

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PASTOR'S CORNER



What are your Easter expectations? Are they high or low? To have high Easter expectations makes sense, because this glorious season of our faith is all about Jesus overcoming sin and death and offering us a share in His own resurrection. This is why you should expect great things to happen. Jesus promised that if we have faith even the size of a small seed, our lives can change. Even seemingly insurmountable problems can shrink down to a manageable size as we place our faith in Christ with our high expectations. Of course, these things do not usually happen all at once. It is a lifelong journey, and Jesus promised no one an easy victory, because as someone noted long ago, *"I arise in the morning, torn between a desire to save the world and a desire to savor the world. That makes it hard to plan the day."* But with the help of His grace, we can change; we can look like Our Lord more and more each day. And expectant faith is the key, because sharing in Jesus' divine life is meant for everyone, not just for a few chosen ones. This is why we must build up our spiritual strength day by day as we follow the Lord to the cross and the empty tomb, or - in more secular terms - *"Run as if to win!"*

So raise your expectations! There is still time to ask God to show you practical ways that can help you receive more of the life and love Jesus died to give you. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the depth of what Jesus did for you. We have that assurance as the Spirit searches the shadows of our hearts, exposing our foolish pride, resentments, greed, lust, and fear. Naked before His eyes, we embrace His love, because the resurrection ought to have meaning for you, personally, both in your transformation over these fifty days of Easter and, even better, in eternal life, for as someone once wrote:

"God reaches into the dark and through the chaos pulls out light.

God reaches into the dank despair of the tomb and through the loss pulls out Jesus.

God reaches into the soil...into the broken heart...into the bleeding wound and like a magician draws out what we did not know could possibly be there...new life.

So God no longer keeps us in suspense, for He is not speaking of death, but of love...just listen to His gentle voice in the silence of your heart: 'I am with you always to the end of time...and into the sea of eternity.'"



Fr. Slawek

MAY 14, 2023

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

Saturday, June 2, 2023: 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Seeing With Heart—A Day of Reflection for Parents of LGBT Young Adults

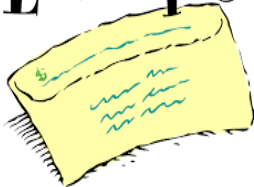
This day of reflection will provide parents with an opportunity to share their stories, listen to presentations from an experienced Catholic priest, reflect on the gifts and talents of their children, and participate in group discussions. The day with Mass.

We hope to provide a relaxed and supportive environment for parents to meet and interact with other parents, reflect and discuss concerns, learn about resources strengthen their love, and grow closer to God.

Facilitator: Fr. Tom Rosiccia, CSB. A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes lunch.

For more information or to Register: Call Mike Hyland—647-295-2499

Offering Envelopes



Attention Parishioners

Have you collected
your 2023 offertory box?

2023 assigned offertory envelopes are available for pick up on the table at the back of the church until May 31st. After May 31st any remaining envelopes will be removed from the system.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS Reception of Holy Communion

It has come to my attention that some people, receiving on the hand, carry the Sacred Host back to their seats. This is forbidden. Please be sure to consume Jesus, truly present in the Sacred Host, right after you receive Him. You must consume the Host in the front of the church, right after receiving. There are people who wish to steal consecrated Hosts for the sake of rituals. If you see anyone walking away without having consumed the Sacred Host please alert one of the Ushers, the Sacristan—Anthony or Fr. Slawek.



MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, May 16

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Wednesday, May 17

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Tim Colaco req. by Linda & Zita Colaco.

Thursday, May 18

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Lillian Chicorli req. by Norma Zarotto.

Friday, May 19

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of deceased members of the Belisario family req. by the Belisario family.

Saturday, May 20

4:30p.m. Private Intentions.

Sunday, May 21

9 a.m. Intention to the Ascension of the Lord req. by Lulu.

11 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Bundle Up Collection May 27 - 28, 2023

Please let those gently used items you can do without benefit those our neighbours in need.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a non-profit charity whose volunteer members collect clothing, shoes and linens to donate, exchange for vouchers or sell in order to support our works of charity.

We collect clothing, shoes and linens. Please tie your donation bags to prevent spoiling.

Please drop of donations to volunteer at the truck/bin before of after Mass on the week-end of May 27/28, 2023.