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in Spirit,  
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### **Mass Times**

#### **Sunday Eucharist**

**Saturday Vigil: 5 pm**

**Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am  
and 12 noon**

#### **Weekday Eucharist**

**Monday to Friday: 9 am:**

#### **Sacrament of**

#### **Reconciliation**

**Saturday: 9 to 10 am**

#### **Ministry Centre**

#### **Hours**

**Sunday:**

**9:30 am to 2:30 pm**

**Monday, Tuesday,**

**Wednesday, Friday:**

**9:30 am to 4 pm**

**Thursday: Closed**

**Saturday:**

**3 pm to 7 pm**

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*The Resurrection of the Lord  
April 20, 2025*

# Bonnie News

*Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure*



*The Resurrection (c.1530-1540), Bartholomeus Bruyn the Elder (1493-1553). Oil on Panel.  
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**“This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad!”**

**~Ps. 118:24**



**Message for Easter  
20 April 2025  
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.*

The greatest liturgical celebration of the Church is of course Easter. The enthusiastic and traditional greeting on Easter morning and throughout the Easter Octave is: *Christus surrexit!* - *Surrexit vere, allelúja* ("Christ is risen!" - "He is risen indeed, Alleluia!") – and it fills us with a renewed sense of hope and deepened trust in the Lord Jesus, our Saviour. How can we not be overjoyed in considering that singular event of Jesus rising out of the tomb, just outside of Jerusalem and therefore, is alive today, among us, in our midst, in our hearts, in the sacraments, in his Word and in the Church! That life-giving happening of yesteryear has incredible and life-changing effects on our life, today. By his death on the Cross, we today are freed from sin, from all sin, every sin and its destructive grip on our lives. By his glorious Resurrection, we today are given new life, a new beginning, new freedom, new opportunities. And so, it is with that incomparable Easter joy that I extend my warmest greetings to you and your loved ones this Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter Season.

It really is the central solemnity - most important feast - of the Christian calendar and there is no other day that compares with it: the day we celebrate Christ's victory over sin, death and Satan, (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 102) and which we recall and actually make present every single Sunday in our weekly celebration of the Eucharist in our parishes. Simply put, "This is the Day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" as the Psalm says so enthusiastically (Ps. 118:24). I cannot stress enough how crucial and paramount it is to participate in Holy Mass each and every Sunday. It is the weekly commemoration of Jesus' Easter, the Pascal Mystery, the weekly occasion to renew our faith and hope, to be filled with God's love, to build community and to pray for the needs of all. It is an encounter of grace; an opportunity we cannot miss. Let us make that effort, to celebrate in our parish communities the Eucharistic Risen Jesus who waits for us and our families with open arms every Sunday, the Lord's Day, to draw us deeper into his Easter existence, into his newness and abundant life.

An added dimension to this Easter joy, this Easter celebration and Easter hope, is that we celebrate it in the context of the Jubilee Holy Year in which we are invited to see ourselves as *Pilgrims of Hope*. Let us prayerfully recall the words of Pope Francis which opened the Holy Year: "The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope" (*Spes non Confundit*, 20). Our Easter faith twinned and intimately connected to Easter hope is not wishful thinking, a vague optimism, or radical escapism. Rather, it is rooted in the work and love of the Most Holy Trinity. The Holy Father continues: "Jesus experienced the drama of death. The Father's love raised him in the power of the Spirit and made of his humanity the first fruits of our





eternal salvation” (*Spes non Confundit*, 20). Central to our Paschal proclamation are the words of the Easter Preface, “For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying, he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life” (*Roman Missal*, Easter Preface I). These two aspects of the Paschal mystery—Jesus’ death and resurrection—inform our hope and transform our lives forever making the life of grace available to us (cf. *CCC*, 654).

