

Year "A" Ezekiel 37.12-14; Romans 8.8-11
John 11. 1-45

Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 42.1-2)

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

 <p>Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK</p>	
<p>Monday, April 3rd <i>Daniel 13.1-9,15-17,19-30,33-64; John 8.1-11</i></p>	
8:30 a.m.	† Jim Naughton
<p>Tuesday, April 4th <i>Numbers 21.4-9; John 8.21-30</i></p>	
8:30 a.m.	Intentions Nicholas Vanderputt-Bastianpillai
<p>Wednesday, April 5th <i>Daniel 3.13-20,24,49-50,91-95; John 8.31-42</i></p>	
7:30 p.m.	† Maria & Joseph Lugarich
<p>Thursday, April 6th <i>Genesis 17.3-9; John 8.51-59</i></p>	
8:30 a.m.	† Paz Zantua
<p>Friday, April 7th <i>Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13; John 10.31-42</i></p>	
8:30 a.m.	† Stane Struna
7:00 p.m.	† Alex & Felicadade D'Souza
<p>Saturday, April 8th</p>	
5:00 p.m.	† Luisa Viveiros
<p>Sunday, April 9th</p>	
9:00 a.m.	Intentions Rodel Zantua
11:00 a.m.	Mass Pro Populo
5:00 p.m.	† Bertie Nazareth

P.A.M. (PROVIDE-A-MEAL)

The next casserole pick-up date is this **Tuesday April 4th** from 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Proverbs 22.9

Palm Sunday – April 8-9, 2017

Next Sunday we celebrate Palm SUNDAY, the beginning of the Holy Week. Palm Sunday is an invitation for us to reflect on how it is that the passion of Jesus can change our outlook on suffering. It expresses clearly how 'obvious failure leads to victory and exultation, how shame leads to glorification.' Our Saviour may be seen as a model of patient endurance and of faithfulness. We are not asked to believe that suffering is good in itself but to see that good can come of it and to recognize in Jesus God's solidarity with all those who endure suffering for doing what is right.

What's Happening

This Week

Monday, April 3rd

7:00 p.m. C.W.G. Executive Meeting

Tuesday, April 4th

6:30 p.m. P.A.M. Casserole Drop-Off

7:00 p.m. Catholicism Series

7:00 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 5th

7:00 p.m. Youth Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.

7:15 p.m. Confirmation Classes

Thursday, April 6th

7:30 p.m. K.O.C. General Meeting

7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary

Friday, April 7th

7:00 p.m. Youth Edge Night (Ajax)

Saturday, April 8th

10:00 a.m. Cursillo

HOLY WEEK



SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 9TH

Regular Mass Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 13TH

NO MORNING MASS

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 8:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Parish Hall following the Mass

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 14TH

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 15TH

Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 16TH

Mass - 9:00 am & 11:00 am

There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

Reminder to our Grade 6,7 and 8 students that our next EDGE NIGHT will be a fusion night with St. Francis DeSales on **April 7th, 2017 from 7:00pm-9:00pm**. We will be meeting at St. Andre Bassette Catholic School (60 Seggar Ave, Ajax Ont, L1T 4Y4). Please join us for this exciting special event!



Totus Tuus July 16th to July 21st

The Children and Youth of Holy Redeemer Parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus this summer. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocese program whereby seminarians and

college students travel to different Parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through Catechetical instruction, Mass, Confession, songs and games! The Grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6 runs **Monday-Friday from 9:00am-2:30pm**. The Intermediate/High School program runs **Sunday-Thursday from 7:00pm-9:00pm**. The cost is \$75.00 per person for the Day Program and \$35.00 for the evening program. Children are to bring their own lunches, drinks and snacks. Registration forms will be available starting **April 1st, 2017**. To register or for more information please contact Bianca Hutchinson. More information about the program is also available at www.totustuutoronto.ca

ShareLife Living the Gospel

Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife.....

“The ShareLife campaign provides for the needs of our social service agencies, helps to evangelize the Gospel to brothers and sisters in Christ across the world, and supports the education of our clergy. It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they’re invisible but, always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.”

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

Today is ShareLife Sunday – April 2, 2017

Please give generously.

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS: TREASURES OF THE CHURCH

Holy Family Parish in Whitby presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on **Monday April 10 at 7:00 pm**. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will bring over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church’s history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. For more information, please call 905 665 6470.



Office of Vocations

“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe that your plan is God’s plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email: vocations@archtoronto.org



Reading the Bible

An old man lived on a farm in the mountains of eastern Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible. His grandson who wanted to be just like him tried to imitate him in any way he could.

One day the grandson asked, “*Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don’t understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?*”

The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, “*Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water.*”

The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, “*You will have to move a little faster next time,*” and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was “*impossible to carry water in a basket,*” and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, “*I don’t want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You’re just not trying hard enough,*” and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, “*See Papa, it’s useless!*”

“*So you think it is useless?*” The old man said, “*Look at the basket.*” The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean. “*Son, that’s what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out.*”

That is the work of God in our lives. To change us from the inside out and to slowly transform us into the image of His son. Take time to read a portion of God’s word each day.