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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am
11:30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday: 5:00pm
Friday: 5:00pm

REGISTRATION

New parishioners are always welcome!
They are requested to register at the parish office

CREATED FOR GOOD WORKS

St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works".

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Vocations @ 416-968-0997,
Email vocations@vocations.ca
www.vocationstoronto.ca**



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

- all by appointment only

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION

Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

Communion to those homebound is suspended at this time.

For information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org.

Schools in the area:

St. Anselm	416-393-5243
Holy Cross	416-393-5242
Canadian Martyrs	416-393-5251
St. John XXIII	416-429-4000



"My Lord and my God!"

Christ of Experience

"The death of Jesus is nothing for us if we have not died with Him; the resurrection of our Lord is nothing for us if we have not been raised with Him". These are the words of Swiss theologian Emil Brunner (1889 – 1966), who insisted that Christ and the Christ – event are not merely to be *remembered* but *experienced*. Citing the example of the first disciples as living proof of his point author Jones once suggested that the early followers of Jesus had little ritual but a mighty realization. They went out not only remembering Christ but experiencing him. That experience became the focal point of their lives, the reason for their joy, the cause of their hope and the impetus of their ministry (1st reading, Acts 2:42-47).

In today's second reading (1Pet 1:3-9), the author of 1 Peter describes the transformative experience of Jesus' death and resurrection as new birth, a birth unto hope, a birth unto an imperishable inheritance, a birth unto salvation. This new birth enables believers to face the struggles of life and its sufferings with an irrepressible joy. However unclear it may be to us, the triumph of Easter and our experience of it dramatically change the way we look at the problems of life and the world.

To round out our individual and collective experiences of Jesus, who died but now lives, today's Gospel (Jn 20:19-31) features the risen Lord breathing the Holy Spirit into his own. Through that action, they and we become "God-breathed", taking in the very life-breath of the living God.

Jesus' challenge to Thomas remains a challenge for each of us: to move beyond the "touchy-feely" world of empirical science that demands tangible proof and into the realm of faith that doesn't see but believes and loves the living of faith that doesn't see but believes and loves the living Lord.

Because of Jesus dead and risen, insisted Dietrich Bonhoeffer (*Testament to Freedom*, Harper-Collins Publishers, San Francisco: 1995), a new and purifying wind can blow through our present world. Because of Jesus' resurrection and our experience of it, Archimedes' challenge can be answered: "Give me somewhere to stand and I will move the earth". If only a few people really believed and acted on the experience of Jesus' resurrection, said Bohoeffler, the world and we would be greatly and forever changed. To live in the light of resurrection – this is what Easter means.

YEAR OF PRAYER

On January 21, 2024, Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee, calling on the faithful "to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God." The Year of Prayer, the Holy Father explained, is dedicated "to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world." For more information, please visit:

2024 - Year of Prayer.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OF THE DIVINE MERCY



Jesus I Trust In You!

The Second Sunday of Easter now bears the extended title "Second Sunday of Easter of the Divine Mercy". Pope John Paul II declared the new name on the Second Sunday of Easter during the Jubilee (2000). The Image of The Divine Mercy will be on display in our church. Pope John Paul II said that the image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing Mercy to the whole world.