

THE CARPENTER'S NEWSLETTER



The Official Newsletter of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Oshawa

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 9:00 & 11:00 AM

MONDAY - SATURDAY 9:00 AM

FIRST FRIDAYS - MASS & ADORATION -
7:00 PM *SEE LENT SCHEDULE FOR
SPECIAL CHANGES



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Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mass - 9am & 7pm

Every Friday

Mass 9am

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Adoration of the Eucharist 7:30pm

*Confessions available during the
Stations & Adoration except Good
Friday

Lenten Retreat

March 30, 31 & April 1 at 7pm

Day of Confession

April 7 at 7pm

PASTOR'S DESK

Dear parishioners,

The peace and grace of Jesus the Lord be with you. I hope and pray your Lenten season has been a blessed one, one with which you have journeyed with the Lord. May he rejuvenate us in the spirit and fill us with an inward joy and dynamism that only he can truly give.

Since our last publication, one of our Staff has, sadly, been called back home to our heavenly Father. We will surely miss Mary Egan Lynch. She has truly blessed this parish and the hundreds of people that she ministered to all through her life, in her simple but quite effective manner. May she rest in the peace of Christ the Lord and may God console her family and her bigger family of St. Joseph the Worker. That occasion was a beautiful one to show who we are in St. Joseph the Worker. I am grateful to all of you as we came together at my bidding to fittingly celebrate one of our Staff who has served us meritoriously for years. It was fitting this happened on the very heels of the health protocols rollback. Who says Mary Lynch is still not being hilarious!

With April we enter into the solemn month of the Holy Week. The programme can be found below, together with one for the remaining part of the Lenten season. May we rise with Christ at his resurrection. May his light beam on us and his love fill our lives. God bless you.

Fr. Victor Amole

Pastor



Holy Week Program

Palm Sunday - (Sat. 5pm; Sun. 9 & 11am)

Holy Thursday- 7pm (no 9am Mass today)

Good Friday- 3pm (no 9am Mass today)

Easter Vigil- 8pm (no 9am Mass today)

Easter Sunday- (Sun. 9 & 11am)

GOSPEL INSPIRATION

HE IS RISEN

Alleluia! He is alive. Never more to die.

Written by Fr. Victor

A conversation once ensued between a Christian and his Muslim neighbor. The Muslim said to the Christian, "We Muslims have one thing you Christians do not have. When we go to Medina, we find a coffin and know that Muhammad lived because his body is in it. But when you Christians go to Jerusalem, you find nothing but an empty tomb." "Thank you," replied the Christian. "What you say is absolutely true, and that makes the eternal difference. The reason we find an empty tomb is because we serve a risen Christ!"[1]

The resurrection of Christ which Easter celebrates remains a most central article of the Christian faith. No shade of Christianity would be worthy of the tag "Christian," without first professing that Jesus the Christ truly suffered, died, was buried and rose triumphant on the third day; and never more to die! The resurrection sheds light and meaning on the whole Christian mystery. It confers authenticity to the gospels and stimulates hope in the Christian. Paul the Apostle puts it crystal clear: "...and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is without substance, and so is your faith"[2] It is therefore no wonder that, to underscore the importance of Easter, forty whole days are set aside in preparations, and another 50 days set apart after its celebration, culminating at Pentecost.

Easter can be likened to a fine orchestra. It began in the low pitch and accelerated to the heights. It flowed like a well-done symphony through dejection, betrayal, condemnation of the innocent, the falls, the intermittent consolation, brutality of the highest order, ruthlessness through a disappointing "Good Friday" that witnessed the death of the Son of God. The story seemed to terminate in a tragedy but God who holds the key of life and death pulled a stunt. When evil had exhausted its arsenals, God who will never abandon his beloved to death pulled an ace, and death the most dreaded enemy of man and the embodiment of all evil and fear met its waterloo! The disappointment of Good Friday dovetailed to a divine-appointment on that beautiful Sunday morning. When all was down with nothing God was up with something!

"Easter can be likened to a fine orchestra."

At Easter Christ rose from the sepulcher, he broke the chains of death and manifests his paschal victory in the lives of all those who are connected to him through faith.

