



Sat. April 14  
5:00pm +**Pasquale, Rosa & Pietro Collia**

Sun. April 15  
8:00am +**Cosimo Femia & Francesco & Cosimo Oppedisano**

9:15am **For the People of the Parish**

10:30am +**Lidio Iacobelli**

12:00 noon +**Irene Stefanutti**

Mon. April 16

7:00pm +**Sr. Carmelina Tarantino**

Tues. Apr. 17

9:00am **For the Intentions of Eva Piragic**

Wed. April 18

7:00pm +**Gregorio Costa, +Rose Frustaglio, +Robert Recha, +Antonietta SantaLucia, Intentions of Maria & Wladimiro & Teresa Pagliaroli**

Thurs. Apr. 19

7:00pm +**Maria Vomiero, +Rosa & Nicola Massarelli family**

Fri. Apr. 20

9:00am +**Michael Romano**

#### **Feast Days This Week**

Tues. Apr. 17 – **St. Kateri Tekakwitha**, virgin, Patroness of Canada

Wed. Apr. 18 – **Bl. Marie-Anne Blondin**, virgin

Sat. Apr. 21 – **St. Anselm**, bishop, doctor of the Church

**First Communion** – We offer our congratulations to the students of the Public & Private Schools who are receiving their First Communion this Sunday at 2:30pm. Thank you to the catechists and parents for helping to prepare the children for this sacrament.

#### **ShareLife - Living the Gospel by helping those with addictions**

Scarred by an abusive childhood, Andrew became addicted to hard drugs as an early teen. His next 20 years were spent in-and-out of jail and the hospital. He finally came to St. Michael's Homes, a ShareLife-funded agency that offers a residential program for those struggling with substance abuse. Now sober and equipped with coping skills, Andrew is happy and building a new life. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping people like Andrew get their lives back on track.

Next Sunday, April 22 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

**Healing Mass** – Our next Healing Mass will take place on Wednesday, May 9 at 7pm. Prayer Teams will be available to pray for your intentions and the Sacrament of the Sick will be available for those with serious illness.

#### **Healing the Family Tree Workshop–**

Saturday, April 21, 9:30 to 6:15pm

Pauline Books and Media Centre

3022 Dufferin St. S.

Presenter: Fr. Terrence McKenna. Register at 416-414-2497 or Nancy at

[nglobus@rogers.com](mailto:nglobus@rogers.com)

**St. Padre Pio Youth Group** –for all young people aged 11-17. The Youth Group meets twice a month on Friday at St. Andrew School at 8:15am. Upcoming events:

Apr. 20 – Youth Group's Got Talent

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Rosary Making

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Rosary Walk

**Neophyte Mass** – All those who were initiated at Easter, along with their Godparents, sponsors, and other members of their parish community are invited to attend the Neophyte Mass, which will be celebrated on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, with Cardinal Collins presiding.

**Retrouvaille Weekend:** Help for Troubled Marriages from 6pm Friday, April 20 to 2pm, Sunday, April 22

If you are thinking of separation or divorce or you are already separated but want to try again, then Retrouvaille can help. This program will give you the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will also give you the opportunity to rediscover one another and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. Call 416-281-6007 or email: [info@torontoretrouvaille.com](mailto:info@torontoretrouvaille.com)

**The CWL** would like to invite all women to their annual "Women's Breakfast" which takes place on Saturday, May 19, 2018, from 9:30 to 12 pm. The event will be in honour of "Our Lady of Lourdes". It will be held at Roma's Hospitality Centre in Mississauga. Join us for a morning of faith, fun, food and fellowship. Tickets will go on sale on April 21/22-May 12/13.

