out of the house or at work. One client said this flexibility has made a tremendous difference in the lives of her family. CFS of Durham reported that they have provided 732 more services year-over-year since Covid began. This year, your support of ShareLife is providing an additional counsellor to help meet this increased demand.

Our 2021 Parish Campaign goal is \$13.8 million. Over the next few months, we will share examples like this to demonstrate how your support is making a difference.

We invite you to make a contribution to our ShareLife campaign to help us live the Gospel by providing for those in need!

A NOTE OF THANKS ON BEHALF OF FR. CARLOS

On behalf of Fr. Carlos Sierra, we would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation for all the letters and online messages of support that he received during Holy Week and on Easter weekend. Fr. Carlos has started his sabbatical and is expected to return in July. We wish him all our best and we continue to pray for him. Before Fr. Carlos left, he wanted us to assure the community that he is so grateful for this opportunity and will keep us all in his prayers. May God bless you, Fr. Carlos!

ANGELS AT THE ALTAR

Many years ago, our altar was adorned with two beautiful angels. Unfortunately, they were removed due to damage and were never replaced. Recently, we were presented with an opportunity to purchase two angels at an exceptionally low cost to our Church. In the past, many of you have expressed an interest in bringing back the two angels to the altar and in helping us with the associated costs. If you would like to make a donation to assist us in purchasing these two angels, we invite you to contact the Parish office. Your donation will be eligible for a tax receipt.

SONGS FROM THE SEMINARY

An Evening of Music in Honour of Our Blessed Mother

THURSDAY, APRIL 15 AT 7:00 PM

During this time of pandemic, enjoying a virtual concert in the comfort of your own home is a wonderful experience. On **Thursday, April 15th at 7:00 pm** St. Augustine's Seminary will have an evening of music in honour of Our Blessed Mother. Their goal is to fundraise in support of St. Augustine's Seminary Chapel Restorations.

To view the concert, please click on the following link:
www.youtube.com/channel/UC0s1agOt5YCipqkM5QPehaw

There is no cost to view this event; however, donations can be made by clicking on the following link:
community.archtoronto.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=388. Please type the word “concert” in the comments box. Thank you for every act of spiritual and financial generosity.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

MONDAY, APRIL 19 – SATURDAY, APRIL 24

During this week, Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director, Office of Vocations, has asked that we all take some time, as a community, to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious and consecrated life. Currently, we also ask that you pray for our 6 soon-to-be priests along with all those who are discerning and who are currently in formation. For more information, please contact your parish office, or email the Office of Vocations at: vocations@archtoronto.org

FROM OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR

Our Children's Choir Director, Daniele Colla along with Fr. Louis Di Rocco have composed a beautiful piece titled “Our Father”. It is sung by the Coro San Marco. We would like to share this with you: <https://youtu.be/jhFi18s6dzE>

WSIB NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Every year, on April 28th, we pay our respects to, and remember, the thousands of workers who have been killed, injured or have suffered illness as a result of work-related incidents. On this day we also honour the many families and friends who have been deeply affected by these tragedies. Every worker has the right to return home safe and sound at the end of each workday.

A short video was created in honour of this day:
www.wsibdayofmourning.ca/

ST. BRIGID’S OUT OF THE COLD PROGRAM

We are still accepting food and financial donations for the St. Brigid’s Out of the Cold Program. **All donations can be dropped off at the Parish office.** Food donations can be left at the front porch of the Parish office. Financial donations can be left in the mailbox (front and back of the Parish office). If you are making a financial donation, please place your contribution in an envelope with your full name, and your donation envelope number. If you do not have an envelope number, please include your full mailing address so that we can provide a tax receipt.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA FEAST DAY: APRIL 29

St. Catherine of Siena is one of only four women who were named doctor of the church, meaning that her writings, including the mystical *The Dialogue* and her prayers and letters, have special authority in Roman Catholicism. She was an important defender of the papacy and is a patron saint of Europe and of Italy.

