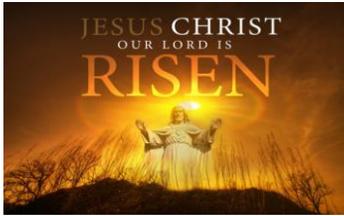


EASTER SUNDAY



Monday, April 17, 7 p.m.

+Carmine Plastina req by Family

Tuesday, April 18, 9 a.m.

+Rogelio Padua Sr., req by

Jun Padua & Family

Wednesday, April 19, 7 p.m.

+Jeanette & Joyce Coe req by Maurice Coe

+Jaime David Lawrence req by

Alan & Carmelle Perron

+Catherine Chircop req by

Bridget Conneely

+Joseph MacDonald req by

MacDonald Family

Thursday, April 20, 9am

+Antonino Henriques req by

Jennifer Black

Friday, April 21, 7pm

+Roger Tyrone Fernando req by

Mary Fernando

+Neomie Richardson req by

Nicholls Family

Sp Int for Parents, Sister & Husband of

Zofia Fraczek

Saturday, April 22

9 a.m. +Jim Hudson req by

Kate Hudson

5 p.m. +Len Tobin req by

Sheila Tobin

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Easter Sunday 3:00 p.m. sung in Church

Monday – Friday before the Mass

Final Saturday 3:00 p.m. sung in Church

MARCH FOR LIFE

Mark your calendars: **Thursday May 11th, 2017**. Join thousands in Ottawa for the annual **March for Life**. A bus will be leaving from Holy Family Parish. Remember the words of our first Prime Minister: "Abortion saps the very lifeblood of a nation." - Sir John A. MacDonald. Life - We Stand On Guard For Thee! Contact: Patricia 905-668-7292.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling yard waste bags April 22 and 23, after Mass in the parking lot. Funds raised will be used to support various needs in the Parish and community.



ALPHA COURSE

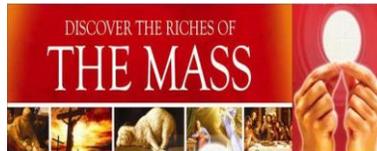
We would like to extend a huge thank you to Legion of Mary Members under the leadership of Nancy Fernandes who prepared the delicious food.

We are so excited to announce that we are having the 2nd Alpha course on **April 25 to June 27**, Tuesdays at 7pm in the

parish hall. Alpha weekend is on June 9 & 10. Please invite your family and friends to attend this course. We will have a wonderful supper for all our guest. Please RSVP at the back of the church or online at <http://holyfamilywh.archtoronto.org>

ADULT FORMATION

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass is beginning MAY 1 at Holy Family Parish. Dr. Edward Sri takes us on A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS – UNDERSTANDING WHAT WE SAY AND DO IN THE LITURGY. This study will equip you to worship in a



richer and more fruitful way as you understand the meaning behind the parts of the Mass. The profound significance of the words and gestures we share at Mass are explored through their Biblical roots. Registration will take place after all weekend masses April 23 and 30 or through the church office during regular business hours.

Don't miss this opportunity

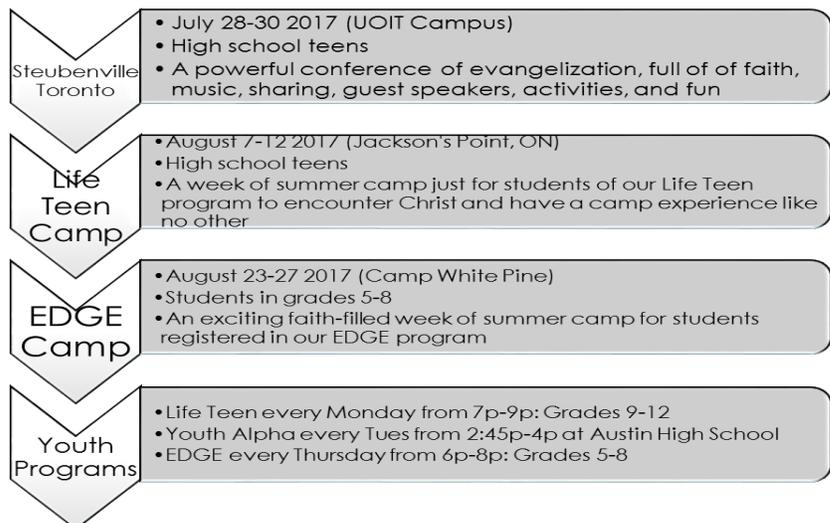
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Holy Family Parish will be having a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, **May 6th at 11am**. Registered parishioners celebrating **Milestone Wedding Anniversary in 2017 (10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, etc.)** are invited to renew your vows and commitment at a special Mass to celebrate your anniversary. Families and friends are welcome. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after the Mass. Call the office at 905-665-6470 to register or for more information.