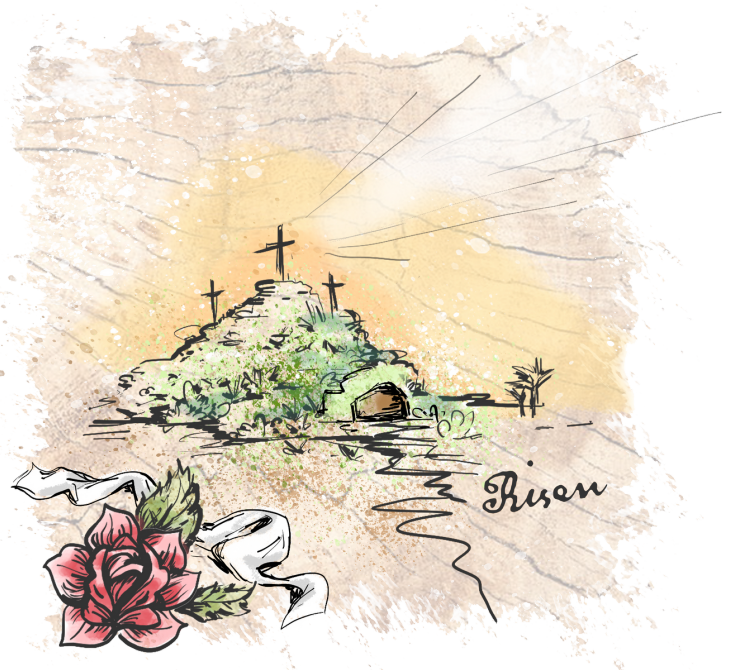
The resurrection of Christ is an enthronement of hope: A feast of hope and encouragement for all who share in the life of God, who must daily be in combat with the forces of evil and goodness, the city of God and the earthly city, the battle for ascendancy between light and darkness. Easter remains God's victory song to humanity that many are the trial of the just one but from them all the Lord shall deliver him.³

Footnotes

[1] Roy Zuck, ed., The Speaker's Quote Book, (Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1997), p. 436.

[2] 1 Corinthians 15:14

[3] See Psalm 34:19



UNIVERSAL INTENTION OF THE POPE

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

We also pray for the people of Ukraine and peace in the whole world.

AROUND THE PARISH

HOLY WEEK

Our program for the Holy Week is available on the first page. But before Easter, there is always the crucifixion, right? And so there is the need for us to complete our Lenten observances, have a good Retreat and thus get ourselves ready for Easter. Please join us every Friday of Lent for Stations of the Cross/Adoration/Confession. And let's all gather for our Lenten Retreat on the 30th, 31st of March and 1st of April.

DAY OF CONFESSION

There are several opportunities for confessions available this season of Lent: Every Friday from 7pm; every Saturday at 4pm. But there is a special day of Confession on the 7th of April: 10am to 12 noon; 2pm to 4pm; & 7pm to 9pm. We shall have four priests for the evening session. Please come to prepare yourself for Easter.

40 DAY LENTEN REFLECTION

Thanks for following Fr. Victor in his daily reflections during Lent. Those who have not registered with the parish and thus do not get this reflection can simply do so by visiting our website or by getting a registration form from the ushers at the weekend Masses. Please indicate we can send you updates from the Parish. You can also contact the Parish Office to get registered.

REGROUPING OF THE CHOIR

The new choir has now started getting together for practice. Please join us if you feel called to support our music ministry at St. Joseph the Worker. Please contact the Parish office for necessary information.

PARISH NEEDS

Many thanks to all of you for your contributions to the good of the church. And particularly to the individuals that have taken up one item or two to sponsor in the list of the needs of the parish. May God replenish you abundantly. Thank you. We have some four items remaining on that list: sponsorship of this parish monthly newsletter (\$500); changing of our lights in the church to led pod lights (\$10,000); Repairs of stairs and walkway at the back of the church (\$30,000) and replacement of steel chairs behind hall and church (\$50,000). We are grateful for your support towards this, either by taking one of the projects or contributing towards it. Tax receipt will be thankfully given for these donations.

TOTUS TUUS

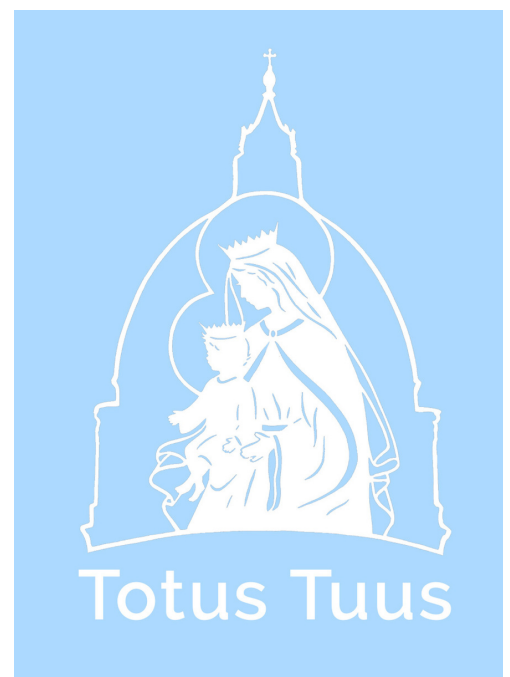
The celebrated Catholic camp program, Totus Tuus (meaning totally yours) is coming to our parish this Summer! It is an excellent Catholic camp program, exciting and full of activities to help the young ones grow in their faith as well as enjoy the summer. It will run from the 3rd to the 8th of July, 2022.