Holy Spirit come into my heart; draw it to Thee by Thy power, O my God, and grant me charity with filial fear. Preserve me, O beautiful love, from every evil thought; warm me, inflame me with Thy dear love, and every pain will seem light to me. My Father, my sweet Lord, help me in all my actions. Jesus, love, Jesus, love. Amen.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: MAY 2 TO 7

Catholic Education Week is a national celebration of Catholic education and an opportunity to recognize the importance, the value, and the contributions of a Catholic education to the Church and to the world. The theme for this year is “Nurturing Hope”. Please visit: www.tcdsb.org

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on April 4th was **\$4,055.00**. Please remember St. Brigid’s Parish in your last will and testament. Don’t forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.).

II DOMENICA DI PASQUA DELLA DIVINA MISERICORDIA / ANNO B

L’assemblea eucaristica, comunità pasquale, continua a condividere ogni domenica i doni del Risorto e del suo Spirito: si riunisce per celebrare Cristo sempre vivo e presente in mezzo al suo popolo; per «fare Chiesa» attorno a lui; per condividere, come «Chiesa», l’ascolto della Parola e la mensa del Pane di vita. Tutto questo è, nello stesso tempo, segno e realtà: realtà che stiamo già vivendo; segno di ciò che dobbiamo continuare a diventare.

PREGHIERA A SANTA CATERINA

O Caterina irresistibile Santa, alla tua parola, non resistevano i cuori dei peccatori, e neppure il Cielo alla tua fede ardente e alle tue insistenti preghiere. Come allora, anche oggi facci sentire il potere della tua intercessione, confermare la pace tra gli uomini, liberare gli oppressi dalle ingiustizie o avversità d’ogni genere, confortare e sanare i malati dell’anima e del corpo. Prega per la pace di tutto il mondo per l’unità e la fedeltà del popolo di Dio al supremo

Pastore e per il bene della patria nostra. E ricordati di me, che ti invoco con fiducia sapendo che non abbandoni nelle difficoltà coloro che ti considerano come Madre e Maestra.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 4 Aprile e’ stata **\$4,055.00**. **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 / INTENZIONI DELLA MESSA

Saturday, April 10th

9:00 a.m. +Freda Meyer, req. by Vanessa Coxson

5:00 p.m. +Malcolm & Viola MacIsaac, req. by the Parish

Sunday, April 11th

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**

9:45 a.m. Per Tutti le Anime in Purgatorio, req. by Pietrina Fragale
Benedizione Speciale per il Compleanno di Caterina Delle Fave, req. by the Family

+Vito & Caterina Totino, req. by Nicola & Chiara Grande
+Rosa & Vincenzo Barbuto, req. by Maria Turco & Family

11:00 a.m. *Special Blessing for the Personal Intentions of Ignacio Uriarte For all the Deceased Members of the Calo & Grande Families, req. by the Calo Children*

+Filomena & Sandro Gattola, req. by Lina Morlando

+Michele & Anna Pimpinella, req. by Tina Morlando

+Reynaldo Diego Sr., req. by Cheryl Diego

Monday, April 12th

12:00 p.m. *Special Blessing for Healing for Marguerite McConnell, req. by Nancy & Paul Crawford*

Tuesday, April 13th ~ St. Martin I

12:00 p.m. *Special Blessing for the Personal Intentions of Ignacio Uriarte*

Wednesday, April 14th

12:00 p.m. +Neil Regan, req. by the O’Callaghan Family

Thursday, April 15th

12:00 p.m. *Special Blessing for the Personal Intentions of Ignacio Uriarte*

Friday, April 16th

12:00 p.m. +Joyce Marie Soulliere, req. by Paul & Nancy Crawford

Saturday, April 17th ~ St. Kateri Tekakwitha

9:00 a.m. +Deacon Stanley Maclellan, req. by the Parish

5:00 p.m. +Robert James, Santiago Quintana & Paul Strabec,
req. by Maria Quintana James
+Weldon Green, req. by Brian & Lisa Dwyer

God our Father, we bring before you today those who suffer from illness or disability—those whose lives are profoundly affected by their illness. When they feel fragile and broken, remind them that you call them by name and hold them in the palm of your hand. **We pray for all those suffering from illnesses, for their families, their friends, and for those who care for them.**

PRAYER CARDS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH

In honour of the Year of St. Joseph, we are offering prayer cards that can be returned to the Church with your special intention(s) stated on the back. All intentions will be prayed over at every Mass until December 8th of this year. Prayer cards can be picked up at the Church before or after daily Mass or by contacting the Parish office: (416) 696-8660.