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Tuesday, April 6th, 8:15 a.m. Katherine Allen Requested by the Poole Family

Wednesday, April 7th, 8:15 a.m.For the Deceased Members of the Stack Family Requested by

Thursday, April 8th, 8:15 a.m. Ray Camiré Requested by the Family

Friday, April 9th, 8:15 a.m.Salvatore & Rosaria Buffa
Requested by the Filippi Family

IN-PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE

We are now able to welcome parishioners for inperson Mass attendance for both weekday and weekends. Health officials have capped our attendance at 15% of capacity. We have moved to eventbrite.ca for weekly registration of Mass attendance. We will email a link to registered parishioners each week.

Please register **EACH WEEK** for a weekend Mass (not necessary to register for weekday Mass attendance) and you will be asked to check in upon arrival. For this reason, please leave time to arrive before Mass begins. Once Mass is underway, the doors will be shut to ensure we don't exceed our capacity. This means you may not be able to enter even if registered if you arrive late. Please call the parish office with any questions regarding EventBrite registration or to request manual registration if you are not using a computer. We will be pleased to assist you.

St. Anselm's Parish - YouTube Channel

We invite parishioners to visit and subscribe to our parish **YouTube Channel**.

St. Anselm's Parish Leaside - YouTube

The Rosary Apostolate invites you to participate in the Rosary virtually on their YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/c/TheRosaryApostolateInc

Video links for Grades 1 to 3: The Agony of Jesus in the Garden – First Sorrowful Mystery – One Decade https://youtu.be/ZeTNdHp-efs

Grades 4-12: The Sorrowful Mysteries https://youtu.be/x0TOBHBekgo

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

BUNDLE UP NEXT WEEKEND TRUCK IN PARKING LOT APRIL 10/11

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Bundle Up Truck will be here **NEXT WEEKEND**, **April 10 & 11**. The truck will be in our parking lot to collect gently used clothing and linens. Please keep this worthy collection in mind!

Please note: we cannot accept books, mattresses, furniture, dishes, construction materials or video tapes. For more information, please visit www.ssvptoronto.ca

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4 2021

Acts 10:34, 37-43 Ps 118
Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18

This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad.

An Easter Reflection: Slow Greening



I remember many springtimes when I'd awaken in the morning, look out the window, and zap, there this green grass would be. Robust, vibrant grass! It seemed it was an overnight thing, brown one day and bright green the next. This greening always came in the springtimes when we had drenching rains. One

year, however, we had very little rain and many more cold days than usual. Each day I looked with hope, expecting to find fresh green pushing its way through the drab winter spears of dryness. But each day I saw, instead, the same dull colour before me.

When I looked closely, however, I could perceive little hints of new life and a slight changing in the colour of the lawn. I could almost feel the earth straining, trying to draw forth new life from within it. I knew the green would come again, that it would just be a matter of time before warmth and moisture provided the right conditions for change and growth. Eventually, the green did return, but not until I had waited a long time for rain to come and drench the land.

This process of the earth's greening after a long winter reminds me of our spiritual 'eastering,' the inner transformation and rebirthing that comes after we've had a long winter spell of the spirit. The dead, brown grass is there for eons in our hearts, or so it seems. No amount of hurry, or push, or desire can make the green happen any sooner.

I think of people I know who are longing for an inner greening, and are yet in the throes of a spiritual winter: a widow whose husband recently died at a much too early age; a man who is struggling with a new career in midlife and fears his ability to cope with the challenges it requires; the friend whose husband has applied for work far from home and the painful questions it leaves her about what she will so with her own career and friends; a colleague who fell into deep, clinical depression and struggles to live through each day with meager energy. Each one needs an 'eastering,' a bright greening, and oh, how they long for it to come soon.

But it may be a painstakingly slow process, a tiny bit of gradually weaving through the pain and questions. Eastering isn't always a quick step out of the tomb. Sometimes, rising from the dead takes a long, slowly greening time. It can't be hurried.

It is my hope for you this Easter season that you will trust the resurrection of your spirit, believe that joy and new life will come for you, even though it may not be there for you now. If you are one of the fortunate ones whose soul sings with happy alleluias this Easter, may you turn often to those who are still awaiting their greening and walk hopefully with them.

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Easter celebrates now the perfect joy waiting for us when we and all creation are reborn with our resurrected Lord into the everlasting love of God. As we move through this Easter season, let us remember who has called us together and what we are called to do. We live in a world that would really like to forget – Easter joy, Easter hope, Easter love and Easter faith. Understand that Jesus is all of these for believers and that we celebrate this if we truly understand his message. Happy Easter from all those who serve you – your

pastor, your deacon, the priests who celebrate with you and Barrig, who makes it all work so well. **Happy Easter! Alleluia, Alleluia.**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

For all gathered in prayer this day, that we who have been washed in the waters of life, may continue to grow in God's life and bring God's presence to all in our lives...We pray... For all believers, that Christ will pour out the Spirit upon us and enable us to continue the mission of bringing hope, meaning and love to all in our society...We pray...

For peace throughout the world, that the Risen Lord will guide the human family away from violence and toward new efforts for peace in all areas of war and violence...We pray...

Sacraments that were to take place in the Easter season have not been forgotten. Once places of worship are moved into the "red" zone and we can safely accommodate everyone, First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation will take place for all children who have been preparing this year.

PROVIDE-A-MEAL CASSEROLE MINISTRY

<u>Casseroles</u> for the Good Shepherd Refuge – Group "B" casseroles will be collected on **April 17**th. If you need a pan/lid, please contact yvonne.gray@bell.net

We are grateful to our casserole chefs for continuing their dedication to feed the hungry.

Thank you to Yvonne and her helpers who have been accepting casseroles in the parking lot for the past several months, allowing us to continue with this important ministry.

The pandemic has only increased these needs. If you would like information on the program and how simple it is to help, please call or email us. You contribute one casserole every other month, we supply the pan and recipe and TEN hungry individuals are fed by your generosity!



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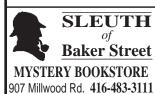


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