The day camp, for grades 1-6, helps children learn more about the Catholic faith in a caring, fun-filled environment. It is facilitated by highly trained, college-age Totus Tuus missionaries with support from the local Parish Coordinator (assigned by parish/pastor). It runs from Monday to Friday, 8.45am - 2.30pm.

The evening program is designed for students (grades 7-12) who are seeking to deepen their faith and grow in their personal relationship with Jesus. It is facilitated by highly trained, college-age Totus Tuus missionaries, with support from the local Parish Coordinator.

*Please pick up a form for your child or contact the office for more information.

*Registration is \$70 for the day camp (Grades 1-6); \$25 for an additional child in the family. Registration for the evening program (Grades 7-12) is \$25.



CHAPLAINCY NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 2022

8 ENCOUNTER

Join us for the Stations of the Cross, adoration, prayer, confessions and a social. Join us on April 8th at 7 p.m. sharp to spend an evening with our Lord and to meet your friends in fellowship!

20 WOMEN'S GROUP

Calling all ladies! Come join us and chat about some pressing topics of today while discovering the feminine genius and growing more fully into the woman God has called you to be! See you April 20th in person.

24 CHAPLAINCY GRAD MASS

Are you graduating this year? If so, we would like to invite you to join us on April 24th at St. Michael's Cathedral in downtown Toronto where Cardinal Collins will be celebrating a special mass for all 2022 graduates. Graduates are invited to bring their families and friends for this lovely afternoon. The Mass starts at 2 p.m. with a reception to follow where special graduation gifts will be given out. Transportation options are available from St. Joseph the Worker with priority given to graduates. Please keep a look out for an email with how to sign up and volunteer for the hospitality ministry. Alumni are welcome to attend!

25 MEN'S GROUP

Interested in growing in community and building good friendships with your fellow brothers in Christ? Men's group features fellowship, prayer, study and discussion where life's questions are explored in a safe and friendly setting. Contact us for more info and how to join the Chaplaincy gentlemen on April 25th in person.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER FEAST DAY

Our end of the year party x Saturday Social for the month of May will be on the 1st of May so that we can celebrate the St. Joseph the Worker feast day all together as a chaplaincy.

Stay tuned for more details because this is a party you won't want to miss.



KIND REMINDER:

"Remember that you are never alone, Christ is with you on your journey, everyday of your lives! - Pope John Paul II



Our March Encounter was so special! OCC Students led our parish community in the Stations of the Cross followed by holy hour. To conclude the night, students and alumni spent time together in lovely fellowship!



Our new student centre is now OPEN! Students are invited to make use of our amazing space: study, read, pray, converse, grab a coffee and snack, watch the Chosen on our TV and more! We can't wait to see you!



SAINTS OF THE MONTH

SAINT FEAST DAYS & QUOTES

April 2 - St Francis of Paola

"Fix your minds on the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Inflamed with love for us, He came down from heaven to redeem us. For our sake He endured every torment of body and soul and shrank from no bodily pain. He Himself gave us an example of perfect patience and love. We, then, are to be patient in adversity."

April 4 -St Isidore

"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy."

April 5 -St Vincent Ferrer

"If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire."

April 7 -St John Baptiste de la Salle

"How long has Jesus been knocking at the door of your heart, waiting to enter?"

April 13 -St Martin I

"If anyone in word and mind does not properly and truly confess according to the holy Fathers all even to the last portion that which has been handed down and preached in the holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church of God... let him be anathema."

April 17 - St Kateri Tekakwitha

"The poverty I am threatened with does not scare me, because so little is needed to give to the necessities of this miserable life and my labor could provide for it and I could always find some rags to cover me."

April 18 - Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin

"As for me, my Lord, I bless Divine Providence a thousand times for the maternal care she shows me in making me walk the way of tribulations and crosses."

April 21 - St Anselm

April 23 - St Adalbert

April 24 -St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

"Woe to me if I should prove myself but a halfhearted soldier in the service of my thorn-crowned Captain."

