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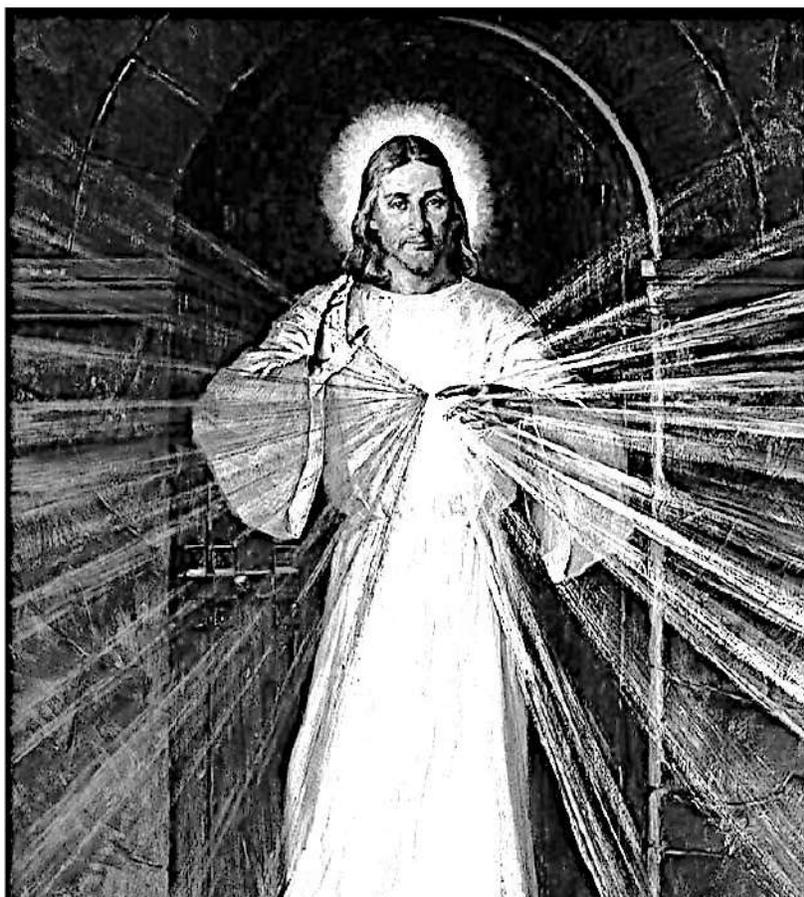
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# He Is Risen



Jesus, I Trust In You

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Part One—The Profession of Faith

“Jesus Ascended into Heaven  
and Is Seated at the Right Hand of  
God the Father Almighty”

#### 132. What does the Ascension mean?

After forty days during which Jesus showed himself to the apostles with ordinary human features which veiled his glory as the Risen One, Christ ascended into heaven and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He is the Lord who now in his humanity reigns in the everlasting glory of the Son of God and constantly intercedes for us before the Father. He sends us his Spirit and he gives us the hope of one day reaching the place he has prepared for us.

“From thence He shall come  
to judge the living and the  
dead”

#### 133. How does the Lord Jesus now reign?

As the Lord of the cosmos and of history, the Head of his Church, the glorified Christ mysteriously remains on earth where his kingdom is already present in seed and in its beginning in the Church. One day he will return in glory but we do not know the time. Because of this we live in watchful anticipation, praying:

“Come, Lord” (Revelation 22:20).

#### 134. How will the coming of the Lord in glory happen?

After the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world the glorious coming of Christ will take place. Then will come the definitive triumph of God in the parousia and the Last Judgment. Thus the Kingdom of God will be realized.

#### 135. How will Christ judge the living and the dead?

Christ will judge with the power he has gained as the Redeemer of the world who came to bring salvation to all. The secrets of hearts will be brought to light as well as the conduct of each one toward God and toward his neighbor. Everyone, according to how he has lived, will either be filled with life or damned for eternity. In this way, “the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13) will come about in which “God will be all in all” (1 Corinthians 15:28).

### MARCH FOR LIFE

*Thursday May 10—Day trip: Parliament Hill, Ottawa*

*Rally: 12:30PM / March: 1:30PM*

We have booked 2 Coaches of 56 seats.

Mass for Life @ 6AM; depart from

StJXXIII at 6:30AM; depart Ottawa

immediately after the March— 3PM.

