

# April 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter



<b>SUNDAY READINGS</b>
<i>First Reading: Acts 3: 13~15</i>
<i>Psalm 4: Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord.</i>
<i>Second Reading: John 2: 1~5</i>
<i>Gospel: Luke 24: 35~48</i>

## REFLECTION

St. Peter's words in the first reading are some of the earliest proclamations of repentance after the Cross. Preaching to the community that handed Jesus over to death, St. Peter offers mercy for sin. In the Gospel, the disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus but they recognized Him only at the breaking of bread. In both cases, there is ample opportunity to kick oneself, saying, "We should have known." But they did not know, even if they might have, and often neither do we, until it is too late. The miracle is that God shows up for us whether we recognize Him or not. What a gift! Denial, justification, continuing in ignorance, wallowing in shame, or any other tactic we use to avoid repentance robs us of life. Do not add more sin to the first by refusing to see now or refusing grace. When you realize what you might have known, admit it, turn back and revel in the grace God offers us now that we know.

## ARCHDIOCESE APRIL IS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

**National Volunteer Appreciation Week is celebrated April 15-21, 2018.** Throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto volunteers are celebrated! In our own parish we celebrate the many volunteers who contribute enthusiasm, energy and countless hours to create a culture of giving in our parish communities! Our volunteers give of their time, skills, and experience to benefit our communities without expecting anything in return. ***We are sincerely grateful to our volunteers who dedicate their time to serve at our parish! May God Bless each and every one!***



## SHARELIFE

**Next weekend April 21, & 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 is the second ShareLife Sunday Collection.**

In a few weeks, Cardinal Collins will ordain two men into the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Toronto. We anticipate ten permanent deacons will also be ordained in 2018.

Our generosity toward ShareLife is providing for clergy who will one day serve as pastors in our parishes and deacons who carry out important ministry in our parishes and communities. Thank you for helping support the needs of the church, both today and in the future!

For information contact 416-398-6367 or [stmichaelscathedral.com/concerts](http://stmichaelscathedral.com/concerts)

**MARCH FOR LIFE      PARLIAMENT HILL OTTAWA ~ THURSDAY MAY 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

A 56 passenger highway coach bus with large panoramic windows from McCoy Charters in Kingston will be leaving Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Port Perry at 6:00 am on Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>, returning about 9:30 pm. Cost for return bus is \$30.00. **Reserve your seat today; please call Regina Gedge at (905-985-9496).** Please bring your own lunch and the bus will stop for dinner on the way home. This is a very serious event but also a very exciting time. There are activities planned for the bus ride for your enjoyment. If interested please contact Immaculate Conception Church at (905) 985-7071.

**PARISH**  
**LADIES OF THE PARISH**

**REMINDER:** The Ladies meeting is next Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

First Holy Communion class will be held **next Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 11 am Mass.** There will be a short break for a snack downstairs, then please meet upstairs in the Sanctuary for the class.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

<b>Easter</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>60.00</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>125.00</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>1,277.65</b>
<b>ShareLife</b>	<b>80.00</b>
<b>Goal</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>8,093.40</b>

**THANK YOU to all parishioners for your generous contributions!**

**Please remember your Parish in your Will or Estate Plan**

# Saint Joseph's Parish

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

We join in prayer with those who have requested that Masses be offered for their loved ones, living (\*) or deceased (+).

Date APRIL	Time	Mass for	Requested by
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	* The Holy Family	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	5 pm	+ Marie van Winden	Adrian & May vanMil
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	* Thanksgiving	
	11 am	Pro Populo	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	+ Leopold Lobo	Family
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	* Special Intention	Catherine Cullen
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	* Catherine Hammond	Gerry Kavanagh
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5 pm	+ Ida Nazareth	Family
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9 am	+ Anita Babineau	Babineau Family
	11 am	Pro Populo	

## The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for April 2018



**Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters.**

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the sick and the hospitalized of the parish especially: Noella Alcox, Bob Bernier, Dr. Jim Brown, Antonietta D'Angelo, Luigi D'Angelo, Nicola DeLuca, Weston Druery, John Dziunan, Herman Evertman, Margaret Findlay, Jack Kelly, Elizabeth Kondracki, Muriel Lavand, Melinda McKillop, Penny Muston, Sam Niccoli, Lillian O'Neill, Rita Reilly, Simone Ried, Maria Rodrigues, Jack Sumner, Nadine Turner, and all the sick of the parish.