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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

April 20th to April 27th 2024

SATURDAY, April 20th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Paul, +Jana, +Joseph & +Philip Maingot
2:30 pm Baptism of Cielle Sonza
5:00pm Thanksgiving for all the blessings & graces received by Anje Alvarez/ +Vincent Correa & all the departed
SUNDAY, April 21st
9:00 am (available for intentions)
10:30 am (available for intentions)
12:00 pm +Myrna Jose/ Healing of Anthonia Agbame/ +Luis Lising & +Remedios Carlos Palo
2:00 pm Birthday of Selvin Francisco Garcia/ Eugene & Enrique Bizarro/ +Anita Herrera Deza/ +Wanda Maria Pironi/ +Teresa Rosalia Bonina Diaz/ Por las intenciones y Agradecimiento de Familia Rodriguez Hernandez
6:00 pm +Noriza Alas-As/ +Paul & Jana Maingot &

+Joseph & Philip Maingot/ Birthday of Rhelyn

MONDAY, April 22nd

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Maria Phien & all souls in purgatory/ +Paul & Jana Maingot & +Joseph & Philip Maingot/ Birthday blessings upon Marcela Estefania Arevalo

TUESDAY, April 23rd

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Luis Ortiz Gamboa/ +Leo Codeiro,/ +Paul, +Jana, +Joseph & +Philip Maingot

WEDNESDAY, April 24th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Colonel Ruben Pajarillo/+Roberto Lorenzo/+Paul, +Jana, +Joseph & +Philip Maingot/ Birthday blessings upon Mauricio Diaz/ Thanksgiving for the ordination anniversary of Fr. Javier Valdes

THURSDAY, April 25th — Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist 9:00 am Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Birthday

blessings upon Sheldon Brown/ +Paul, +Jana, +Joseph & +Philip Maingot/ + Mariana & +Marcelino Naranjo/ Birthday blessings upon Mateo Doradea & Rev. Fr. Ismael Naranjo Silva

FRIDAY, April 26th

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ Paul, +Jana, +Joseph & +Philip Maingot

SATURDAY, April 27th

9:00 am +Clarence & +Janette Foulds 5:00pm +Michael Bell

We are accepting Mass Intentions through the office during the week

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Do you remember the last time you were in a very messy situation, and someone showed you some light of hope by their words or actions? Even as believers in Christ, we experience such moments where the good seem to be eclipsed by all sorts of evil and sin. The second reading of today has lifted me up a few times: "See what love that Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are" (1 John 3.1-2). Jesus Christ was the stone rejected by the builders; but you know what? He turned out to be the Cornerstone. Like Peter and John, may your hope and trust be in God alone this week. Amen.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¿Recuerdan la última vez que estuvieron en una situación muy complicada y alguien les mostró una luz de esperanza con sus palabras o acciones? Incluso como creyentes en Cristo, experimentamos esos momentos en los que lo bueno parece eclipsarse por todo tipo de mal y pecado. La segunda lectura de hoy me ha levantado varias veces: "Mirad qué amor nos ha dado el Padre, para que seamos llamados hijos de Dios; y eso es lo que somos" (1 Juan 3.1-2). Jesucristo fue la piedra desechada por los constructores; pero ¿sabes qué? Él resultó ser la Piedra Angular. Como Pedro y Juan, que esta semana tu esperanza y tu confianza estén sólo en Dios. Amén.

Y

🛗 First Holy Communion

On the weekend of April 27/28, all the kids who completed their FHC classes will be receiving Jesus for the first time during the Mass that they usually attend, accompanied by their family and friends. Please keep the children in your prayers. Thank you.

El fin de semana del 27/28 de abril, todos los niños que terminaron sus clases de FHC recibirán a Jesús por primera vez durante la misa a la que asisten habitualmente, acompañados de sus familiares y amigos. Por favor, tengan a los niños en sus oraciones. Gracias.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations April 21, 2024

Invest in our Church's future by giving to ShareLife

Your kindness and devotion enable St. Augustine's Seminary, along with the Office of Vocations and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, to provide an excellent formation for our seminarians as they pursue a life of service. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 62 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

This Sunday, April 21, we celebrate the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There has never been a better time to support and pray for our seminarians, wherever they may be on their journey. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

> Thank you for your generosity! Gracias por su generosidad Regular Collection—April 14, 2024 \$5309.60

STA Parish Income & Expenditures Withdrawals: \$53,517.19 Deposits: \$49,944.56

***These expenses include the payment of \$19,775.00 for Exploration & Restoration - Roof Tile Management Inc. In the revenue, we also have a deposit in the amount of \$11,797.20 that has to be submitted to ShareLife.

***Estos gastos incluyen el pago de 19.775,00 dólares en concepto de Exploración y Restauración - Roof Tile Management Inc. En los ingresos, también tenemos un depósito por la cantidad de \$11,797.20 que tiene que ser presentado a ShareLife.



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Invierta en el futuro de nuestra Iglesia donando a ShareLife

Su amabilidad y devoción permiten que el Seminario San Agustín, junto con la Oficina de Vocaciones y el Seminario Misionero Redemptoris Mater, brinden una excelente formación a los seminaristas que se preparan para una vida de servicio. El año pasado, usted invirtió en el futuro de nuestra Iglesia apoyando a 62 seminaristas en el Seminario de San Agustín y en el Seminario Misionero Redemptoris Mater.