It is imperative for us to remember that while the Resurrection was a historical event it was and is much more, since, as a profound mystery of our living faith, the Resurrection really and ultimately transcends time and space. The *Catechism* teaches that: “Christ’s Resurrection was not a return to earthly life, as was the case with the raisings from the dead that he had performed before Easter: Jairus’ daughter, the young man of Naim, Lazarus... they would die again. Christ’s Resurrection is essentially different. In his risen body he passes from the state of death to another life beyond time and space” (*CCC*, 646). In this way, the Resurrection is the fulfillment of our hope, the hope that corresponds to our restless hearts that long for God Himself and being in right relationship with Him, as St. Augustine intuitively phrased it (cf. St. Augustine, *Confessions*, I, i,5).

For those who have lost loved ones, hope in the Resurrection takes on a particular meaning as it points to the reality of death but one which does not have the final word. This hope of eternal life in the Kingdom brings comfort and courage to those who mourn, knowing that death has been defeated and that they too will, one day, be raised to new life in eternity. We pray with the following words in the *Preface I for the dead* during a funeral Mass: “In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come”.

The unique supernatural hope that Easter brings calls us to live differently in the ‘here and now’ of our existence and earthly journey. It recalls the sacrificial, self-giving love of Jesus on the cross and looks to emulate it in our daily choices and decisions – to live the Resurrected new life of Christ in and through our relationships and in society. Our hope is never passive but transformative, bidding us to engage the world and proclaim the truth and love of God. We see this on the first Easter morning, when Our Lord asks Mary Magdalene to go to Galilee and tell the others what she had seen—the tomb is empty, and Jesus is risen from the dead (cf. Mt. 28:10). The same is true today. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ calls us to live in truth, with courage, compassion, and purpose; to go out to others – the young and young at heart - family, friends, colleagues, neighbours and strangers - and share with them the awesome difference it makes in our lives to know the Lord, to live in friendship with him, to love him and to serve him as best we can. We do this in word and deed, by our testimony and example, bringing hope wherever we find ourselves and inviting all people to the newness of life made possible by the Resurrection. Truly we believe and profess the Resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Once again, I would like to extend my Easter wishes to you and your family and friends, to the entire Archdiocese of Toronto. May the reality of Easter be a daily experience of new life, new hope, new trust and new beginnings allowing us to savour its lasting effects - day in, day out - as we journey in this life with eyes set on the life that will have no end. Blessed Easter to you all.

## FROM THE PASTOR...

On behalf of the Friars and Parish Staff, we wish all our parishioners and readers a blessed and holy Easter! Christ, risen from the dead, is the foundation not only of our faith, but also our hope. During this Jubilee Year - and especially during this Easter Season - let us find hope in our Lord's promise of life in abundance during our pilgrimage here on earth and in his pledge of the joys of eternal life in the age to come. Happy Easter! - Fr. Tom

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

|  |          |   |
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| Monday, April 21                       | 9 AM     | † Michael Adamski   |
| Tuesday, April 22                      | 9 AM     | † Doris Longman   |
| Wednesday, April 23                    | 9 AM     | † Alfonz Pavli  |
| Thursday, April 24                     | 9 AM     | † Patrick Chu   |
| Friday, April 25                       | 9 AM     | Upali and Tamara Obeysekere<br>The Friars<br>† Mario Cantu<br>† Josef Sitar<br>† Grazia Maida |
| Saturday, April 26<br>Sunday, April 27 | 5 PM     | † John and Elizabeth Badali   |
|  | 8:30 AM  | The Parishioners  |
|  | 10 AM    | Intentions of the Cicarelli Furlan Family   |
|  | 12 PM    | † Anna Korbyle  |
| Sanctuary Lamps                        | Bl. Sac. | For those grieving the recent death of a loved one  |
|  | Bl. Sac. | Intentions of the Leong Family  |
|  | Our Lady | For those Baptized at the Easter Vigil and their Godparents                                   |

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH

Confessions are heard on a weekly basis on Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Confessional Room. In addition, you can always make an appointment with Fr. Peter or Fr. Tom.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word with Children is celebrated at the 10 a.m. Mass for children ages 4-9.

