

# EASTER SUNDAY

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### **Mon. April 5, 7pm**

+John Rick Campbell req by Ann Kingston.

+Divina & Giuseppe Zicarelli req by Slivana Longo & Family.

### **Tuesday April 6, 9am**

+Dorothy Williams req by Sheila Tobin  
Sp Int for St Joseph req by Joan Vanberkum

### **Wednesday April 7, 7pm**

+Debra Fahey req by Elizabeth Campbell.

+Michelle Bruneau req by Ralph McCloskey & Family.

+Angelo Diluciano req by the Family.

+Guillermo Ramirez req by Carmen Ramirez.

+Robert Mendonca.

Thanksgiving & Sp Int for Peter Meighoo & Family.

Living & Deceased Members of CWL.

### **Thursday April 8, 9am**

Sp Int for Rita Menezes req by Joan Fernandes

Sp Int for 10<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary for Fr Ravi req by the Legion of Mary.

Sp Int for Amy Agnes Finu req by her Parents.

### **Friday April 9, 7pm**

+Grace Gerard Cardona req by the Cardona Family.

+Nicola Calabrese req by Carmelo Calabrese & Family.

+Holy Souls in Purgatory req by Marleine Noujaim.

Sp Int for Ted Misiaszek's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday req by Irene Misiaszek

Sp Int for Stan Hugel req by John & Vera

### **Saturday April 10, 9am**

+Muriel Jarrett req by the Yangapatty Family.

+Kevin Francis req by Linda Lobo.

### **Saturday April 10, 5pm**

+Maria Theresa Kromer-Hatch req by Alicia Delvecchio.

+Leonora & Dennis Garcia req by Joan Leong Sing.

Thanksgiving for Garcia-Leong Sing Family.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or a loved one is in need of prayer, please use our Online Prayer Request to send us your prayer request. Our Intercessory Prayer Team and priests will pray for you! For the link and other prayer resources visit [PRAYER](#) on our website.



## THE WORLD'S ONLY HOPE

In the Gospel of John, the resurrection appearance of Jesus to Mary Magdalene, leading to her confession, "I have seen the Lord" stands as the heart of the Gospel reading for Easter. It is a wonderful story of a seeking woman who is

surprised by what she finds, or, by the One who finds her. Her grief was transformed the moment she heard her name being called by Jesus' familiar voice, and that paved way to the opening of a new world for Mary. A careful reading of the Gospel of John reveals the fact that the actual encounter between Mary and Jesus occupies only four of the eighteen verses. This makes us to pay attention to what occurs prior to the encounter, in order to be able to understand what is at stake in Jesus' disclosure to Mary.

Mary was preoccupied with the body of Jesus. The empty tomb does not prod her to faith, but rather makes her worry about what has become of the corpse. The three parallel statements she makes—to the two disciples (John 20:2), to the two angels at the tomb (v. 13), and to Jesus, alias the gardener (v. 15) point to this truth. Mary's anxiety and consternation are natural, she comes to the tomb early for a time of private grieving. She might have thought that the cemetery was an appropriate place to grieve. But the removal of the stone and the empty tomb disrupt what she is looking for and only create fear and frustration. Naturally her mind moves to the conclusion that someone has taken Jesus' body. Apparently, the two disciples (at least, "the other disciple") share Mary's predicament. On hearing the news of the empty tomb, they go to the site and confirm for themselves. The grave garments are there neatly folded, and the text reports that "the other disciple . . . saw and believed" (v. 8). But believed what? It was Mary's report that the tomb was empty, and not that Jesus was risen from the dead. His investigations confirm her statement. Unfortunately he sees no more than Mary sees. Something important takes place when Jesus calls Mary's name. Her 'closed world' is broken by that 'call.' The old plausibility structure is left in shambles by the fact that the One who was certified as dead (19:33) greets Mary. This was a radical experience to Mary. The dialogue between Mary and Jesus reveals Mary's wish for what is conventional and proper. She was keen to give him a decent burial! But the response of Jesus, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father" is the key to the understanding for the risen Jesus cannot be controlled, even by Mary's loving concern for Him. The voice of Jesus calling her name shatters her customary world and opens up a brand-new future. Now what she is to do is to grieve no longer, but to go to the disciples with the word of Jesus' impending ascension. Mary's reaction includes an obedient response to Jesus' command and an amazing statement, "I have seen the Lord" (v. 18). Her preoccupation with the corpse is made irrelevant by her encounter with the risen Jesus. What she was accustomed to with her logical language of cause and effect is now replaced by the language of confession. Once again, as we enter into this blessed mystery, we take to heart the experience of Mary.

