



ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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“To transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice”

- Parish Mission Statement

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

April 8, 2018

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Pastor

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Pastoral Associate responsible for Liturgical Music Ministry

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Pastoral Associate responsible for Children's Faith Formation

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Operational Business Manager

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Living Waters Columbarium - Director of Sales, Marketing & Promotions

Reg & Jane Todd

Custodial

Mass Intentions for Holy Week

MONDAY, April 9, 2018

No Mass

TUESDAY, April 10, 2018

6:00-6:45 p.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 p.m. Liturgy – Novena Mass in Honour of St. Gianna

Intention: + Ramon Carlo Umbal / Zenaída Umbal

WEDNESDAY, April 11, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Memorial - St. Stanislaus

Intention: + Ana Moraga Riffo / Marcela Decebal-Cuza

THURSDAY, April 12, 2018

1:00 p.m. Liturgy at Lindenwood Terrace - Ferial

Intention: + Inocentes Epres / Marilou Epres

FRIDAY, April 13, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial

Intention: + Lucille Gurr / Fr. Darrin

SATURDAY, April 14, 2018 - Third Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. Liturgy

Intention: + Dwight Solon / Gisele Solon

SUNDAY, April 15, 2018 - Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: + Wanda Klim / Regis & Wendy Labossière

11:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners



Remembering Those Entombed or Memorialized in Living Waters Columbarium:

April 9 - Ramon 'Archie' Umbal

April 11 - Theodore Okrainec

April 12 - Gabriel Perera



Should we be a little easier on Thomas? The last few days have been a whirlwind. On Thursday, a Passover celebration went horribly awry as Jesus was betrayed and taken into custody for unstated crimes. Less than 24 hours later, the simple arrest has turned into a death sentence to be carried out that very afternoon. Most of the disciples fled, including Thomas. He would have heard of the events of Good Friday secondhand, in shock over the death of his Lord and Master. Then Sunday morning arrives with joy from a few disciples—Jesus is risen! But there is no persistent sight of him, only Mary Magdalene’s quick moment in the garden and an empty tomb. Another day passes. The Apostles are gathered that Monday night, but Thomas is absent. He returns to a jubilant report of the risen Lord. Again, Thomas has seen nothing.

The experience must have been surreal. Did Jesus really appear raised from the dead? Did he really suffer and die? Has all of this been some strange hoax? Desperate for an answer, Thomas insists, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

After his resurrection, Jesus’ body—mangled and bloody from the crucifixion—is restored. Did it need the scars? A perfected body would have taught us one lesson: everything is renewed as it once was, the past erased. Jesus chooses another lesson, however. He retains his scars that we might know him. In the whirlwind of our lives, we make our own mistakes, our own betrayals and compromises. In the resurrected Jesus, we see a God who does not forget his own sorrow. We are invited to meet him—wound for wound—and place our hand on his own nail-scarred palm, the eternal sign of his everlasting mercy.

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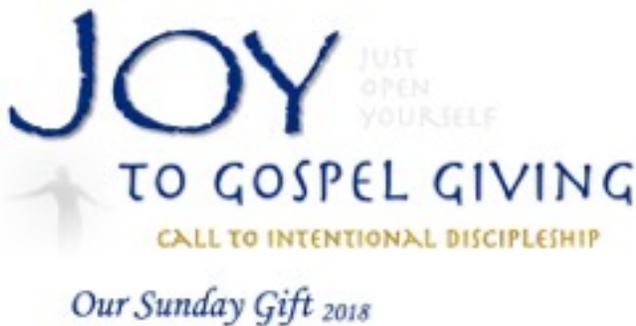
Jesus appears to his disciples and says

"Peace be with you" and breathes on them, the gift of the Holy Spirit. Just like Mary Magdalene in last week's gospel, Thomas, his disciple does not initially believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. Only in the action of putting his fingers in Jesus' wounds, did Thomas believe that Jesus was really alive! Jesus tells us that you do not have to see him to believe in him.

Why do you think Jesus came to his disciples? What are some things that help us to believe in Jesus?



- Pflaum Gospel Weeklies



Thank you to all parishioners who have renewed their Stewardship of Treasure Commitment for 2018.

