## Our Lady of the Airways Church

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# He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia



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"O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns.

Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages." (St. John Chrysostom, Easter Homily)

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Wishing each of you a Blessed and Happy Easter!

Fr. Thomas Fr. Canisius Enza



Divine Mercy Sunday

Please join us on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. Speaker: Fr. Canisius Raj Exposition, Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Scripture Reading, Homily, Benediction & Reposition

Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the parish hall. Please bring deserts to share.



### Pastoral Letter on Stewardship Section Four: The Way Forward

The final section of Cardinal Thomas Collins' sharing the gifts we have been given Pastoral Letter on Stewardship is focused on The Way Forward. To continue to develop vibrant parishes, it is key that we try to increase active engagement. "It is a lively faith family that challenges us as disciples to do great things for Jesus, in the spirit of the Acts of the Apostles." To read the full pastoral letter, download resources and learn more about deep stewardship, please visit www.archtoronto.org/stewardship



## May 5th is ShareLife Sunday!

### Living the Gospel through immediate mental health services...

Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly. That's why the five Catholic Family Services agencies in the Archdiocese of ShareLife Toronto now offer walk-in counselling. This initiative can often meet clients' need without requiring longer term counselling. Clients report a clinically significant increase in confidence that they can tackle their problems. For some agencies, ShareLife is the sole funder of this important program. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping restore hope to those in crisis."

Please give generously. Thank You!

## Vocations Corner...

The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism, He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters.

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, VOCations contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org Web: www.vocationstoronto.ca



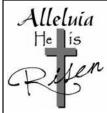
For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Friday from 8:30am (IHS) to 7pm. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?



#### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



"...Because there are these two periods of time - the one that now is, beset with the trials and troubles of this life, and the other yet to come, a life of everlasting serenity and joy - we are given two liturgical seasons, one before Easter and the other after. The season before Easter signifies the troubles in which we live here

and now, while the time after Easter, which we are celebrating at present, signifies the happiness that will be ours in the future. What we commemorate before Easter is what we experience in this life; what we celebrate after Easter points to something we do not yet possess. This is why we keep the first season with fasting and prayer; but now the fast is over and we devote the present season to praise. Such is the meaning of the Alleluia we sing.

Both these periods are represented and demonstrated for us in Christ our head. The Lord's passion depicts for us our present life of trial - shows how we must suffer and be afflicted and finally die. The Lord's resurrection and glorification show us the life that will be given to us in the future.

Now therefore, brethren, we urge you to praise God. That is what we are all telling each other when we say Alleluia. You say to your neighbor, "Praise the Lord!" and he says the same to you. We are all urging one another to praise the Lord, and all thereby doing what each of us urges the other to do. But see that your praise comes from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions.

We are praising God now, assembled as we are here in church; but when we go on our various ways again, it seems as if we cease to praise God. But provided we do not cease to live a good life, we shall always be praising God. You cease to praise God only when you swerve from justice and from what is pleasing to God. If you never turn aside from the good life, your tongue may be silent but your actions will cry aloud, and God will perceive your intentions; for as our ears hear each other's voices, so do God's ears hear our thoughts."

(Excerpts from St. Augustine's discourse on the Psalms)

Che cos'è che fa correre l'apostolo Giovanni al sepolcro? Egli ha vissuto per intero il dramma della Pasqua, essendo molto vicino al suo maestro. Ci sembra perciò inammissibile un'affermazione del genere: "Non avevano infatti ancora compreso la Scrittura". Eppure era proprio così: non meravigliamoci allora di constatare l'ignoranza attuale, per molti versi simile. Il mondo di Dio, i progetti di Dio sono così diversi che ancor oggi succede che anche chi è più vicino a Dio non capisca e si stupisca degli avvenimenti.

Vide e credette". Bastava un sepolcro vuoto perché tutto si risolvesse? Credo che non fu così facile. Anche nel momento delle sofferenze più dure, Giovanni rimane vicino al suo maestro. La ragione non comprende, ma l'amore aiuta il cuore ad aprirsi e a vedere. È l'intuizione dell'amore che permette a Giovanni di vedere e di credere prima di tutti gli altri. La gioia di Pasqua matura solo sul terreno di un amore fedele. Un'amicizia che niente e nessuno potrebbe spezzare. È possibile? lo credo che la vita abbia insegnato che soltanto Dio può procurarci ciò. È la testimonianza che ci danno tutti i gulag dell'Europa dell'Est e che riecheggia nella gioia pasquale alla fine del nostro millennio.



#### **Catholic Mothers Summit** ~ Miracles Do Happen Saturday, April 27th 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Catholic Mothers are invited to a summit titled, "Miracles Do Happen." Speakers and topics include:

• Sr. Briege McKenna: "What Must a Mother Teach Her Children?" Father Terrence McKenna: "What Should a Mother Do?" **Dorothy Pilarski:** •

"What Three Secrets Must Every Mom Know?"

Location: St. Augustine's Seminary, Scarborough Registration: 1:30pm; Summit: 2:00pm; Mass: 5:00pm Please contact 416-907-1042 to reserve a ticket (\$30) or register at http://www.catholicmomsgroup.com

## **Young Women's Retreat** with the Sisters of Life May 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>



Join the Sisters of Life for a weekend Retreat.

"Heart Speaks to Heart" for Women (30+).

A weekend of prayer, time for silence, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences by the Sisters. Confessions and Mass will be available.

Location: St. Francis Retreat Centre, Caledon Contact: The Sisters of Life **Phone:** 416-463-2722 Email: toronto@sistersoflife.org

Web: http://www.sistersoflife.org/





Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?

All students in grade 6 - 8 are welcome to our next EDGE Night on Friday, April 26th, from 7pm - 9pm.

For registration info, please contact 905-677-4615 or email: OLAyouthministry@hotmail.com

Calling all "OLA Teens" in grades 9 - 12! Are you looking for service hour opportunities? Please join us for our next LIFE TEEN - Hangout & Community Service on Saturday, May 11th from 2pm - 4pm.

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OLA Young Adults

Programs and Events for ages 19 - 39. Follow us on Twitter: @Airways YA