Este domingo 21 de abril celebramos la 61ª Jornada Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones. No hay mejor momento que este para apoyar y orar por nuestros seminaristas, en cualquier etapa que se encuentren en su formación. Por favor, done en su parroquia usando un sobre de ShareLife; en línea a través de nuestro sitio web parroquial, o en sharelife.org/donate.

Pastoral Juvenil/Youth Ministry - April 26, 2024

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the parish hall; refreshments will be provided. If you are interested, please register and pick up a flyer. We need sponsors for each youth night. Thank you in advance!

7:00 pm a 8:30 pm en el salón parroquial; se ofrecerán refrescos. Si usted está interesado, por favor regístrese y recoja un volante. Necesitamos patrocinadores para cada noche juvenil. ¡Gracias de antemano!



REMINDER

ShareLife Second Collection/ Segunda colecta ShareLife

On the weekend of 27/28 April, we shall be taking up our second ShareLife Second Collection for the charitable works of our Archdiocese. Please give generously. May the Lord reward you abundantly!

El fin de semana del 27/28 de abril haremos nuestra segunda colecta ShareLife para las obras de caridad de nuestra archidiócesis. Por favor, dad generosamente. Que el Señor les recompense abundantemente.

ALL ABOUT FAITH

April 25: Saint Mark the Evangelist—Feast



Reflection: Though little is known for certain about Saint Mark's life, the Gospel attributed to him is unquestionably one of the most important scripts ever written. In a nearly breathless way, Mark recounts Jesus'

public ministry in concise and vivid detail. The shortest of the four Gospels is packed with information. Mark's Gospel was most likely written primarily for Roman Gentiles, rather than for Jews, which is why he often describes various Jewish customs to the reader.

Ponder the significance of this one man. It appears he began his life fearful of his mission. He ran when Jesus was arrested, left Barnabas and Paul on their missionary journey, but he didn't give up. He turned back to the mission and ultimately died a martyr, bestowing on us one of the greatest treasures ever given. If you feel regret at any failure, or even numerous failures in your life, take inspiration from Saint Mark. Failures can be remedied. Recommit yourself to God's mission, and know that, if you do, God will use you in unimaginable ways.

Prayer: Saint Mark, I thank you for your "Yes" to Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Thank you for your ministry and especially for your Gospel account. Please pray for me, that I may never tire of turning back to the mission that God has entrusted to me. May I imitate your fidelity and hard work for Christ, going so far as to lay my life down for others. Saint Mark, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. -My Catholic Life

The Source Holy Hour - April Thursday, April 25, 2024 07:00 PM to 9:00 PM



You are invited to The Source Holy Hour with music by the Sisters of Life at St. Peter's Church in Toronto (Bathurst and Bloor)

Reasons to Believe in the Resurrection



Do you really believe that Jesus rose from the dead? Perhaps, you have asked this question or maybe someone has challenged you with this question. Either way, it can be difficult to answer. In this episode, Dr. Sri shares many good reasons to believe in the resurrection and how we can respond to arguments against it.

Spiritual vs Bodily Resurrection

Another theory that you will occasionally hear regarding the resurrection is the idea that it was a spiritual resurrection and not a bodily one. This idea is incorrect and not Catholic. To claim that Jesus only rose spiritually is basically saying that his spirit lived on even though his body was dead. The theory claims that Jesus simply remains alive in our hearts. In Scripture the Greek word "anastasis" is used to describe the resurrection. This word literally means "re-embodied." This word is used intentionally to show that it was, in fact, a bodily resurrection.

Find Out More



One with God

"So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13

3 Minute Retreat

English

<u>Español</u>

Check Event Here

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The Good Shepperd



Animated Bible Story

Children's Video

Life Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation Friday, April 26, 2024 07:00 PM -Sunday, April 28, 2024 03:30 PM St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd.



This healing retreat is offered for adult children of separated and divorced 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. Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$290 per person (\$190 forstudents), which includes meals, lodging, and retreat material. If cost is of concern, please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me; limited subsidies are available. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2024. For more information, please email lgwtoronto@proton.me.

Register Here

Praying in Resurrection Joy



Throughout the 50 days of the Easter season, we are invited to celebrate the reality of new creation in our own lives, our re-creation as the children of God, having moved through Baptism from death to new life in Christ. Even as we may fear entering into this new world, uncharted but for the fact that our Risen Lord goes always before us, how might we pray our resurrection joy?

Easter comes in the midst of spring. How can the new life rising out of the earth—green shoots and crocuses, lilies, and daffodils—inspire us to prayer? What newness is springing forth in your soul?

The Risen Christ bears in his resurrected body the scars of his crucifixion (John 20:27). We too may bear the scars of our former life of sin and death. We can ask the Lord in prayer to show us how he might use our scars to lead others to share in our trust that our God can make all things new.

Read More

"Nunc Coepi: Breaking Agreements"



The first step is to stop.

Once we realize that we have to repent...that we are called to "change our minds"...the first step is to stop. To examine what it is that we are thinking and to which thoughts, sins, and false images of God we have made agreements with. And then to break those agreements in order to say "Now I begin".

Short Video

"Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered." — Pope Benedict XVI