No matter how much we love our Lord, we need to know that we can never domesticate Him for our own thinking and conventions. Our customary world is crushed and a new way is open for us when we truly realize the call of the risen Lord, a personal call, a call by our own names. It is the name of this One calls us by our own names is glorified in the Church and in the wider world. Easter is a time for such transformation. We need to yield ourselves for the new wondrous doings of the risen Lord. We have a message to proclaim. It is the message, "Jesus is risen, He is risen indeed." Let us hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit and experience the 'shaking of our own foundations' which opens the way for effective communicators of the Easter message to the world at large.

I wish you all the blessings and peace of the Risen Lord this Easter.

Yours in Christ,  
*Fr. László Nagy*  
Pastor

APRIL 4, 2021

## FORMED Pick of the Week

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### Mary of Nazareth



Watch this epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Jesus, from her childhood to the Resurrection of Jesus. This high definition, movie underscores Mary's special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Jesus, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with His Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at His Resurrection.

*This movie was created with an adult audience in mind. We recommend Parental Guidance; parents should preview before watching with children.*

**Search: Mary of Nazareth on FORMED to watch or follow this link:** [watch.formed.org/mary-of-nazareth](http://watch.formed.org/mary-of-nazareth)

## COPING WITH COVID

*Let us know if you missed it...*

We were so grateful to our wonderful speakers who shared their time and expertise to help us present a much-needed series of talks on the different issues we all face as we continue to cope with Covid-19: "Caring for our Mental Health" by Elizabeth Pierce, "Parenting During Covid" by Yulan Fisher-Brown, "Dealing with Change" by Gabriela Vilar, and "Our Faith in the World of Worry" with Fr Laszlo. We were also so very pleased to see so many join us on zoom for these talks, between 90 - 140 people. **If you were not able to be there** on the Monday nights and would still like to hear what these talks were about, please email the parish at [holymfamily@rogers.com](mailto:holymfamily@rogers.com) to let us know and we will be happy to share them with you. May we all continue to do what we can for ourselves and others, prayerfully with love, faith and compassion to move through this time.



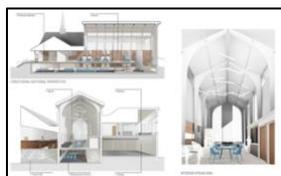
Special thank you to the Plastina Family for the beautiful Easter Flowers adorning our sanctuary in celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord! We would also like to thank Cheryl Robinson and her Intercessory Prayer Group for the Easter Candy, which were handed out to the children after Mass today. We appreciate your generosity & support.

## SAVE THE DATE – BUNDLE UP - APRIL 24 & 25

The Society of St Vincent de Paul truck will be in the parking lot on April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> to collect donations of clothing (only). Thank you for supporting them!

## HAVE YOU SEEN THE VISION FOR HOLY FAMILY?

*New communication from the building committee posted!*



Visit the back of the church to see the proposed vision for the future of Holy Family! You can also view the latest communications from the building committee and the mages of the proposed [Building Plan on our website](#). Then, please share with us your thoughts, questions, or ideas about the parish's need for more space, and the master plan for the proposed expansion. You'll find a handy link at the bottom of the webpage to share the webpage to share your feedback with us. - **Your opinion matters!**

# SL ShareLife

*Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings*

Our parish's first ShareLife collection will be held in two weeks, on the **weekend of April 18th**. More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are funded through your generous support. Without our support, the 150,000 people who are helped each year would not receive the hope and healing offered through the important work of these agencies. At Easter we give thanks to Our Lord for the everlasting love He gave us through his life and Resurrection. Thankful for our blessings, in our ShareLife campaign we are asked to live the Gospel by making our own sacrificial gift to support those in need.

This year ShareLife is encouraging everyone to give at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org), where you can make a one-time or monthly gift by credit card and designate it to our parish's campaign. Monthly giving is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution over the course of a year. Using a green ShareLife envelope, found in the pews or available from the parish office, simply fill out the form on the envelope and include a void cheque. Submit it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket at any time. Contact ShareLife at [slife@archtoronto.org](mailto:slife@archtoronto.org) or 416-934-3411 if you have any questions about pre-authorized giving. **Thank you for supporting ShareLife!**



**Reminder that Covid protocols in Ontario require places of worship to limit the number of performers or vocalists and to avoid group or congregational singing - Only the cantor should be singing with no out loud signing by the congregation until further notice. Thank you**