Sunday's Offertory - April 1, 2018

Pre-Authorized Giving:	\$ 14,000.00
Noah's Buddies / Youth	\$ 4.00
Loose:	\$ 8,214.35
Votives:	\$ 253.85
Novena Mass	\$ 358.65
Shrine Donation	\$ 10.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$ 3,526.85
TOTAL:	\$ 26,367.70



Open House - Living Waters Columbarium

This Sunday, April 8, 2018 - 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The first of its kind in Canada, Living Waters Columbarium was consecrated by Most Reverend Archbishop Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg, in September 2014. Entombment is within a living, praying community of faith, where the beloved dead are perpetually remembered within the liturgy of the Church. With options for single, double and family entombment, as well as memorial inscriptions, the columbarium brings the dignity of life and death into one.

Parish Feast Day - Tuesday, April 24

The Feast of our parish patroness Saint Gianna, will be celebrated on Tuesday, **April 24th**, within the context of our **7:00 p.m. Novena Mass**. This year, Archbishop Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg, will join our feast celebrations. A light reception will follow.



Do You Know...?

Fr. Darrin is always open and eager to join parishioners, their family or a group of parishioners for coffee, lunch or dinner, either in their home or at a restaurant. This is a wonderful way for everyone to get to know each other better. If you wish to extend an invitation to Fr. Darrin, please contact him via the parish office at 204-488-3977 or stgianna@mymts.net.



Kerygma - It's Up to You!

- Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex

The next Kerygma (adult learning) session will take place on Thursday, **April 26** at 7:00 pm. No topic has been set for this session in order to give participants an opportunity to have their topics and questions about our faith and church practices addressed. If you wish to have a topic or question addressed, **please submit it by April 16** to Fr. Darrin via email entitled 'Kerygma question' to stgianna@mymts.net. All submissions will be kept confidential and only the topic or question will be presented in the session. Topics and questions selected will be posted one week prior to the session.



Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All are invited to participate in this chain of prayer by visiting our Perpetual Adoration Chapel of the Divine Mercy on any Thursday. Four prayer themes have been chosen to be the focus of the various Thursdays in the month:

The **first Thursday** of the Month will focus on:
An increase of Vocations to the Priesthood.

The **second Thursday** of the Month will focus on:
Supporting seminarians in preparation for the Priesthood,

The **third Thursday** of the Month will focus on:
Praying for priests currently serving our Church,

The **fourth Thursday** of the Month will focus on:
An increase of Vocations to Religious life.

The **fifth Thursday** of the Month (if one occurs) will focus on:
Families and the creation of a culture of Vocation.



St. Christopher Apostolate - Drivers Wanted

A number of our parishioners are in need of regular transportation in order to join us for Sunday Liturgy. If you are open to participating in this special ministry, please contact the parish office: 204-488-3977.

New Parishioners Orientation Session - May 6

Our next New Parishioner Orientation Session has been scheduled for **Sunday, May 6th** in the narthex, immediately following our 11:00am liturgy. This 90 minute session provides a wonderful way to learn more about our parish community, the opportunities for faith formation and ministry involvement, as well as to learn about the unique charism that we hold as a community of Christian disciples under the patronage of St. Gianna Beretta Molla. To pre-register for this event, please fill out a membership request form at the visitor's information table and hand it to one of the ministers of hospitality or include it in the Sunday Offertory. We are eager to welcome and count those who worship with us as registered members of our parish community.



Infant Baptisms at St. Gianna's Parish

The celebration of Infant Baptism is always an extraordinary event at St. Gianna's. Celebrated within the context of the Sunday liturgy, it is truly a transformative event. If you are a registered parishioner of St. Gianna's and wish to celebrate your baby's Baptism in this community, you are asked to participate in a baptismal formation session in preparation for the baptismal event. Below are the upcoming celebrations planned for 2018, along with their formation sessions. To request baptism, please contact the parish office or see Fr. Darrin in person. **The next celebration of Baptism:**

Sunday, June 3rd - at the 10:00 a.m. liturgy

- *Baptismal formation for this celebration will be held on May 26th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

****All baptismal preparation sessions will be held in the lower level meeting room of the church.*

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