PAULINE BOOKSALE

The Daughters of St Paul will be with us on **May 12 to 14, 2017 for the New Evangelization Summit** and through the weekend. They will be providing materials from the Speakers at the NES as well as a selection of Bibles, books, Music CD & DVD movies for all ages from their Pauline Centre in Toronto. They will be set up in the hall for the NES and the church foyer during the weekend Masses. For more info, visit www.pauline.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES



APRIL 16, 2017

The World's Only Hope



In the Gospel of John, the resurrection appearance of Jesus to Mary Magdalene, leading to her confession, "I have seen the Lord" stands as the heart of the Gospel reading for Easter. It is a wonderful story of a seeking woman who is surprised by what she finds, or, by the One who finds her. Her grief was transformed the moment she heard her name being called by Jesus' familiar voice, and that paved way to the opening of a new world for Mary. A careful reading of the Gospel of John reveals the fact that the actual encounter between Mary and Jesus occupies only four of the eighteen verses. This makes us to pay

attention to what occurs prior to the encounter, in order to be able to understand what is at stake in Jesus' disclosure to Mary.

Mary was preoccupied with the body of Jesus. The empty tomb does not prod her to faith, but rather makes her worry about what has become of the corpse. The three parallel statements she makes—to the two disciples (John 20:2), to the two angels at the tomb (v. 13), and to Jesus, alias the gardener (v. 15) point to this truth. Mary's anxiety and consternation are natural, she comes to the tomb early for a time of private grieving. She might have thought that the cemetery was an appropriate place to grieve. But the removal of the stone and the empty tomb disrupt what she is looking for and only create fear and frustration. Naturally her mind moves to the conclusion that someone has taken Jesus' body. Apparently, the two disciples (at least, "the other disciple") share Mary's predicament. On hearing the news of the empty tomb, they go to the site and confirm for themselves. The grave garments are there neatly folded, and the text reports that "the other disciple . . . saw and believed" (v. 8). But believed what? It was Mary's report that the tomb was empty, and not that Jesus was risen from the dead. His investigations confirm her statement. Unfortunately he sees no more than Mary sees. Something important takes place when Jesus calls Mary's name. Her 'closed world' is broken by that 'call.' The old plausibility structure is left in shambles by the fact that the One who was certified as dead (19:33) greets Mary. This was a radical experience to Mary. The dialogue between Mary and Jesus reveals Mary's wish for what is conventional and proper. She was keen to give him a decent burial! But the response of Jesus, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father" is the key to the understanding for the risen Jesus cannot be controlled, even by Mary's loving concern for Him. The voice of Jesus calling her name shatters her customary world and opens up a brand-new future. Now what she is to do is to grieve no longer, but to go to the disciples with the word of Jesus' impending ascension. Mary's reaction includes an obedient response to Jesus' command and an amazing statement, "I have seen the Lord" (v. 18). Her preoccupation with the corpse is made irrelevant by her encounter with the risen Jesus. What she was accustomed to with her logical language of cause and effect is now replaced by the language of confession. Once again, as we enter into this blessed mystery, we take to heart the experience of Mary.

No matter how much we love our Lord, we need to know that we can never domesticate Him for our own thinking and conventions. Our customary world is crushed and a new way is open for us when we truly realize the call of the risen Lord, a personal call, a call by our own names. It is the name of this One calls us by our own names is glorified in the Church and in the wider world. Easter is a time for such transformation. We need to yield ourselves for the new wondrous doings of the risen Lord. We have a message to proclaim. It is the message, "Jesus is risen, He is risen indeed." Let us hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit and experience the 'shaking of our own foundations' which opens the way for effective communicators of the Easter message to the world at large.

I wish you all the blessings and peace of the Risen Lord this Easter.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. László Nagy
Pastor