**Stories of the Resurrection** – The stories of the Resurrection are told over and over again at Easter. They are to be found at the end of the four Gospels. The Gospels of Luke and John tell the stories in much more detail than the other two. You should read these stories as they are told in the bible. They appear in the following Gospels:

Matthew 28, Mark:16, Luke:24, and John:20, 21. There are differences in the way the Gospel writers relate the happenings and it must be said that there is something mysterious about the stories they tell. We should remember that the disciples could not fully understand the events themselves. They were dazed and bewildered. In putting these stories down they were telling of what went on inside their heads as much as what was happening outside. One thing does seem certain. At the beginning of these incidents all the disciples were convinced that Jesus was dead. At the end, the same disciples were quite sure that He was alive and that they had seen Him.

The Resurrection stories tell the great, central truth of the faith – Christ is risen. The Resurrection came on a Sunday, which is why, right from the start; the disciples changed their Sabbath day from the Jewish Saturday in order to celebrate it. The first disciples did not find the Resurrection easy to believe at first either. They could never fully explain it. All they could do was celebrate it. This has been the experience of countless men and women over the centuries. They have, like the disciples, become convinced that Jesus is risen and they have tried to express their feelings in music and poetry and art. They express it in festival too – in the great annual festival of Easter, when these stories are told again and again.

**The Time of Easter** – The first Passover is commemorated each year by members of the Jewish faith, about March 21. For many years Easter was celebrated at the same time because Jesus was crucified during Passover. In 325AD a group of bishops meeting in Nicaea, a city in what we now call Turkey, decided that Easter should be on a different day. They chose the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Vernal means 'spring' and equinox means 'equal night'. Thus, this is the 24-hour period in spring when both day and night last exactly 12 hours, usually on Mar 21 or 22. Full moons however, do not always come on the same date, so Easter may fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Sometimes it comes before Passover, and many Orthodox Christians wait until Passover to celebrate Easter.

Easter Water – In the liturgy of the Easter Vigil, the baptismal font, filled with water, is solemnly blessed. Many people take this water home in small containers to be used as holy water, to sprinkle on persons, houses and rooms during the Easter season. Some families sprinkle the food on the table with it. This marks the Easter dinner as a solemn and festive occasion upon which they ask God's blessing.

Butterflies – A symbol often found on Easter cards and banners is the butterfly. The butterfly emerging from its cocoon has long been a symbol of the renewal of life. The complete life cycle of the butterfly symbolizes Jesus' transformation from His death, to His burial, to His Resurrection.

### **Litany for the Easter Season**

This litany may be prayed at any family gathering during the Easter season.

Father of life, we give you praise and glory.

(All answer – Christ is risen, Alleluia!)

You have given Jesus victory over sin.

(Christ is risen, Alleluia!)

You have raised him from the dead.

(Christ is risen, Alleluia!)

You have made his cross a sign of glory.

(Christ is risen, Alleluia!)

You have made us sharers in your life.

(Christ is risen, Alleluia!)

With Christ, you have buried us in death, to sin.

(Christ is risen, Alleluia!)

With him you have raised us to new life.

(Christ is risen, Alleluia!)

He is seated with you in glory.

(Christ is risen, Alleluia!)

He sends his Spirit to guide our lives.

(Christ is risen, Alleluia!)

Jesus will come again in glory.

(Christ is risen, Alleluia!)

*All glory and praise are yours, Holy Father, ruler of heaven and earth; we praise you for raising your Son, Jesus from the dead and for giving him victory over sin. Make us holy as we follow him in love, and fill us with your Spirit, so that we may give you glory all the days of our life. Blessed are you Father, for ever and ever. Amen*

**The Catholic Women's League** would like to extend our "**thank you**" to all parishioners who donated food to the food drive for Canadian Food for Children. Due to your generosity, we were able to deliver 42 boxes of rice, 28 boxes of canned beans, 12 boxes of canned tuna and 17 boxes of powdered milk, a total of 99 boxes. The food was shipped to Sierra Leone, Africa.

We are also grateful for all those who helped with collecting, packaging and delivery of the food to the CFFC warehouse.

**"Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor, and the face of God will not be turned away from you" (Tob. 4:7)**