### "WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THIS CUP" ~ RESUMING COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE

We have resumed distributing Communion from the chalice at the Sunday Masses. To be sure, the fullness of Christ's presence is given to us when we participate in Holy Communion through either partaking of the Body or the Blood of the Christ. Nevertheless, the mysteries of Christ's self-offering and our "taking up" of his self-emptying are more fully expressed and experienced when Holy Communion is given under both the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. The manner of reception from the chalice is to take and drink. After replying "Amen", carefully receive the chalice from the Minister of the Communion. Take a sip. Then, carefully return the chalice to the Minister. Please do not intinct with the Host. The Ministers of Communion have been trained to distribute with care and reverence. Common sense tells us that if we have either a contagious illness, a mild cold, or a compromised immune system, we must refrain from receiving from the chalice. Children who have made their First Communion may receive with the permission of their parents.

## HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Our parish has an active Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound. Our Eucharistic Ministers provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend church because of illness, disability or age. If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, please contact us at [homebound@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:homebound@st-bonaventure.ca) or at 416-447-5571 ext. 590 and let us know.

## FIRST COMMUNION DURING THE SUNDAY MASSES OF THE EASTER SEASON

The children of the parish, who have been preparing with the support of their parents and parish catechists since January, will receive Holy Communion for the first time over the next few Sundays at the following Masses: April 27 at 12 pm, May 3 at 5 pm, May 4 and 10 am, and May 11 at 12 pm. Their reception of Holy Communion is a continuation of their initiation into the life of Christ that began the day they were Baptised. They find their place at the Lord's Table on the Lord's Day at His invitation and in the midst of the Eucharistic assembly, which is the clearest expression and experience of being Church. Please pray for them and their parents, and show them great hospitality as brothers and sisters in the Lord.

## SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S

The Scripture Sharing group meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Oak Room of the Parish Centre to prepare for the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Reflecting on the spirituality of the scriptures before Mass can have a great impact on hearing the Word proclaimed on Sunday. Participation via ZOOM is available. For more information, please contact Tom: [tom.burns6727@gmail.com](mailto:tom.burns6727@gmail.com)

## EASTER MONDAY ~ OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the Ministry Centre will be closed on Easter Monday, April 21.

## PRAYER



In our charity we remember those who are ill and all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

We commend to the Lord the members of our parish who died recently:

+ James Long, + Bernard Nottage, + Anna Szatmary, + Christopher Harris, + Blanca Graciela, + Martin Frank,  
+ Thelma Jonathan, + Jeanette Bertheau, + Edward Baker, + Joyce De Gannes, + Rochelle Labrador,  
+ Vinodh Loganadhan, † Barbara Makowicz, and † Anne Clune.

## EASTER MEAL BLESSING



God of glory, the eyes of all turn to you  
as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death.  
Bless us and this food of our first Easter meal.

May we who gather at the Lord's Table  
continue to celebrate the joy of the resurrection  
and be admitted finally to the heavenly banquet. Amen.

## PRAYER NETWORK REQUESTS

Network members pray daily for your prayer intentions which are held in confidence. New members are welcome! Please call Teresa Krijgsman at **416-709-8150** with your prayer intentions or if you would like to join the prayer network.

## HELPING OTHERS

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - BUNDLE-UP CLOTHING DRIVE



**BUNDLE-UP CLOTHING DRIVE: SATURDAY, APRIL 26 and SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025  
ST. BONAVENTURE CHURCH PARKING LOT BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES**

*The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is pleased to accept clothing, linens, draperies, shoes and boots for use in the Society's programs and services, to assist people in need, and to retail to raise funds to support our outreach.*

Donated goods are provided to our Neighbours in Need in communities across the GTA and to those whom we serve through our [supportive housing and outreach programs](#). This work is facilitated through the Society's Stores Division, which has a warehouse and two stores.

#### Donation Guidelines

*Thank you for thinking of us—these are the items we can and cannot accept.*

**Items we accept:** Bedding, drapery, textiles, clothing coats, boots and shoes, towels, new toys only.

**Items we do not accept:** Appliances, dishes, books, all baby furnishing and items, large furniture items and beds, used toys, construction material, video or cassettes.