April 25 -St Mark

"Do not become a disciple of one who praises himself, in case you learn pride instead of humility."

April 28 -Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort

April 29 -Saint Catherine of Siena

"Perfection does not consist in macerating or killing the body, but in killing our perverse self-will."

April 30- Saint Marie of the Incarnation

"I tour the world in spirit, seeking all the souls redeemed by the most precious blood of my Divine Spouse."

STORY OF A SAINT

Saint of the Month:

[Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort](#)

Lived: January 31 1673-April 28 1716

Feast: April 28

Patron: Preachers , those devoted to Mary , those who serve the poor

In his short life of forty-three years, Louis de Montfort accomplished great things for God that still inspire us today. Devout from his youth , he became a priest and dedicated himself to working with the poor. Burning with a great desire to bring people the word of God, he became an itinerant preacher in the French countryside. Three congregations claim Louis as their founder: the Company of Mary, Daughters of Wisdom, and brothers of Saint Gabriel.

His motto, "God alone", inspired Louis to do everything for the glory of God. Louis was influenced by the French school of spirituality with its emphasis on the Incarnation and the Person of Jesus Christ. Louis's great devotion to Mary sprang from his love for Jesus, for he saw Mary as the path to Christ: "To Jesus through Mary". A key feature of his devotion is total consecration to Mary, which accompanies devotion to the holy Rosary. His book "*The Secret of the Rosary*" and several others remain in print even today.

"Have you strayed from the path leading to heaven? Then call on Mary, for her name means "Star of the Sea, the North Star which guides the ships of our souls during the voyage of this life," and she will guide you to the harbor of eternal salvation." -St. Louis de Montfort



A TRIBUTE TO MARY EGAN LYNCH

Mary Lynch was a great example of someone who cared for others regardless of who they were. Many times I was fortunate enough to witness her interacting with people in need. She always seemed to have a gift card available to give to those who required a meal. She has inspired me to become a more generous person and help those in need today not tomorrow. She will be truly missed but her great examples will live forever.

-Mary Lou Barrese

Who is knows Mary Lynch? Who doesn't know Mary Lynch?

Well, Caye and I addressed her as 'Mama Mary' since to us she acted in the exemplary of our Blessed Mother! Indeed, we can testify that she is everywhere helping everyone! Mary is one of our inspirations and big supporters when we are tasked to handle the Family Day event in the parish.

Mama Mary, we are saddened and very sorry of your passing. You are very dear to many of us and surely we will miss you already. Goodbye and may your soul rest in peace with your Creator.

-Totto and Caye D

Mary will be greatly missed. She genuinely cared for everyone she met. She helped me during my dad's time in hospital, praying along side me, bringing a rosary and rose for him. Helping me with his funeral arrangements and funeral mass. I will always remember her friendship as a sister in the CWL and in Christ. My condolences to Gerry and family. God bless and comfort you in this time of sorrow.

-Christina Trovato

Mary Lynch was a special person.

Visiting a senior in their home taking communion to them. Spending time with them. Setting up the mass for the retirement homes or long-term care. I was privileged to go with her on her visits and see the many things she did with her caring concern for people in their times of need, loss and sorrow.

The outreach she did for the homeless helped them to get a roof over their head. Taking food to the men's shelter. She went above and beyond for them. It taught me the great need we have here in Oshawa. I am honoured to have known her.

She is a great loss to us all. It will take many hands to do what she was able to do for this parish.

-Mary Brown

Mary was a warrior for Jesus. She saw everyone as a child of God. I was amazed how one woman could do so much and never show how tired she must have been. Mary was and is an Angel of Mercy. I believe she will always be looking out for those in most need from her heavenly home.

-Jean O'Donnell

Mary was so helpful to me when my husband Bob became so ill. I called on her for help and she was over within 15 minutes. She came over quite often after that just to check in on us and help where she could. I will forever be grateful to her for everything she did to make our day easier.

-RoseMarie Metcalfe

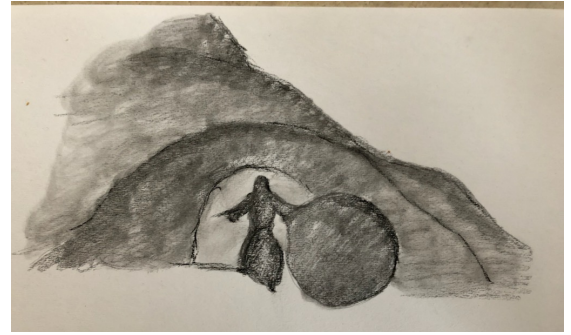
Special thanks to those who contributed with kind words and to Anne Marie Bardwell for capturing the last two pictures of Mary Lynch's celebration of life.



