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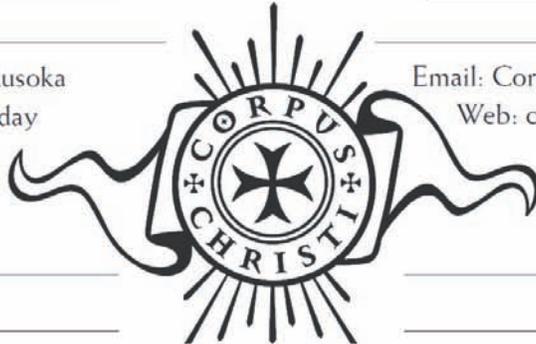
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He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia

April 16 & 17, 2022
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Significance of Easter

Day	Date	Intentions
Sat. 8:00 pm	April 16	<i>Easter Vigil</i>
Sun. 9:00 am	April 17	<i>Easter Sunday</i> "Pro Populo"
Sun. 11:00 am	April 17	<i>Easter Sunday</i> "Pro Populo"
Tues. 9:00 am	April 19	+ Father Liam Gavigan requested by Patrick Gavigan
Wed. 9:00 am	April 20	No Mass Intentions
Thurs. 9:00 am	April 21	+ Yolla Martin requested by Monica Bray
Fri. 9:00 am	April 22	+ Vijay Rajagopalan
Sat. 5:00 pm	April 23	+ Howard Nobert requested by Ginny, Jim Hughes & family
Sun. 9:00 am	April 24	Intention of the Mendes family + Francis Xavier & Olivia Mendes requested by Shelley & Wendy Mendes
Sun. 11:00 am	April 24	<i>Divine Merch Sunday</i> "Pro Populo"

***Please remember our Parish in your
Bequests and Wills***

The Sanctuary candle and Mother Mary's candles are available to light for \$20. For more information or to place your request please contact the parish office @ 416-694-0382.



ShareLife is making a difference

"Many aspects of pre-Covid life are returning, such as the gradual reopening of our parishes. But we must remember that, for many people, their suffering continues. ShareLife-funded agencies have been helping thousands of people since the pandemic began. They quickly adapted their programs in light of safety and the changing needs of the people they serve." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

**Thank you for supporting ShareLife!
The next ShareLife Sunday collection is May 1**

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast of the Christian Church. It is the day we celebrate Jesus' coming back to life. Jesus prophesied it as a sign of his divinity. "*Tear down this temple and in three days I will build it again*" (Jn. 2: 19). "*Easter*" literally means "*the feast of fresh flowers*." We, the Christians, celebrate it with pride and jubilation for three fundamental reasons.

The first is the resurrection of Christ which is the basis of our Christian faith. It is the greatest of the miracles proving that Jesus is God. For this reason, St. Paul writes: "*If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your faith is in vain... And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins... But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep*" (1 Cor. 15. 14-20). Without the Resurrection, Jesus would have remained for ever a good person who met a tragic end. People would remember some of his teachings and a handful of people might try to live according to them. All the basic doctrines of Christianity are founded on the truth of the Resurrection. "*Jesus is Lord, he is risen*" (Rom. 10. 9) was the central theme of the "*kerygma*" (preaching of the Apostles).

There is a story of two women who stood before Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. One asked, "Why can't we build structures like this anymore?" Her friend answered, "The people who built this had faith. Today we have only opinions. And you can't build a cathedral with opinions." With Easter, each one of us is called to participate in such building process with faith.

The second fundamental reason of our Easter celebration is based on the fact that Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "*I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies*" (Jn. 11. 25-26). Christ will raise us up on the last day, but it is also true, in a sense, that we have already risen with Christ. By virtue of the Holy Spirit, Christian life is already a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1002 - 1003).

