

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5TH, 2015

EASTER SUNDAY! LA SANTA PASQUA

Welcome to St Francis of Assisi on Easter Sunday. We are hoping that you have been able to join us for different celebrations during Holy Week. Even if you have not been able to come any other day but today, **we are happy to see you.**

Easter is a celebration of **Christ's victory over evil, sin and death.** It is a **day of Hope** for us as Christians. It is a day to remember that our world still needs to hear the Gospel – Jesus' Good News. There is still so much hopelessness, violence and suffering in our world. We leave church like the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) – asking ourselves “what all these things mean”? So often, without realizing it, **we meet Jesus along the way.**

Easter comes at Spring time in the Northern Hemisphere. It brings with it a promise of new life. Here at St Francis we have recently moved back into our rectory after living away for two and a half years. Coming back here has allowed us to be more present to our community. It has also brought challenges as **we say good bye to Anna who has been in our office since we left in September 2012** and has facilitated our office's return to 72 Mansfield. **We wish her the best of luck** as she formally retires from work at St Francis. She has some nice plans as she begins this new phase of her life.

In the year ahead we know that there will be a number of exciting events and challenges:

We will be **finishing off our One Hundredth Anniversary of the Church Building** that we call St Francis of Assisi Church. Part of that will **include a special Mass that we hope will be celebrated by Cardinal Collins.**

We will also be starting a **Combined Capital Campaign** in the Autumn. This will allow us to meet our obligations for the **Family of Faith Campaign** that is happening all through the Archdiocese and it will allow us to try and pay off some of the debt of over a million dollars that have been incurred in our **Phase One of the renovation** of St Francis of Assisi Parish – Front Steps (Autumn 2013), Nave (Accessible) Washroom (Nov 2014) and Rectory (March 2015).

We will begin looking at Phase Two with the Archdiocese later in the year. We are especially concerned about some serious issues in the Church roof and the Church heating system. A lot of this work is the result of deferred maintenance that has now reached a critical stage.

A lot of this discussion has been about the bricks and mortar of a parish. **We have been very happy with our Parish Pastoral Council and our Parish Finance Council** – both of whom are contributing a lot to the ever evolving and self renewing St Francis of Assisi Parish. It gives us great pleasure to see parishioners step forward to share their talents with us and to enable us to serve our community more effectively. God bless those who have so generously answered the call.

We continue to work with **our two local Catholic Schools:** St Francis of Assisi and St Luke. Fr Conrad has been in the schools weekly, visiting the classrooms and building up a rapport with the students. Our principals and teachers have helped our efforts immensely. Through our programmes of preparation for First Communion and Confirmation we have been able to make contact with the families of our children.

Granted, a number of these families worship regularly at other parishes but they come to see St Francis as a “home away from home” and another safe haven.

Through some of these programmes and through our Baptism intake we have been able to identify a number of marriage situations that needed some tweaking and we have been happy to work with these families. If you were married outside the Catholic Church or if you have been divorced, now that Easter is over, it might be a good time to call the rectory and come in for a talk. We could talk about marrying you in the Catholic Church or we could talk about an Annulment. You just need to make that first move.

Vi diamo una **buona Pasqua** nella giornata della solennità più importante nel calendario della Chiesa. Siamo contenti di accogliere tanti nostri amici e familiari che ritornano ogni anno per passare un po' di tempo con noi.

Adesso che **siamo ritornati al 72 Mansfield** ci sentiamo più a casa nostra. Ringraziamo **la Signora Anna che va in pensione** e la auguriamo un felice rientro nell'ambiente familiare a tempo pieno. Ci è stata vicino per gli anni a Manning e ci ha aiutato a trasferire tutto nell'ufficio ristrutturato di 72 Mansfield. Grazie davvero!

Nella dopo Pasqua dobbiamo preparare le pratiche per la Prima Comunione, la Cresima e i Matrimoni estivi. Abbiamo già avuto possibilità di assistere famiglie che dovevano mettere in ordine la loro situazione matrimoniale, ed altri, passati dal divorzio civile, che vogliono iniziare il loro caso di annullamento nella chiesa. **Incoraggiate i vostri familiari di venire adesso con calma di iniziare un dialogo in parrocchia.**

Nei prossimi mesi dobbiamo pensare per chiudere il centenario della struttura della chiesa. E prepariamoci nell'autunno per **una campagna fiscale combinata** per aiutare il programma diocesano di “Family of Faith” e saldare il debito che abbiamo avuto in questa prima fase dei rinnovamenti.

WORKING WONDERS FOR THOSE ENTERING THE PRIESTHOOD....



Men who have responded to God's call to dedicate their lives to His service come from all walks of life. Those who enter the priesthood come from different ages and backgrounds, economic situations, skill sets, and ethnic communities. At ShareLife-funded agencies such as **Serra House, Redemptoris Mater, and St Augustine's Seminary**, they undergo extensive theological education and practical field training. Through ShareLife, you are helping sustain the vocations for priesthood and inspire discernment of God's call. Last year ShareLife helped support 80 priests and seminarians in their formation studies.

