Religious Service Directory

EASTER - A REMINDER OF GOD'S LOVE

Many of Milton's finest have forwarded inspirational stories to me that have touched my emotions, bringing a smile to my face or a tear to my eye. I regularly endeavor to authenticate the truth of any motivational illustration I may share, but cannot always do so. If anybody knows who may have originally written the following story and confirm its verity, I would appreciate your assistance. You may email me at newlife@globalserve.net.

After a few of the usual Sunday evening hymns, the church's pastor slowly stood up, walked over to the pulpit and, before he gave his sermon for the evening, briefly introduced a guest minister who was in the service. In the introduction, the pastor told the congregation that the guest minister was one of his dearest childhood friends and that he wanted him to have a few moments to greet the church and share whatever he felt would be appropriate for the service.

With that, an elderly man stepped up to the pulpit and began to

"A father, his son, and a friend of his son were sailing off the Pacific Coast," he began, "when a fast approaching storm blocked any attempt to get back to the shore. The waves were so high, that even though the father was an experienced sailor, he could not keep the boat upright and the three were swept into the ocean as the boat capsized."

The old man hesitated for a moment, making eye contact with two teenagers who were, for the first time since the service began, looking somewhat interested in his story. The aged minister continued with his story, "grabbing a rescue line, the father had to make the most excruciating decision of his life; to which boy he would throw the other end of the life line. He only had seconds to make the decision. The father knew that his son was a Christian and he also knew that his son's friend was not. The agony of his decision could not be matched by the torrent of waves. As the father yelled out, "I love you, son!" he threw out the life line to his son's friend. By the time the father had pulled the friend back to the capsized boat, his son had disappeared beneath the raging swells into the black of night... his body was never recovered.

By this time, the two teenagers were sitting up straight in the pew, anxiously waiting for the next words to come out of the old minister's mouth.

"The father," he continued, "knew his son would step into eternity with Jesus and he could not bear the thought of his son's friend stepping into an eternity without Jesus. Therefore, he sacrificed his son to save the son's friend. How great is the love of God that he should do the same for us. Our Heavenly Father sacrificed His Only Begotten Son that we could be

saved. I urge you to accept His offer to rescue you and take a hold of the life line He is throwing out to you in this service."

...with that, the old man turned and sat back down in his chair as silence filled the room.

The pastor again walked slowly to the pulpit and delivered a brief sermon with an invitation at the end. However, no one responded to the appeal. Within minutes after the service ended, the two teenagers were at the old man's side. "That was a nice story," politely stated one of the boys, "but I don't think it was very realistic for a father to give up his only son's life in hopes that the other boy would become a Christian."

"Well, you've got a point there," the old man replied, glancing down at his worn bible. A big smile broadened his narrow face, he once again looked up at the boys and said, "it sure isn't very realistic, is it? But, I'm standing here today to tell you that story gives me a glimpse of what it must have been like for God to give up His Son for me. You see --- I was that father and your pastor is my son's friend."

Easter's message is one of divine sacrifice! God so loved the world that He gave His Son... He wrote the words, I love you, in letters of crimson on the side of Mount Calvary. Discover anew the depths of God's great love by visiting a local church this weekend. Service times and locations are published in the directory below.

Submitted by Reverend Dan Rogge, Senior Pastor of New Life Church, Milton



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EASTER SUNDAY

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HOLY ROSARY ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH 139 Martin Street Milton, ON

Holy Thursday - March 28 Mass of the Lord's Supper - 8:00 p.m.

905-878-6535

Good Friday - March 29 Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.

Children's Passion Celebration 1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m.

> Holy Saturday - March 30 Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. Morning Prayer and Blessing of Easter Foods - 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday - March 31 The Solemnity of the Resurrection of **Our Lord Masses** 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

ST. PETER CHURCH 9th Line & Britannia

Palm Sunday - March 24 9:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday - March 31 9:00 a.m.

Rev. David Wilhelm, Pastor Rev. Damian Schofield, Associate

HAPPY EASTER

MILTON GOSPEL HALL 306 Ontario St. N. • 878-3873

10:00 a.m. - The Lord's Supper 11:45 a.m. - Sunday School 6:30 p.m. - Gospel Service

> Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study

Jesus, who is own self bare our sins in his body on the tree. 1st Peter 2.24



The Salvation **Army Church** Milton

11:00 am - Morning Worship 11:00 am Sunday School

> 100 Nipissing Road, Unit 3 Pastor:

> > **Major Susanne Fisher**

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Millon Baptist Church

900 Nipissing Rd. (905) 875-1626

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Thursday 6:45 p.m.

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Schedule of Services **GOOD FRIDAY** COMMUNION 10 am -

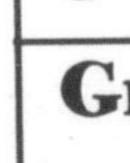
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EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

9 am -Early Worship Service

9:30 am - Sunday School 10:45 am -

Second Worship Service (Captioned for Deaf/Hard of Hearing)



Grace Anglican Church

317 Main St. E., Milton the Church on the Hill Tel. 878-2411 Fax 878-3005 www.welcome.to/Grace.Milton

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00 am - Holy Communion 10:00 am - Sung Eucharist

Rev. Dr. Mark McDermott

Church School & Coffee Hour **THURSDAY**

10:00 am Holy Communion

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