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From the Desk of Fr. Tim...

ShareLife 2018 Living the Gospel...by supporting ShareLife

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it's volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many *ShareLife*-funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need.

This weekend we will hear about the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace as we welcome parishioner and guest speaker Ernesto Solari to speak at each mass.

Next Sunday is the first *ShareLife* collection weekend as we seek to reach our parish goal of \$227,000, an increase of 3% over last year. If you have given in past years, I thank you and invite your support again this year. If *ShareLife* has not been part of your charitable giving in the past, I ask you to read carefully the letter from the Cardinal and the brochure outlining the needs of each of our agencies mailed to you this past week (also available at the doors of the church for those who did not receive it by mail). Thank you for prayerfully considering a donation to support our *ShareLife* parish campaign this year as part of the practice of Lenten almsgiving.

Thank You!

Thanks to all of you for your greetings on my return from my month-long stay in Hawaii and South-East Asia, during which time I visited Hong Kong, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Thailand and Singapore. It was a great experience for me, and a wonderful way to celebrate my 25th Anniversary of Ordination!

Special thanks to Fr. Charles, Fr. Patrick, Caroline, Carol and the parish staff for keeping the parish in good working order until my return! Our deepest sympathy is offered to Fr. Charles and the members of the Egbulefu family on the sudden death of his elder brother Martin in Nigeria last month. Fr. Charles is away in Nigeria attending the funeral. Please join us on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. for a memorial mass for Martin Egbulefu, reception to follow in the parish hall.

Thank you as well for your generous support of *Hope for Haiti* initiative through the funding for the cost of the container to be shipped to the Diocese of Jacmel in Haiti. A total of \$21,000 has been raised for this worthy cause. We are looking forward to working with our Confirmation candidates to fill and pack this container in June before its shipment to Haiti.

Finally, on behalf of Fr. Ed Keays and the Good Shepherd Ministries, a big thank you for the tremendous donation of pillows. Our Youth Ministry brought 214 pillows to the Shelter on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

Lent 2018...

During Lent 2018 you may consider...

- ✠ Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. *Laudato Si Lenten Series* continues in the parish hall. You are most welcome to attend even if you missed the first two sessions!
- ✠ Friday Mass at 7:00 p.m. (in addition to the 9:00 a.m. mass)
- ✠ Friday Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. led by a different ministry group each week...Friday, March 16 by the Knights of Columbus.
- ✠ Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: Saturdays 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. plus Saturdays from 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- ✠ Lenten Day of Confessions: Thursday, March 22 at 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., and 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Third Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Saturday, March 17...

Please plan to attend our third Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 17 in the parish hall, this year sponsored by the Catholic Women's League. Join us for traditional Irish fare. There will be a cash bar, door prizes and a 50/50 draw. We will have entertainment including Irish dancers from Finnegan School of Irish Dance, 925 Main Street East, Unit 5, Milton and some Irish sing-along-songs. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. immediately following the 5:00 p.m. mass. Tickets are \$20 per person and will be available through the parish office this weekend. Please join us and wear a hint-o-green!

MARCH 11, 2018

Holy Week Schedule 2018

Palm Sunday Masses March 24/25

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. & Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon

Holy Week Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Week Confessions

Saturday, March 24 from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 27 and Wednesday, March 28 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday March 29

No 9:00 a.m. mass. Mass of the Lords' Supper at 7:30 p.m. and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight. To celebrate our parish ministries, we will wash the feet of 12 ministry representatives.

Good Friday March 30

10:30 a.m. Children's Celebration of the Passion. 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. the Passion of the Lord.
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross dramatized by the Youth Ministry.

Holy Saturday March 31

No 9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Blessing of the Easter Food (parish hall)
No 5:00 p.m. Mass

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Saturday March 31

The Easter Vigil is the most important Eucharist celebration of the year. It celebrates our faith in the Resurrection, the cornerstone of our belief. The liturgy begins with the Blessing of the Fire, the Service of the Light, the Exultet, the Sacred Word, the R.C.I. A. Sacraments of Initiation & renewal of our Baptismal Promises.

Easter Sunday April 1

Sunday Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 Noon
Easter Sunday Masses include the renewal of our Baptismal Promises which is the reaffirmation of our faith.

Senior Men's High School Retreat (grades 11 & 12) - Saturday, March 17, 2018 - The Office of Vocations is hosting a retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. providing time to pray, interact and socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. Registration for the retreat is online at: www.vocationstoronto.ca (under Programs) or <http://bit.ly/2xh8uMA> For more info, please call the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

Novena to St. Joseph

To you, blessed Joseph, we come with confidence in this our hour of need, trusting in your powerful protection. Your loving service to Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and your fatherly affection for the Child Jesus inspire us with faith in the power of your intercession before the throne of God.

We pray, first of all, for the Church: that it may be free from error and corruption and be a shining light of universal love and justice.

We ask your intercession for our loved ones in their trials and adversities, that they may be inspired by the love, obedience, and affection of the Holy Family, and be to each other a mutual source of consolation and Christian fidelity.

We ask your intercession, also, for our special need(s)... (mention your intention here) and to keep us all under your protection so that strengthened by your example and assistance, we may lead a holy life, die a happy death, and come to the possession of everlasting happiness in heaven. Amen. ✚



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