

In today's Gospel the image of the Resurrected Jesus surprises us not with miracles or a show of power but by entering into the fear and doubt of a locked room. Jesus comes into the upper room with the breath of the Spirit and a message of Peace and forgiveness. Jesus greets his friends with the words "Peace be with you." He also says to them "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any they are retained." Eugene LaVerdiere wrote that the second sentence of the original text of this passage might be better translated, "If you do not forgive, they will never experience my mercy." The question might even be phrased: "If you don't forgive, who will?" Jesus' message of the nearness of God's Kingdom of love and mercy and his ministry of healing and reconciliation has not been changed by his death and resurrection. Rather it takes on urgency and challenges his followers to take up the same ministry. Jesus offers a greeting of peace before and after he shows the marks of his wounds. The mystery of the Cross and Resurrection is clothed in the radiance of God's Mercy. It is with this offer of Peace, that Jesus extends the gift of the Spirit and the grace of forgiveness. In a world marked by violence, poverty and alienation, God has put peace and mercy in our hands. It is within our ability to act out of this love. The offer of God's Peace will heal the brokenness in our lives and will give us the strength we need to bring healing to others. *If not you, then who?*



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**CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS**



Please keep in your prayers the young people who will be celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, as well as those preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people from Our Lady Of Lourdes School, as well as from our own Sacramental Catch-up

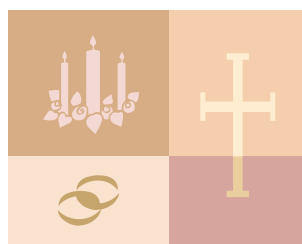
Class and Confirmation class will be celebrating the sacraments this month. May the blessing of God's gifts be profoundly experienced by all of them and their families at this wonderful time and may their faith continue to grow and deepen throughout their lives.

**Sacramental Preparation**

Are you hoping to have your child baptized in the near future? Are you looking to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage? Perhaps you, yourself are, or someone you know is considering becoming a Roman Catholic? For details on the process of preparation for any of the Sacraments, call the Parish Pastoral Centre at 416-924-6257.



**Engaged Encounter**



Your prayers are requested for members of our Parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. These engaged couples are meeting this weekend for the Engaged Encounter

Weekend. May this time be grace-filled for all those preparing for marriage and for the team couples helping to facilitate the weekend.

Come and celebrate MERCY SUNDAY in our parish. Join us today, **April 15<sup>th</sup>** after **the 1pm Sunday Mass**. There will be Eucharistic adoration, sung praise and worship and the Divine Mercy devotions. All are welcome.



**Jesuit Deaconate Ordinations**



On **Friday, April 27, 2012** the Jesuit Community will celebrate the Ordination to the Deaconate here at Our Lady Of Lourdes Church. **Trever Scott, S.J., and Henk van Meijel, S.J.** will be

ordained deacons on that evening. The Ordinations will be celebrated at **7:30 pm** here in the church and Most Reverend Vincent Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto will preside at the liturgy. All are welcome to join in the celebration!

**HIV – AIDS HEALING MASS SATURDAY APRIL 21**

Our usual third Saturday Mass for those affected by HIV-AIDS will be offered this **Saturday, April 21, at 7pm**. All are most welcome to attend.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, April 16

12:10 pm Georgio Porretta + [Family]  
5:15 pm Marcellina Mata + [Henry Cuaresma]

### Tuesday, April 17

12:10 pm Guadalupe & Ananias Velano + [Benedicto Family]  
5:15 pm Amy Federis' Intention [Amy Federis]

### Wednesday, April 18

12:10 pm Mrs. Nancy Eschweiller + [Clare Kavanagh]  
5:15 pm Antonio & Godofredo Caldillero + [Eva Caldillero]

### Thursday, April 19

12:10 pm Sr. Ma. Pacis Y. Cuadra + [Oliver Family]  
5:15 pm Spiritual Healing & Protection [Alexander Zoppas]

### Friday, April 20

12:10 pm All Souls in Purgatory [Oliver Family]  
5:15 pm Jeffrey Arota + [Zeny]

### Saturday, April 21

12:10 pm Ramon Romasanta Mantubig + [Sonia Suarez Mantubig]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

## SEEING WITH HEART CATHOLIC PARENTS OF LESBIAN DAUGHTERS & GAY SONS

Day of Reflection  
Saturday, June 16, 2012

9am – 5pm  
\$40 (includes lunch)




Scarboro Missions  
2685 Kingston Road, Toronto

For a Brochure and information call  
John Montague at 416-523-6449



**L'Arche Toronto's Bowl-A-Thon!**  
May 12th, 2012 at O'Connor Bowl

This is the **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bowl-A-Thon Fundraiser** for our community.

-  Enjoy bowling, a Loonie Draw, a Silent Auction in support of L'Arche Toronto.
-  Sign up and join us at O'Connor Bowl as a bowler and get pledges (online or offline) from friends & family members.
-  Call or email us today to reserve your spot if you want to be part of a bowling team.

Call Elizabeth (416) 406-2869 Ext 60, or email at [elizabeth@larchetoronto.org](mailto:elizabeth@larchetoronto.org) Go to our website to learn more: [www.larchetoronto.org](http://www.larchetoronto.org)



## AFRICA: CONTINENT OF HOPE Actors Changes Movements

Fr. Agbonkhianmeghe  
Orobator, S.J.

**Public Lecture @Loretto College**  
**(70 St. Mary Street)**  
**Wednesday, May 2 at 7pm**

Fr. Orobator is a Nigerian Jesuit priest and the Provincial of the Eastern African Province of the Society of Jesus. He is a renowned scholar and has spoken around the world on ethical and theological issues and on themes related to Church, religion and society in Africa. He is inspiring and insightful. The Presentation has been organized by Canadian Jesuits International and is presented with the support of the Loretto Sisters. All are Welcome!

## Pauline Book & Media Fair

Here at Our Lady Of Lourdes  
in Bernadette Hall,

**Saturday & Sunday April 21 & 22**  
before and after all of our Masses

*Catholic books, Bibles, Music CD's, DVD Movies, and More...* Be sure to stop by and see what's on display.

## Summer Fun at Marygrove Camp for Girls & Camp Ozanam for Boys

Marygrove Camp is a residential camp situated on Georgian Bay. The Camp season runs from June 30 to September 1. Open to eligible girls ages 6-13;

Marygrove provides an 8 day camping experience for children who may



not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. Camp Ozanam, located at the Scouts Canada Woodlands Trails site in Stouffville Ontario, is

open to eligible boys ages 7-12 with a camp season running from August 3 to August 30. Campers participate in a full range of activities, including swimming, canoeing, crafts, drama, sports, co-operative games, cook-outs, sleepovers, hikes, star gazing and camp fires. Families who are experiencing financial or domestic hardship at this time, may register by calling St. Vincent de Paul at 416-924-4905.