Lastly, Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears. Despite the many and subtle anti-Christian forces against Jesus and his Church, Easter reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the real presence of the risen Jesus that gives meaning to our personal, as well as to our common, prayers. Our trust in the all-pervading presence of the risen Lord gives us strength to fight against temptations, and freedom from today's worries and fears. The prayer of St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland reads: "*Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ within me, never to part.*"

**I wish you all, my dear friends, a Happy and Blessed Easter!
Fr. Faustino Kusoka**

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Prayer for Ukraine

*God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children,
at-risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.*

Interfaith Luncheon



new grocery bags.

The Interfaith Lunch Program needs the following items: canned beans, chickpeas, kidney beans, garbanzo, baked beans, canned tomatoes, canned soups (tomato, chicken, mushroom), cases of water, large boxes of granola bars and cookies, large jars of mayonnaise, clean used or



The Archdiocese of Toronto Office for Interreligious Dialogue invites students to participate in the Youth Interfaith Video Contest sponsored by the Dominican Friars of Toronto in collaboration with The Catholic Register, Interfaith Youth Alliance Movement (IYAM) and Salt + Light Media.

The theme of the contest is, **“Cultivating Friendship and Solidarity,”** in light of the **United Nations’ International Day of Human Fraternity** (February 4). This is a wonderful opportunity for youth to explore the theme of how our diverse faith traditions call on us to **Rebuild, Restore and Renew** our communities together, through cultivating friendship and solidarity. We encourage participants to not only highlight the contest theme but also to reach out to collaborate and engage with people of diverse cultural and religious backgrounds. Entries can come from an individual or a team.

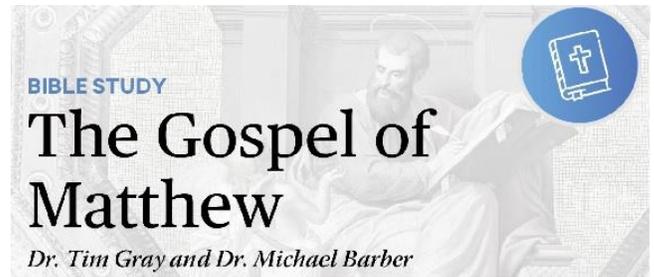
The video may be up to three minutes maximum in length and submit by the contest closing date of **Tuesday, April 19, 2022.**

For complete contest details, please see the poster:

<https://bit.ly/YouthInterfaithVideoContest2022>

For more details, click:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest>



NEW! We invite you to join our new Bible Study course on **‘The Gospel of Matthew’** every Wednesdays, starting from **April 20, 2022 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm** in the parish hall. This Bible study is part of a weekly series hosted on FORMED Now! We will be using our parish subscription to Formed (www.formed.org).

We hope you enjoy this lively and faith-filled study of the first Gospel.

For further information and to register: contact Chris at chriskierans@hotmail.com or call/text 647-394-9016 or the parish office at corpuschristito@archtoronto.org

Stewardship Reflection: Palm Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10.34a, 36-43++

2nd Reading: Colossians 3.1-4 (or) 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8

Gospel: John 20.1-18++ – *The Resurrection of Jesus*

Summary

The beautiful truth of our faith is that God was able to bring about the greatest good of the resurrection through the seemingly utter defeat of the crucifixion. The famous Portuguese proverb says that “God writes straight with crooked lines.” As stewards, let us not be discouraged when we face crosses and trials but instead trust that God will transform these difficulties into many little Easter mornings.

Letter from Cardinal Thomas Collins on the new resources to help us all discuss death and dying. You can find that letter here: <https://bit.ly/HorizonsForHopeLetter>

Upcoming Events

- April 23 - Maintenance Collection
- May 1 - ShareLife 2nd collection
- May 14 - Reconciliation & Rehearsal for First Holy Communion
- May 15 - First Holy Communion
- May 22 - The Pope’s Pastoral Work Collection
- May 28 - Confession & Rehearsal for Confirmation
- May 29 - Confirmation
- May 29 - Maintenance Collection

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