Washroom/coffee break at service centre

going to Ottawa; dinner break on the way

back at service centre. Price: \$10. Sign-up

sheet in foyer

### OPENING THE WORD THROUGH EASTER

*Every Saturday: 10:30AM—Noon*

Come and Reflect on Sacred Scripture’s

Teaching for the Sundays of EASTER

Facilitated By Carla Marcoccia, our youth minister.

Welcome to Opening the Word, a program offering prayer and insights for the Sunday Readings. Featuring a variety of experienced presenters including Dr. Tim Gray, Jules Miles, Dr. Scott and Annie Powell, Dr. Edward Sri, and Dr. Ben Akers

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon, April 9, 7PM:  
*+Consuelo Monina Aglipay Verceles*  
 Tues April 10, 9AM:  
*+Rodolfo e Rebecca Donado*  
 Wed April 11, 7PM:  
*+Kyrie Zingapan*  
 Thurs April 12, 9AM  
*+Joe Attar*  
 Fri April 13, 7PM  
*+Lourđina Figueiredo*  
 Sat April 14, 5:15PM  
*+Ng Mui Bun e +Luk Pun*

**Saturday, April 14**  
 5:15PM: *+Keith Gonzalves*  
**Sunday, April 15**  
 9AM: *The Parishioners*  
 12:15PM: *Thanksgiving of Rosalind Quilop*  
 5:30PM: *Thanksgiving by Laurelle Stewart*

**VIGIL CANDLES**

**Saturday, April 14—Friday, April 20**  
 Sanctuary Tabernacle: **+Joe Attar**  
 Chapel Tabernacle: **+Antonio Hernandez**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP**

***Need Prayer Help?***

Call Beth at 416-467-6492. Your intention will be emailed out to this prayer community. Only first name and intention will be shared.

**COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS**

Call parish office and let us know—416-429-4000

**SENIOR'S GROUP**

**Meets after 9AM Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of Month—Next Meeting IS THURSDAY, April 12**

**EASTER FOOD-VOUCHER DRIVE**

***Thank You From StV'd'P***

You gave over **\$800.**

**SHARELIFE—1<sup>st</sup> COLLECTION**

**Total: \$4,267.80**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

***Last Sunday's Offering—\$3726.50***

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

***Easter Collection—\$3650.90***

***Holy Land Collection—\$1265.80***

**NEW HYMN BOOKS**

**Cost: \$21**

To date the price of 101 books have been donated: \$2160. THANKS.

**To Donate**

Please call Hayde at the office: 416-429-4000.

**YOU CAN DONATE**

***Ambries***

An Ambry is a glass container in which the Sacred Oils are kept. We have purchased the three glass containers for the Oil of the Infirm, Oil of Sacred Chrism, and Oil of Salvation. Cost was \$237.00.

An Ambry is also a container in which the three glass containers are stored. Oak Ambry cost is \$3,507.46; To date—7 Donations: \$887.

**DEVOTIONS FOR EASTER**

***Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament***

***Sunday Of Easter: 4—5Pm***

**VOCATIONS**

***Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb.***

This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon. Call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

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## CONFIRMATION—UPCOMING

*Session 7:* Wed, April 25, 7:30PM  
*Confirmation Rehearsal:* Fri, May 4,  
 7:30PM-8:15PM

1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION—  
UPCOMING:

*3<sup>rd</sup> Test—Section 3—First Holy Communion*  
 Make appointment for April  
*First Communion Mass: Sat, April 21 @*  
*5:15PM*

COFFEE SUNDAY: *Last Sun of the*  
*Month*

9AM Mass: Coffee Sunday Group; 12:15PM  
 Mass: *Thank you Volunteers for your*  
*generosity.*

PRAY FOR THE APRIL  
MISSION INTENTION

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.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
OVERNIGHT VIGIL—ADORATION  
CHAPEL

*Next First Friday: May 4*  
 Vigil Begins Fri 7:30PM and ends Sat 7:30AM  
 Contact: Elaine Shaver—647-713-1198

## SCHOOL JOBS—STJXXIII SCHOOL

*1—A lunch time supervisor; 2—A supply*  
*lunch time supervisor.*

1 hour a day (11:45–12:45), 5 days a week. Pay  
 is \$15.04 per hour this includes statutory  
 holiday pay and vacation pay. The position  
 means supervising the students while they eat  
 and while outside during playtime. Person has  
 to be able to deal with i) minor discipline  
 issues; and also able to ii) climb stairs and be  
 iii) outside for about 40mins each day.

