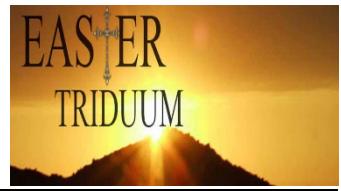




April 1, 2018 EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 3rd

6^{pm} Special Intentions of Shirley Fraser & Family

Wednesday 4th

9^{am} + Rose Rizzo Wagner – Jane Makarenko

Thursday 5th at Rainycrest

10^{am} + Carl Schaum – Margaret Koles

Friday 6th

9^{am} That social networks may work towards inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Saturday 7th

5^{pm} + Ismael Albao – the Rosary Group
Intentions of Nicholas Delvecchio – The Rodrigues Family

Sunday 8th (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9^{am} + Ismael Albao – OLOL CWL

11^{am} + Epetacia Donasco Juntilla – Veronica Garcia & Family

April 1, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

1st reading: (Acts 10.34a, 37-43)

2nd reading: (Colossians 3.1-4)

Gospel: (John 20.1-18)

The Resurrection of the Lord.



In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:

Arlene Steinke, Ewan MacKintosh, Rosalie Cousineau, Shirley Fraser, Nick Mutz, Kari Urquart, Ernie McColeman, Queenie Leschinski, Maurice DeGagné, Nicole LePine, Larry Mattson, Dianne Pattison, Noella & Rick Hamilton, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Susan Flemming, Cyril Chabot, Monica Hanzuk, Jack Dillon, Art Cross, Nicholas Delvecchio, Catherine MacDonald

*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of*

March 25th – \$5503.70

Counting Teams

April 9th - Anna

Solemn Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 31, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1, 9:00 am OLOL

Sunday, April 1, 11:00 am



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH NEWS

In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:

Jan Adams, Linda Anderson, Doug Cross, George Supinski, Curtis Jourdain, Florence Lampi, Jan Glueheisen, Phyllis Johnson (Bruyere), Kayla Bruyere, Brian McPherson, Judy Bird, Vernon Yerxa, Marion Bergland, Wanda Heyens, Mary Lou Parks

Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes
Weekend of

March 25th – \$423.26

What's going on?!

March 30/April 2 – Office Closed

April 3 – K.C. Meeting – 6:30pm

April 4 – CWL Meeting – 7:00om

April 5 – EDGE Night – 6:30-8:30pm

April 10 – Bereavement Group – 1:00pm

April 11 – School Mass – 9:30am

April 12 – EDGE & LifeTeen Sports Night

April 14 – Vince & Barb Godbout's Anniversary - 6:00pm

April 17 – Associates of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville –
1:00pm

– Parish Council – 6:30pm

April 18 – OLOL Parish Council – 7:00pm

April 19 – Confirmation Rehearsal – 7:00pm

April 20 – Real Men/Beautiful Girl's Night – 6:00pm

April 21 – First Communion Spiritual Retreat – 9:00am –
12:00pm

– Confirmation and Youth Mass

April 22 – OLOL Confirmation

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!!!

It's Vince & Barb Godbout's 40th Wedding

Anniversary! Come celebrate with us on Saturday, April 14th in the Parish Hall. Dinner at 6:00 pm. Cash bar. Pick up your free tickets at the Parish Office or RSVP to Brandi at 274-9041 or text 275-9258. Hope to see you all there. Everyone welcome!



**MARK THE DATE!!!
April 28, 2018
Watch the bulletin for details!**

2017 Donation Tax receipts are in the lobby. Please pick up your receipt and help us save on postage. Thank you for your generosity!

EDGE: Youth groups for grades 6-9



We wish all the EDGE youth and families a blessed Easter. **Our next EDGE night will be on April 5 at St. Mary's.**

LIFE TEEN Youth groups for grades 9-12



Our next Life Night will be held on April 20th. This will be our Real Men's Night (St. Michael's School) & Beautiful Girls Night (St. Mary's)!

Hope to see everyone there!

LIFE TEEN Lunches:

The next Life Teen lunch at the Northwest Catholic District School Board Office will be held on **April 4th** from 11:30am-12:15pm. See everyone there!



SALT & LIGHT DISCOVERY CAMP

Camp will be held July 2nd - 6th this year. This is for youth in grades 7-10. Cost is \$180.00. We are accepting applications now. We are also in need of staff and Jr. & Sr. Counselors. Applications are available at the back of the church for both staff and campers. For more information email: kalidbrady@gmail.com or call/text 1-807-275-9225 or call St. Mary's Parish at 1-807-274-5233.

MISSING OR MISPLACED? There was a 14-16" tall all white statue of Mary, Joseph and Jesus in the Meeting room that is no longer there. If you have it please return it. If you know what happened to it, please let the parish office know.



The Knights of Columbus are selling 50/50 tickets. They are available from K.C. members and the Parish office. The draw is to be held at the wind-up on June 5, 2018.

*May all your prayers be answered
and may you feel the Lord's
presence near you...
not only for Easter,
but always.*

Happy Easter!

**From the Staff of St. Mary's Parish:
Tina, Kali, Gerald, Diane and Father Alan!**

EASTER MESSAGE 2018 DISCOVERING EASTER JOY

While sharing a conversation with a friend recently, he mentioned that he finds it difficult to see any joy in the world today. The news always seems negative, stories are always about tragedies, and we are stunned by shootings in schools, the difficulties of war and the poverty and anguish that so many people endure, especially the immigrants and refugees who are just seeking a safe place for their families to live in peace.

I mentioned that Easter is to be a time of joy, since it celebrates the victory over sin and death that the Lord Jesus has won for us. I suggested that he seek some joy in volunteering in an outreach program to assist the poor and needy of our community and he thought that might be interesting. He started by helping out in a ministry that provides clothing and small home articles to the poor. He said that in helping in this way, he felt his faith was really doing something positive to change the lives of people. I encouraged him, saying there are many ways we can celebrate our faith, especially in good works to the needy and the marginalized.

He recalled how in helping others, he found a sense of joy in his heart that was missing in his daily life, and also a greater sense of purpose for his own life. He realized that the Lord can direct and influence us to use our time and our talents, especially in helping others, and this can be a sign of joy and goodness in our world and for each of us in our lives.

The Easter story, so familiar to us all, is about life and sharing. Jesus through his suffering, death and resurrection, won eternal life for us and shares his life with us through faith. As we gather in many ways this Easter, as faith communities, as families and as neighbours, let us give thanks for the abundance that we share. Let us consider how we can show gratitude for our many gifts in our outreach to the poor and to the marginalized of our society. Let us demonstrate that we can help make a difference in someone's life through our actions of charity or generosity and in giving some time to organizations that reach out to the poor and homeless of our community. In doing so we will find some of that joy which is so needed in our lives and seemingly so lacking in our world today.

The entrance antiphon for our Easter morning Mass reads: "I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia." Easter is a feast of wonder and of joy, and it is visible in the good works and outreach that people share for this feast. It is a spiritual time and a time to ask the Lord to help us see His presence in our lives and in the things that we do. Easter proclaims life and strength, even in the midst of sadness and struggle. This is what Easter joy is about, and it can be within us through our prayer, our sharing and our loving concern for one another.

As we celebrate this great feast, let us remember that Christ has won for us a share in his eternal life. And this should touch our hearts with joy and goodness - so much so, that we share this with one another, especially throughout acts of kindness and generosity. A Happy and Holy Easter to all!

Most Rev. Fred J. Colli
Bishop of Thunder Bay