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From the desk of Fr. Tim...

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O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. -Collect Prayer, Easter Sunday Mass

On behalf of our parish staff I wish to thank you for joining us for Easter Sunday mass as we rejoice in the light of Christ's resurrection, and seek to be a light to others whom we will encounter, not only today but throughout the Easter Season!

Congratulations and Blessings...

...to the newest members of our parish community baptized into the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil: Frank Hsu, Jilai Liao and Siu Chung Lam, those received into the Catholic Church: Assuncao (Suzzy) Evalina and Mark Dekker, and those Catholics who received the Sacrament of Confirmation: Cory Silva, Mark Ciceran and Paul Colili.

Special thanks to their sponsors and to our RCIA team: Franka Lowe (co-ordinator), Ann Overment, Anita Gonsalves and Fr. Charles who journeyed with them.

Lent and Holy Week Sacred Triduum Thank You...

There were many individuals and groups who were involved in the celebration of Lent and Holy Week 2018. We would like to thank all of them on behalf of the whole St. Ignatius Loyola parish community.

For the Art and Environment ...which created a beautiful atmosphere of prayer and Easter joy by the many wonderful members of the Floral Committee and the Altar Guild Ministry.

For the Ushers and Hospitality Committee... both men and women who cheerfully greeted and welcomed you under the direction of John Cassidy and Caroline Borcsok.

*For our Ministers of the Word ...*organized by Carol Dewar and the *Ministers of the Eucharist* organized by Mario and Loretta Rodriguez.... and Stephen and Alison Gawronski who coordinated the *Altar Servers*.

For the Music Ministry... and their talented gifts of prayerful song during Lent and throughout Holy Week and Easter, especially Ed Cyfko, Josie Chavez ,Claudia Ferro, the Folk Group, Cheryl Hodges, Mark Linsao, Megan Micelli and the Youth Choir.

For the Youth Ministry... and it's young adult leaders, for their dramatic tableau presentation of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 7:30 p.m.

*For the donations of potted plants...*from our parishioners which made the Sanctuary reflect the glorious Feast of the Lord's Resurrection.

Easter Octave Weekday Masses at 9:00 a.m. /First Friday 7:00 p.m. ...

Please join us throughout the Solemnity of the Easter Octave and its beautiful readings of the post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus. Masses will take place from Monday to Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Our First Friday Mass and Holy Hour will take place on Friday. April 6 at 7:00 p.m. Please note that the parish office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 2.

Ministry Appreciation Cocktail Party...

I am very grateful for the many parishioners who participate in our parish ministries not only at Easter but throughout the year. To thank each of you, we have sent an invitation by mail to our Annual Appreciation Cocktail Party on Thursday, April 26. Thank you for your RSVP to Carol at the parish office by email: <u>office@st-ignatius-loyola.com</u> or by phone, 905-820-1444.

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ShareLife 2018: 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, 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 includes 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.

Thank you for your contributions to this year's campaign. We have collected **\$50,850** toward our parish goal of **\$227,000**. I would encourage each family to consider a donation to the ShareLife campaign as part of the practice of Lenten almsgiving...to share with those in need of what we have been blessed to receive. The next ShareLife Sunday is April 22, 2018. Please give generously.

Roofing Replacement Project 2018

Due to extensive water damage, all of the church's flat roofs were replaced in 2016. Further investigations into the continued water leakage inside the church itself have revealed that it is due to extensive cracks in our Marley tile peaked roof which is now 30 years old. As a result, the complete replacement of the peaked roof including extra insulation and new skylights was recommended. Work will be completed this coming May and June. We will also be replacing the lighting of the roof top cross on the roof peak. Due to the difficulty in accessing the roof, we have opted to use long lasting synthetic slate roofing shingles. Three roofing companies tendered their bids for this project, and the contract was awarded to Semple Gooder Roofing Corporation at a cost of \$653,248 (plus GST). As announced in our February Annual Financial Report, this cost will be paid from our funds currently on deposit with the Archdiocese. We apologize for any inconvenience or disruption during the construction period. We will keep you posted about our progress.

Youth Group News –On Monday, April 16 from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. the Youth Group will be discussing, "The Environment: Care or Ruin?" Do you like to bake? The Youth Group will be baking in the parish kitchen and then holding a Bake Sale on April 14/15. Students in Grades 7 – 12 are invited to join the Youth Group.

Catholic Women's League Ladies Retreat at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre on Saturday, April 21 from 9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$35.00 each including lunch. Space is limited. Contact: Linda Quinn, 905-820-6856 or e-mail at LPQuinn@rogers.com. Car pools can be arranged leaving from St. Ignatius Loyola Church.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion – The grade 2 students of All Saints School and St. Mark School will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. The grade 2 students at St. Clare and the RCIC Program will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m. Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time.

Sacrament of Confirmation – The grade 7 students at All Saints School and RCIC Program will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. The grade 7 & 8 students at St. Clare and St. Mark will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Ignatius Loyola Pre-Marriage Course – Saturday, October 20 & Saturday, October 27 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$150 per couple. Registration form at <u>www.st-ignatius-loyola.com</u> under 'Services''. For all questions regarding marriage, please speak with Fr. Tim or Fr. Charles, (905) 820- 1444. All engaged couples welcome!

Knights of Columbus *Spring Flower Sales* – The Knights will be selling various spring flowers including pots for shade and for sunshine, a cherry tomato patio pot and a 7-herb oval planter. You may pre-order these fabulous planters on the weekend of April 14/15, April 21/22 and April 28/29. Your orders will be ready for pick up on the May 12/13 weekend. Proceeds will help support the Knights' Y.E.S. (Young families, the Elderly and Students) Program in our local community. For more information, please see the poster on the bulletin board in the front vestibule or call Wayne Ferrell, 905-607-5981 or Mike Genua, 416-804-3457 or www.kofc8668.org.