*You can also assist others in need by donating to our poor boxes or securely through CanadaHelps:*

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-st-bonaventure-conference/>



### LENTEN CHALLENGE - MAKE A CASSEROLE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**Thank you** to all the parishioners who responded to the plea for more casseroles. On short notice, 35 new cooks joined the team. The rest will surely respond in April and in the months to come. **We sent a total of 87 casseroles to the Good Shepherd in March.** This is amazing and the highest number to date. Thank you to all the regular cooks who have donated and still do after years of service to this Mission of Mercy. This collective effort enables us to share with others the blessings we receive. What a blessing awaits all who hear the plea for help. Recipes and pans are available in the cupboard at the back of the church. Please drop off your frozen casserole to the Ministry Centre during office hours, anytime in April. **Last drop off date for April is the 28th.**

### CWL INITIATIVE FOR 2025: SHARE THE WORDS

#### FUTURE



**My Catholic Women's League is active in the present and looks to the future with enthusiasm. For more than 100 years, members have been making a difference nationally and even internationally as a member of World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations. The future needs you.**

CWL General Meeting is on Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Main Hall.

#### Human Trafficking Awareness

*"Human trafficking is a grave violation of human rights that affects millions of lives worldwide. Together, we can raise awareness, empower survivors, and take steps to end this injustice. This meeting is an opportunity to learn, collaborate, and inspire action."*

**We hope to see you there to learn more about this important issue!**



## SHARELIFE

### Thank you for being a beacon of hope



On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all.

Thus far we have raised **\$31,086.45** or **\$23.5%** toward our goal of **\$109,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISING EVENT IN SUPPORT OF ST. CLARE INN, FRIDAY MAY 2, 2025

#### "No Place Like Home"

Parkview Manor, 55 Barber Greene Road

Friday, May 2, 2025, 5:30 - to 10 PM

This evening will feature live music, a full dinner, silent and live auctions and some fantastic surprises! Our 2025 theme, **"No Place Like Home,"** embodies the comfort, joy, and transformative spirit of St. Clare Inn.

Tickets are: \$110/each or discounted price of \$900 for a table of ten. So, grab your friends; entertain some clients and help us fill the Inn. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of this event, please contact:

[info@stclareinn.org](mailto:info@stclareinn.org)

### DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER FOR THE BEREAVED AT MANRESA JESUIT SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTRE

"Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?" Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience. Draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey. Facilitated by: *Sr. Claire Marchal ~ Before entering the congregation of the Xaviere Sisters sixteen years ago, she spent three months in India where she volunteered in a centre of the sisters of Mother Teresa caring for the dying. Back in France, she volunteered in palliative care while working in industry and maturing her vocation call. Mary Hyland has been walking with those who are grieving for many years as a volunteer. She is a retired Pediatrician. She has honed her skills as a listener and caregiver for the bereaved, while training with the Archdiocese of Toronto and with the Victorian Order of Nurses.*

When: Saturday, May 10th, 2025, from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering, ON L1X 1V4

Suggested Offering: \$65.00 pp Includes coffee/tea break and lunch.

More information or to register, contact: Mary Hyland at 905-441-0957

### INTO THE WOODS JR. AT HAWTHORN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

"Into the Woods Jr." music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim; book by James Lapine, will be performed by the students at Hawthorn School for Girls.

Performances: May 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 7 p.m.      May 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 7 p.m.      and      May 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 2:30 p.m.

Adults (18+): \$15    Students (ages 7 to 17): \$7    Children (6 and under) and Seniors (65+): Free

Family Pass (2 adults and 3 students): \$30

For tickets, scan the QR code before noon on May 1<sup>st</sup> or contact:

[hsgplay@hawthornschoo.com](mailto:hsgplay@hawthornschoo.com)    Hawthorn School for Girls, 101 Scarsdale Rd. North York, 416-444-3054



### NEW TO THE PARISH OR RECENTLY MOVED? PHONE NUMBER CHANGED?

Welcome to our parish community! Please complete a parish registration form, which may be obtained at the back of the church or by contacting the Ministry Centre at 416-447-5571. Parishioners, if you have recently changed address or phone number, please leave us a message or write a note with your new address and/or phone number so that we can update our records. Thank you.

## MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



**Ministry With Maturing Adults**  
with the Focus on Nurturing our spirituality in Body, Mind and Spirit  
in the Second Half of Life

***Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!***

*Traditional Easter greeting*

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter and hoping you can join us at some of our upcoming events! We aim to provide you with helpful and relevant information from our own presentations and our partners in the community while meeting and enjoying our Tuesday morning gatherings, usually twice monthly, September to June. We look forward to welcoming you and feel free to invite a friend!

If you would like more information: Email Trena Finnegan Coordinator Ministry With Maturing Adults: [trena@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:trena@st-bonaventure.ca)

**Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00AM to 11:30AM - Main Hall**

***Are we really listening? Learn practical ways to be Empathic***

Empathic listening is the deepest form of listening that helps you understand another's perspective and allow them to feel safe, heard and validated. It is an essential and learned skill to build and strengthen any meaningful relationship in a way that shows compassion and caring. Dr. Sagrati will provide practical ways to use empathic listening to help strengthen our relationships with our families, friends and community.

*Bio: Dr. Sandra Sagrati is a clinical psychologist, who works with children, teens and adults. She obtained her doctoral degree at the University of Toronto, worked at the CAMH, and now works in her own private practice, Toronto West Psychology. She has published research in the areas of depression and anxiety, and has recently published a book, Pivot Self-Talk: Stop Asking All the Wrong Questions.*

**Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall**

***Pilgrims of Hope on a Synodal Path***

This presentation will begin with some of the basic principles of synodality including locating the phase at which the church currently is situated following the second gathering in Rome last October. Through the lens of the Jubilee of Hope theme, we will look at why synodality brings us hope. We will then conclude with a taste of synodal conversation.

*Presenter: Christine Way-Skinner is a doctoral candidate at Regis St. Michael's College in Toronto. Her work focusses on the promise of synodality for a healthier, more faithful church. She has spent over 30 years serving the church through parenting and pastoral ministry. She has written several books for both children and adults.*

**Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall**

***When should I think about Palliative Care?***

This presentation will cover the following: What is palliative care? How do people access palliative care, eligibility, and cost? The difference between palliative care and end-of life care (e.g. hospital, hospice, home). What support services exist for families of individuals receiving palliative care including physical, psychological and spiritual support as well as grief support available?

*Presenter: Susanne Urzendowsky is a dedicated social worker with over eight years of experience in Toronto. She leads a psychosocial team in delivering hospice programs such as Grief and Bereavement, In-Home Visiting, Recreation Therapy, and Art Therapy in Toronto and Newmarket. Since 2016, she has focused on palliative care and participated in the HPCO Advance Care Planning education and became a HCC ACP Regional Champion. Susanne is a strong believer that social workers play an important role in facilitating Advance Care Planning conversations.*

**Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall**

***Ways to get Stronger and Healthier at Home***

Getting stronger, building muscle and having more energy is possible for everybody. You don't need to go to a fitness centre or invest in expensive equipment. You can exercise when you want in the comfort of your own



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home. A chair, broomstick and some simple fitness equipment can help you kickstart your day or give you the mid-day break you need. In this talk, Deacon Michael Carrera, a professional fitness trainer and wellness coach will walk you through some practical home-based exercises and answer questions you may have.

*Presenter: Michael Carrera has a masters degree in exercise science and has authored and co-authored four books: Periodization Strength Training for Sports (2nd ed.), The Catholic Workout book and DVD, Conditioning Young Athletes and Soul Winner. Soul Loser. A Remarkable Story of Finding Meaning in the Wisdom of the Day. Two of his books have been translated into multiple languages. Michael was recently ordained a Permanent Deacon for the Archdiocese of Toronto. He lives in Toronto, Canada, with his wife and four children.*

**Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup> - 10:00AM to 11:30AM Main Hall**

### **Exploring Our Need to Give Back by Sharing Our God Given Talent**

In our eldering years, we grow in our awareness of our need to give back and to try and make the world a better place while using our gifts and charisms that God has given to us individually. We will learn the difference between gifts and charisms and explore ways of using our time and talent in order to give back for all the blessings we have received. *"We are gifted in certain ways and sometimes we don't even realize it. Perhaps this is an occasion, an opportunity, to ask, 'How am I gifted?'" - Archbishop Francis Leo on Stewardship Sunday.*

*Presented by: Trena Finnegan, Coordinator - Ministry with Maturing Adults*

**Save the Dates: July 8<sup>th</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR AT DELMANOR WYNFORD

You're welcome to join us for our Health and Wellness Fair at Delmanor Wynford. Attendees can enjoy:

- Fitness & Seated Boxing Classes • Health & Wellness Expert Advice • Lecture: "Your Mind Matters" presented by Janice Goldmintz • Presentation: "Assistive Technologies" presented by CNIB

Date: Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> Time: 10:30am to 1:30pm Location: 187 Wynford Drive, Toronto

Contact Iryna or Marissa for more info: 416-331-9797

Please note: our main entrance does not open on to Wynford Drive. Access to our front door is via the private road on the immediate north side of our building. Paid parking is available on the private road between Wynford and the Don Valley hotel.

## LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS: HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCED OR SEPARATED PARENTS

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, May 16 at 6 p.m. to Sunday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$340 per person (\$200 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern. Please contact [lgwtoronto@proton.me](mailto:lgwtoronto@proton.me). For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2025>

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE ~ JUNE 27-29, 2025

Uncover the Secrets to a Lasting, Supportive, and Transformational marriage. Reconnect. Renew. Rekindle. The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Join us on June 27-29 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre (1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga, ON) for a weekend that could change your life. This weekend is for couples, whether you are newlyweds or have been married for decades. For more information or to register, contact: Christian & Elizabeth Arroba, 416-554-4439 OR 416-554-7062 OR e-mail: [christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org](mailto:christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org)

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### Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

416-447-5571 ext 580

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416-447-5571 ext. 570

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## REFLECTION

### “Jesus said to her, ‘Mary’.” ~ John 20:16

He called her by her name. She heard her name pronounced as only he could pronounce it. She had recognized neither the body, nor the face, nor the voice. But this word goes to her heart. She now recognized him. She knew that this man “must” be Jesus. She rushed towards him, wanting to touch him, to grasp his knees and reassure her disoriented senses. Yet it was not only her sadness which she had to renounce, but also the source of her former joy, the way in which he had formerly been present to her. Jesus told her, “Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father” (Jn. 20:17). Her communication with Jesus henceforth had to be entirely spiritual. She would be able to conserve the presence of Jesus forever if she knew how to content herself with this discernment of the heart.

How she must have suffered, to renounce that so natural, so human, so sweet relationship which she had had with the Lord. She could accept this new communion only little by little and by dint of strenuous belief. No doubt, this is the lesson of that mysterious phrase, “for I have not yet ascended to the Father”—that it should be related to the discourse after the Last Supper: “In a little while you will see me, because I go to the Father.” Once completely glorified, spiritualized, Jesus will be accessible, visible, tangible in the sacrament of the Eucharist. The flesh of itself is of no use. Only the Spirit makes it fully significant and fully communicable.

The Lord told Mary of this new way of communicating with him, and then he said to her, “Go to the others, to my brothers.” He sends her back to communicate with the others, to bring them her joy, to give what she has received.

“Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her” (John 20:18).

We ought to meditate on this paradox: that the only command of Christ to Magdalene, patroness of contemplatives, is: “go to my brothers!”

Like Mary, we have to learn to recognize Jesus in quietness, in long meditation, in fervent adoration. But at the moment when we will have recognized him, when we will feel comfortably near him, he will tell us to go out to our brothers.

We can go out only when we want to stay; and we can stay in peace only if we consent to go.

~ Louis Evelyn, *Joy*. Brian and Marie-Claude Thompson, trans. (New York: Herder and Herder, 1968), 25-26.

**May the Lord bless you and keep you!**