**Next Sunday is ShareLife Sunday – April 12, 2015
Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED EASTER MONDAY-
APRIL 6TH 2015 AND WILL OPEN REGULAR
HOURS TUESDAY APRIL 7TH.**

**BUONA PASQUETTA – L'UFFICIO SARÀ
APERTO MARTEDÌ DOPO PASQUETTA**



LA SANTA PASQUA – ANNO B – 5 APRILE, 2015

THE GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION PROCESSIONE DI VENERDÌ SANTO

As we prepare this bulletin on Tues March 31, the forecast for Good Friday is a high of 10° C and cloudy – that has changed from rain showers. Of course, the weather could change again but we are hoping that when you read this on Easter we will have great memories of another Good Friday Procession. This procession has been going on for more than fifty years and it requires a lot of work.



This is a good moment to thank all **those who have worked together to make it a success.** There is so much that goes on behind the scenes that I am just getting a sense of, especially since we have been in the rectory for about a month.

- **Cavaliere Uff. Simonetta and the Lay Committee (Comitato Laico)**
- The **Toronto Police Services, City of Toronto Services and TTC** who coordinate our safety and smooth running of our outside presence
- Many representatives of **different levels of Government**
- The **Clubs, Associations and Musical Bands**
- **Those who organize the procession** floats/statues and Order of Procession
- **The Characters** who participate and those who carry banners and take up the collection along the route
- Those who provide us with media coverage and publicity: **CHIN, Corriere Canadese and others.**
- Those who have carried out **the set up in Church and in the Hall for ALL the Holy Week Liturgies** – this includes cleaning, flower arranging and many other unseen efforts
- The people who **washed, ironed and mended costumes**
- Those who have taken care of **preparing food** for characters and for invited guests.
- **Our office staff** who has fielded innumerable telephone calls for info on participating and on the procession route.
- **Apologies to anyone who has been forgotten** – everyone is important and the exercise of learning to work together in spite of differences is such an important part of making this an act of faith and NOT a parade.

È passato un altro venerdì santo e anche se la previsione all'inizio della settimana era di pioggia, speriamo che nel giorno della Santa Pasqua avremo possibilità di ricordare con gioia la nostra testimonianza di fede – la presentazione che facciamo ogni anno al venerdì santo della **Passione del Nostro Signore Gesù Cristo.** Questa tradizione ha più di cinquanta anni – un onore per la nostra comunità.

Ogni anno impariamo che Cristo non è un “Cristo morto” ma **Cristo è Vivo – Alleluia!** È lui che ci da la forza di collaborare insieme. È lui che c'insegna che dobbiamo accantonare le nostre differenze. È lui che ci da la buona volontà per superare le difficoltà.

Ci stiamo accorgendo che col passaggio del tempo, c'è un'evoluzione. I nostri anziani che ci hanno trasmesso questa tradizione man mano stanno lasciando che la generazione più giovane assume più responsabilità. Con questa nuova generazione c'è anche la realtà che sono più misti come etnicità e anche più moderni nel loro modo di lavorare – posta elettronica, siti web, messaggi di telefonino, ecc.

Nonostante tutto ciò, ancora si vede una prestazione da tutti, anziani e giovani, per arrivare alla Processione di Venerdì Santo alla parrocchia di San Francesco d'Assisi.

Abbiamo cercato di ringraziare tutti che hanno partecipato. Ci scusiamo in anticipo – facendo un elenco, sappiamo che c'è il rischio di dimenticare qualcuno. Vi assicuriamo che pur essendo umani, anche noi abbiamo buona volontà.

Grazie e Buona Pasqua!

EVENING MASSES ON EASTER SUNDAY

St Alphonsus Church at 540 St Clair Ave West
at 7:30 pm in English

St Michael's Cathedral at 5 pm in English

MASS SCHEDULE

APRIL 4TH TO APRIL 11TH 2015

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass – English & Italian

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

SOLEMNITY: THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

9:00 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

MONDAY, APRIL 6TH

8:00 AM Franciscan Friars

TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH

8:00 AM Giuseppe Figliano

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH

8:00 AM OFM NYC

7:00 PM Maddalena Cioffi

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH

8:00 AM Antonio Fusillo e Pasquale Perfetto

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH

8:00 AM Maddalena Cioffi

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

5:00 PM Annunziata e Domenico Carnevale

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 AM Domenico e Vito Corrado;
Pasqua e Pasquale Lombardi;
Pietro Petrini; Francesco Pingitore;
Giuseppe e Vittoria Carnovale e
Rosario Simonetta; Rocco Carnevale;
Vincenzo Barrone e Famiglia;
Maria Fiorenza e Famiglia;
Carmelo Figliano e Famiglia;
Vincenza Longo

11:30 AM Girolama Onorato