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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday:	5:00 p.m.
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday - Friday: 8:15 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – noon;
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
By appointment – Course Required

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Arrangements 12 months in advance
Marriage Course is required

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 4:00-4:30 p.m.

MEDITATION GROUP
Meets in the Parish Hall Tuesday at 8:45 a.m.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, April 14th, 8:15 a.m.
Mary Flaherty
Requested by the Geerts Family

Wednesday, April 15th, 8:15 a.m.
Carl Deleuze
Requested by the Family

Thursday, April 16th, 8:15 a.m.
Hu Gue Foy
Requested by Michelle Chue and Family

Friday, April 17th, 8:15 a.m.
Basil Trace
Requested by Eva Trace

EcoAnselm

"The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?" (Laudate Deum, 2023).
The month of APRIL is dedicated to the HOLY SPIRIT. Let us pray that our personal journeys through this glorious season of Eastertide may serve to inspire HOPE and RENEWAL for all Creation and for PEACE among all peoples.

APRIL 17th is the feast day (Canada) of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, recognized as "the patron saint of traditional ecology, Indigenous Peoples and Care of Creation". "Her life beautifully bridges the traditions of her Kanienkehaka (Mohawk) and Anishnabe (Algonquin) heritage and her Catholic faith". "Kateri often withdrew into the forest to pray, finding the voice of God in the whisper of the trees and the rhythms of the rivers… Her faith and her love of nature were inseparably intertwined." Saint Kateri, who could neither read nor write, "continues to inspire Indigenous and non-Indigenous people alike, showing a path of healing and restoration between peoples, between humanity and all creation…." Read her full story: www.kateri.org/our-patron-saint/

SPRING "BUNDLE UP" COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND!

The St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up collection is **April 11 & 12**. The truck will be in our parking lot to accept gently used clothing, outerwear, footwear and textiles such as sheets and towels.

Estate Planning Presentation from a Catholic Perspective

on Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m.
at St. Anselm's Parish

Attend to find out:

- How to avoid problems in your Will, with the Powers of Attorney & through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your personal Catholic legacy

Please register by using the QR code on the poster, emailing or calling the office, or sign up with Barrig after Mass.

you're INVITED

"Cake, Coffee and an Abundance of Gratitude"
THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 12th following the 11:00 Mass, we will be celebrating the "Inauguration of the Elevator and Re-Opening of the Parish Hall". Please join and share in celebrating our community gathering space.

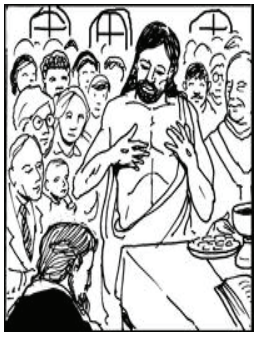
GROUP "B" casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge will be collected next Saturday, April 18th from 4:00- 5:00pm in the church parking lot.

INVITATION TO "A DAY WITH MARY"

You are invited to a "Day with Mary" taking place on **Saturday, May 30, 2026** at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more.
There is no fee to register – this is a free event open to all. Registration will open from April 8 until May 15: https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration. Complete information can be found at https://archtoronto.org/Mary

Acts 2:42-47 ***Psalm 118***
1 Peter 1:3-9 ***John 20:19-31***

RESURRECTION – RECONCILIATION!



The story of doubting Thomas gets most of the attention this Sunday, but the first part of today's Gospel describes what we could call the initiation of the disciples by Jesus into the sacrament of reconciliation. It is an account that offers the church, its ministers and all of us a model for the kind of forgiveness Jesus proclaims after his death and resurrection. The scene occurs at the end of a momentous day. Early that same Easter morning, at first light, Mary Magdalene had discovered the empty tomb, the first glimmer of the resurrection, and had raced to summon Peter and the mysterious "beloved disciple" to come and see the tomb. Mary ran to tell the others that she had seen the Lord, but they were not convinced. Now, as darkness falls, the apostles (minus Thomas) are huddling behind closed doors. Jesus is suddenly in their midst. We think of them as hiding from the authorities, but perhaps they are also fearful of the risen Christ, since nearly all the apostles failed him in his hour of need. Will he reproach them or even punish them for their lack of courage and faith? The first thing Jesus says addresses their fear: "Peace be with you." Then, to prove that this glorified figure is Jesus, he shows them the wounds of his crucifixion and death. He is the risen, *crucified* Christ. They are overjoyed. He again says, "Peace be with you." Then he breathes on them, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven" Night is the time of doubt. Jesus comes to the disciples in their darkness and enlightens their minds and hearts to the new reality that sin and death have been defeated. Sin's hold on humanity has been broken. The Spirit that fills Jesus with eternal life is the Spirit of healing. Jesus' cry from the cross, "It is accomplished," was the last breath of his old life; the first breath of his new, risen life is the Spirit of forgiveness. And just as the first Adam was brought to life by the breath of God, so the new creation is animated by the breath of the new Adam, the risen Christ. Jesus has passed through death to new life and opened the way for us. Christian forgiveness happens like this. When we have failed most miserably, when we hide from God for fear of being punished, Jesus comes to us in the darkness of sin and reassures us: "Be at peace." The hand outstretched to draw us near again is that of the wounded healer who has shared our human condition, has known our fears and temptations. As we ourselves have been forgiven, so must we forgive one another. We do not need to wait until the Second Coming to experience this risen life. It is here for us in the invitation to forgive everyone who has ever hurt us, betrayed or abandoned us, especially those closest to us. Easter begins the moment we breathe in our risen Lord's gift of love. Take heart my brothers and sisters in the faith. The Resurrection accounts remind us that Christian faith is a long and costly journey into forgiveness and peace. Today, Thomas reminds us that doubt is more valuable than superficial faith and that humility and integrity are essential conditions for giving and receiving the grace of forgiveness. Forgiveness was the grace/power that allowed Jesus to transform crucifixion into redemption. He took in hatred, rejection and evil and returned nothing but love to the end. To the extent that we receive Christ's Spirit and are willing to allow that grace/power to work through us, forgiveness will redeem the evil in our world. The Resurrection stories illustrate that genuine disciples of Jesus are neither perfect nor perfectionists. We are simply called to be willing to recognize our own poverty and rely on the grace of the Spirit Jesus offers. The only thing we'll have to brag about is the transforming power of love. **My Lord and my God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Did You Know…*The Eucharistic Prayer…* *we begin the work of living with gratitude, remembering God's great deeds, calling on God to 'come through' for us, recognizing his presence in our midst and offering our lives to God. When we leave the assembly we are challenged to begin and end our days by giving thanks to God for all the ways we have been blessed…to bring Jesus' presence to others through our compassion, understanding, forgiveness and joy…to remember that it is God's great deeds that make it possible for us to find fullness of life…to begin each morning by offering our day and ourselves to God and to dedicate our work each day to God's glory. Think about making a real effort to thank others for their efforts, particularly those that typically go unnoticed. Gratitude is caught, not taught. Next week* ***– The Our Father****.*

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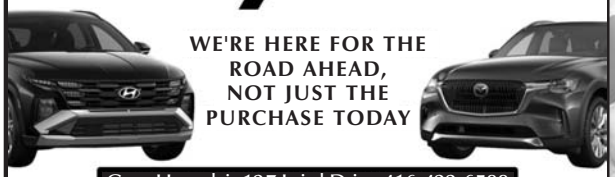

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