## SMILE

*Humorous Quotes*

How many legs does a dog have if you call the  
 tail a leg? Four. Calling a tail a leg doesn't  
 make it a leg. Abraham Lincoln

All truth passes through three stages. First, it  
 is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed.  
 Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.

Show me a sane man and I will cure him for  
 you. Carl Gustav Jung

Every society honours its live conformists,  
 and its dead troublemakers

I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates me.  
 He said I was being ridiculous - everyone  
 hasn't met me yet

RETRouvaille WEEKEND: HELP  
FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

*April 20—6:00 pm*

*At a hotel located in Mississauga, Ontario,*  
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**TOTUS TUUS**



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*Dear Parents*

***We have four (4) young Missionaries coming to our parish from the Archdiocese of Toronto this summer for one week: Sunday, July 8—Saturday, July 14.***

They will run a day program and evening program. The program name is “**Totus Tuus**” (Totally Yours) and is inspired by St John Paul II’s words to youth, “Give yourself totally to God”.

**(Registration Fee: \$10 per Student)**

The Day program commences on Mon to Sat of this week from 8:45AM to 2:30PM daily

During the week, the children *entering* grades 1 through 6 in the upcoming fall school year participate in 4 classes each day, attend daily Mass, learn the Mass parts and liturgical songs, participate in games, icebreakers, skits, songs, recess, and prayer. The grade school curriculum helps children to learn and be reinforced in important principles of their Catholic faith.

*A typical day of Totus Tuus Day Camp:*

8:45am—Arrival and Welcome / 9am—Intro and skit / 9:15am—Warm-up and songs / 9:30am—Class 1 / 9:55am—Snack / 10:10am—Music prep for Mass / 10:30am—Class 2 / 10:55am—Mass prep / Confession / 11:20am—Daily Mass / 12pm—Lunch Recess / 12:45pm—Cool down and water break / 1pm—Afternoon Intro and skit / 1:15pm—Class 3 / 1:40pm—Break / 1:55pm—Class 4 / 2:20pm—Review and closing prayer / 2:30pm—Dismissal

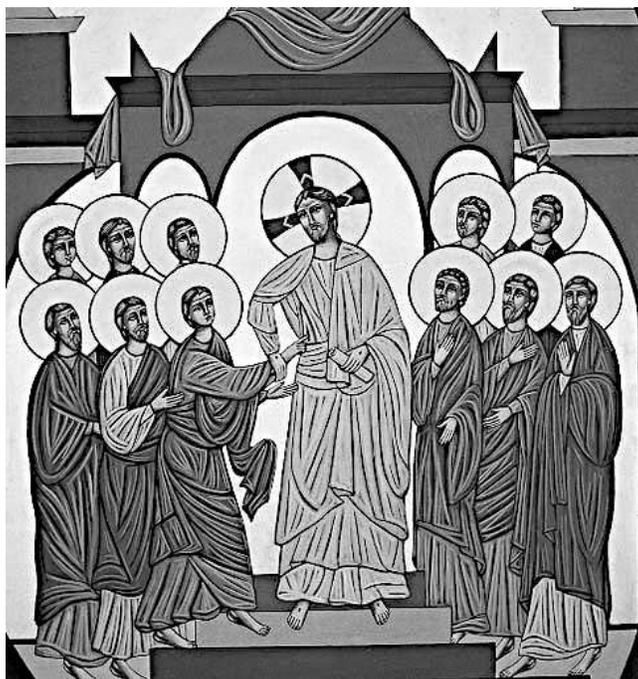
The evening program commences at 6:45PM to 9PM daily: Sunday to Friday of this week.

Totus Tuus offers evening instruction for junior and senior high school youth (grades 7-12) during the week in the evenings: 7pm—9pm. We have found that energetic, faithful, college-aged teachers can effectively impact junior and senior high school youth. The team teaches in such a way as to continually offer a dialogue by which participants feel respected in their most basic dignity.