ANECDOTE OF THE MONTH

From the Empty Tomb

It was a hot summer afternoon. The famous Hollywood film director Cecil B. DeMille was drifting in a canoe on a lake in Maine, reading a book. He looked away from the book momentarily, down to the lake. There a bunch of water beetles were at play. Suddenly one of the beetles began to crawl up the side of the canoe. When it got halfway up, it attached the talons of its legs to the wooden side of the canoe and died. DeMille watched for a minute; then he turned back to his book. About three hours later, DeMille looked down at the dead beetle again. What he saw amazed him. The beetle had dried up, and its back was starting to crack open. As he watched, something began to emerge from the opening: first a moist head, then wings. It was a beautiful dragonfly. DeMille sat there in awe. Then the dragonfly began to move its wings. It hovered gracefully over the water where the other beetles were at play. But they didn't recognize the dragonfly. They didn't realize that it was the same beetle they had played with three hours earlier. DeMille took his finger and nudged the dried-out shell of the beetle. It was like an empty tomb. -Mark Link in Sunday Homilies



Illustrated by Anthony Barrese

HOW TO CONTINUE GIVING

We know that many parishioners would like to continue to donate to the parish on a regular basis during this time. As a non-profit organization, our parish relies heavily on your financial assistance, but especially since we are unable to open for Mass due to the current health crisis. Here are some ways to continue giving:

SECURE MAILBOXES AT THE PARISH

If you would like to make your usual weekly donation or otherwise support us in this regard, we invite you to make a donation at the parish.

We now have TWO secure mailboxes available for our parishioners.

The mailboxes are locked and under 24 hour surveillance so your donations are secure and will be checked daily.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

If you are interested in pre-authorized giving, please contact the parish office to obtain a registration form. Once the form is completed, feel free to email the form along with a scanned copy or photo of a voided cheque to development@archtoronto.org for processing. Contributions would then be withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.

ONLINE GIVING

If you would prefer to donate online, there are various options available:

1. Contribute via credit card as a one-time or recurring contribution
2. Contribute via online banking by emailing your name, address, parish name and municipality (e.g. Durham and Scarborough) to campaign@archtoronto.org, in response to which the Archdiocese of Toronto will email you account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese as a payee for the purposes of online banking. Your one-time or recurring gift will then be forwarded to our parish.

We thank all of our parishioners for their generous donations during this difficult time.

WILLS

Do you know a bequest in your Will to our Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your life-time. Charitable bequests can have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan and positively affect gifts you make to your loved ones. Gift of securities too can support your parish. Please call the office to find out more or see <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/social-justice--outreach/development-and-sharelife/home/planned-giving/>

40 DAY REFLECTION

Join Fr. Victor on a 40 days journey of short Lenten reflections. You will receive the reflection daily via Flocknote during Lent, apart from Sunday.

You can also visit our website to access it.

Join in and journey through Lent together!



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MAY 1ST:

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

We look forward to celebrating a Family day together after the 12pm Mass on our Parish Feast Day, May 1st. More information will be included in the bulletin later in the month.

CONTRIBUTIONS

If you are interested in contributing towards this new parish initiative (i.e., the printing costs associated with this publication) please contact the Parish Office. We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

If you are interested in advertising your professional services in the Carpenter's Newsletter, please contact the parish office for more details.



TOTUS TUUS 2022

Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer camp that is coming once again to our parish and this year it will be from July 3-8, 2022. However, there is a lot of preparation that goes into this event as well as a lot of support that is needed to make this camp a success. Your generosity is greatly appreciated when it comes to the following needs:

SPONSOR A MEAL

Either host the missionaries for an dinner meal at your home or purchase a meal for them to have at the parish.

SPONSOR A CHILD

Give the gift of the week of camp to a child in need from our parish of St. Joseph the Worker. For more details please contact the parish office regarding how you can contribute to sponsor a child.

We cannot thank you enough for your support for the children and youth of our parish. May God our Father bless you abundantly for your generosity!

VOLUNTEER AT THE CAMP

We are in need of putting together a volunteer team that can assist the Totus Tuus parish coordinator for the safety and success of this program. Please pick up a volunteer form from the front office. All volunteers are subject to a mandatory screening.

REGISTER FOR TOTUS TUUS

Registration packages are available at the parish office. Please drop off your completed registration forms with your payment to the parish office at your earliest convenience so that our team can start preparing for this summer.

*Please see Page 3 for more details