*A typical evening of the Grade 7-12 Program:*

6:45pm—Arrival and welcome / 7pm—Intro and skit  
7:30pm—Session1 & Q&A / 8pm—Break and refreshment  
8:15pm—Session2 & Q&A/8:45pm—NitePrayer / 9pm—Dismissal

**Sign-Up Sheet in Foyer**

**"My Lord And My God!"**

St Thomas

**This Sunday's Readings:** Acts 4:32–35; Ps 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; 1 Jn 5:1–6; Jn 20:19–31

Three times in today's Psalm we cry out a victory shout: "His steadfast love endures forever."

Truly we've known the everlasting love of God, who has come to us as our Saviour. By the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' pierced side (see John 19:34), we've been made God's children, as we hear in today's Epistle.

Yet we never met Jesus, never heard Him teach, never saw Him raised from the dead. His saving Word came to us in the Church—through the ministry of the apostles, who in today's Gospel are sent as He was sent.

He was made a life-giving Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 15:45) and He filled His apostles with that Spirit. As we hear in today's First Reading, they bore witness to His resurrection with great power. And through their witness, handed down in the Church through the centuries, their teaching and traditions have reached us (see Acts 2:42).

We encounter Him as the apostles did—in the breaking of the bread on the Lord's day (see Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Revelation 1:10).

There is something liturgical about the way today's Gospel scenes unfold. It's as if John is trying to show us how the risen Lord comes to us in the liturgy and sacraments. In both scenes it is Sunday night. The doors are bolted tight, yet Jesus mysteriously comes. He greets them with an expression, "Peace be with you," used elsewhere by divine messengers (see Daniel 10:19; Judges 6:23). He shows them signs of His real bodily presence. And on both nights the disciples respond by joyfully receiving Jesus as their "Lord." Isn't this what happens in the Mass—where our Lord speaks to us in His Word, and gives himself to us in the sacrament of His body and blood?

Let us approach the altar with joy, knowing that every Eucharist is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

Scott Hahn

**CATHOLIC ANSWERS**

www.catholic.com

DID THE POPE REALLY SAY HELL DOESN'T EXIST?

**Question**

Did Pope Francis say there was no hell?

**Answer**

The Vatican has reported that Italian journalist Eugenio Scalfari's assertion regarding Pope Francis's position on hell is not accurate. Scalfari claimed the pope told him that damned human persons don't suffer in hell eternally but rather simply go out of existence.

On various occasions, Pope Francis has publicly made clear that hell is real and everlasting and that unrepentant souls who definitively exclude themselves from God go there. As Vatican News recently reported:

It was at a morning Mass in Santa Marta, back in November 2016, that Pope Francis mentioned how the world "does not like to think" about the Four Last Things. The reason, he suggested, is that death, judgement, hell and heaven, are just too scary to contemplate. The truth, he continued, is that if you choose to live your whole life far away from the Lord, you run the risk of "continuing to live far away from him for all eternity."

Pope Francis has made his personal vision of hell quite clear on several occasions. During another homily in the Vatican in 2016, he said hell is not "a torture chamber." Rather, it is the horror of being separated forever from the "God who loves us so much." His predecessor, Pope St John Paul II, said something similar in 1999: not so much a physical place, he explained, "Hell indicates the state of those who freely and definitively separate themselves from God, the source of all life and joy."

CAN I MARRY WITHOUT A WEDDING?

**Question**

I want to get married but don't want a wedding. What are my options?

**Answer**

I am not entirely sure what you mean by "wedding." I will assume you mean that you do not want a Mass. In that case, there are a few options:

- A Liturgy of the Word with the exchange of vows. This is the usual choice when one spouse is not Catholic.
- Exchanging vows at any regular parish Mass. I have seen couples exchange vows at a regular Sunday or daily Mass.
- A simple exchange of vows and reception of the marriage blessing with nothing else. This is rare but not unheard of.

If the marriage is between two Catholics, the normative expectation is that the exchange of vows will take place within Mass (Order of Celebrating Matrimony, 29). In this situation, you would need to explain to the priest your reasons for not wanting to exchange vows during a Mass.

**FAITH & POLITICS WITH BRAD TROST**

**Starts:** April 7 @ 10AM—**Ends:** April 7 @ 12Noon  
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**THEOLOGY ON TAP EAST: LONELINESS**

Monday, April 16 — 7PM to 9PM

Boston Pizza, 400 Progress Ave, Scarborough ON  
 Faith Connections, the Office of Catholic Youth, and the local parishes invite young adults (19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics! Special guest: Shereen McFarlane, Program Manager, Catholic Family Services of Toronto. Munchies provided, cash bar available - come and bring a friend! Info: OCY by e-mail youth@ocytoronto.org, or phone 416-599-7676.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Next Kids of the Cross Night: Easter Bible Study Series**  
 Friday, April 20, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.  
**Next God Squad Night: Easter Bible Study Series**  
 Friday, April 27, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

**CATHOLIC REGISTER PILGRIMAGE TO ROME**

**May 18**

Join The Catholic Register to celebrate the newspaper's 125th anniversary with a 10-day pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Florence under the spiritual direction of Msgr. Owen Keenan. We will explore the spirituality of Pope Francis and St. Francis of Assisi. Highlights include Pentecost Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at which the Pope is expected to preside, attendance at the Pope's weekly audience in St. Peter's Square, a tour of the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, two days in Assisi and two days in Florence. Cost: \$3,595 + \$600 airport taxes and fuel charge.

**CONTACT:** The Catholic Register **PHONE:** 416-934-3405  
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**ADORATION OF OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
*Takes place in the Adoration Chapel*  
 Every Friday: 9AM to 6PM, concludes with evening prayer and Benediction at 5:40PM. Come for a few minutes or an hour and keep watch with the Lord. Pray for others, the family, yourself.



**LENT IS HERE!!!**

**When Is Ash Wednesday?—February 14**

**What is Ash Wednesday?**

This day marks the beginning of Lent. We attend Mass on this day and receive the Ashes on the forehead as a sign of sorrow for sin and as sign of our intention to become more faithful.

**What is Lent?**

The penitential season of the Church’s year. It is 40 days of preparation to renew our Baptismal vows on Easter Sunday. During this time we seek closer union with the Lord through an increase of *fasting, prayer, and giving of alms* (charitable giving).

**Lenten Fast & Abstinence**

Catholics are obligated to Fast & Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.

**The Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

The fast on Ash Wed and Good Friday involves eating only one full meal. One or two smaller meals may be taken on those days, but may not total one full meal. No eating between meals.

**Abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**

Abstinence on these days from meat can include eggs or dairy products.

**Age Requirements**

"All Catholics at 15 are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60 year.

**Fridays of the Year**

It is a requirement of our Faith that we abstain from meat on all the Fridays of the year (except Feasts) in commemoration of our Saviour’s death.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR: GRADE 1--GRADE 8.

*Sing 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun @ 5:30PM Mass*

CHALICE CHILDREN’S COLLECTION

Total for 2017/18 achieved! Total to Date: \$2157.95

**MORE GOOD NEWS**

**Catholic Women’s League (CWL)  
& K of C of St JXXIII**

The Catholic Women’s League of JXXIII & the Knights of Columbus are donating a new floor for our Hall this summer.

Also, CWL have kindly accepted to research the possibility of federal financing for a wheel-chair lift that can be installed on the staircase leading down to the hall. This is a program offered to charitable institutions for disability access to buildings.

**FERTILITYCARE TORONTO**

**Catholic Women’s Fertility Health**

Are you planning to space your children and feel unsure of the family planning system you’re using?

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Is your family complete and are wondering what comes next for family panning? **FertilityCare** Toronto can help.

Would you like to follow your faith but don’t know a reliable, scientific family planning method?

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**Sunday Mass**

Sat Vigil Mass 5:15PM / Sun Mass 9AM, 12:15PM & 5:30PM. (Wkds: Mon, Wed, Fri 7PM; Tues, Thurs, Sat 9AM)

**Baptism**

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Saturday of the month at 11AM and third Sunday of the month at 1:30PM. Preparation session is required.

**Reconciliation (confession)**

Before all Sun Masses/Sat Vigil Mass and the Wed Mass or by appointment. Confessional is in Adoration Chapel.

**Anointing of the Sick**

At any time by appointment. In case of emergency, please ask hospital for Catholic priest. Or see Fr Simon.

**Marriage**

See Fr Simon before setting a date.

**RCIA**

If you know someone who wishes to become Catholic speak to priest.

**Catholic Cemeteries**

