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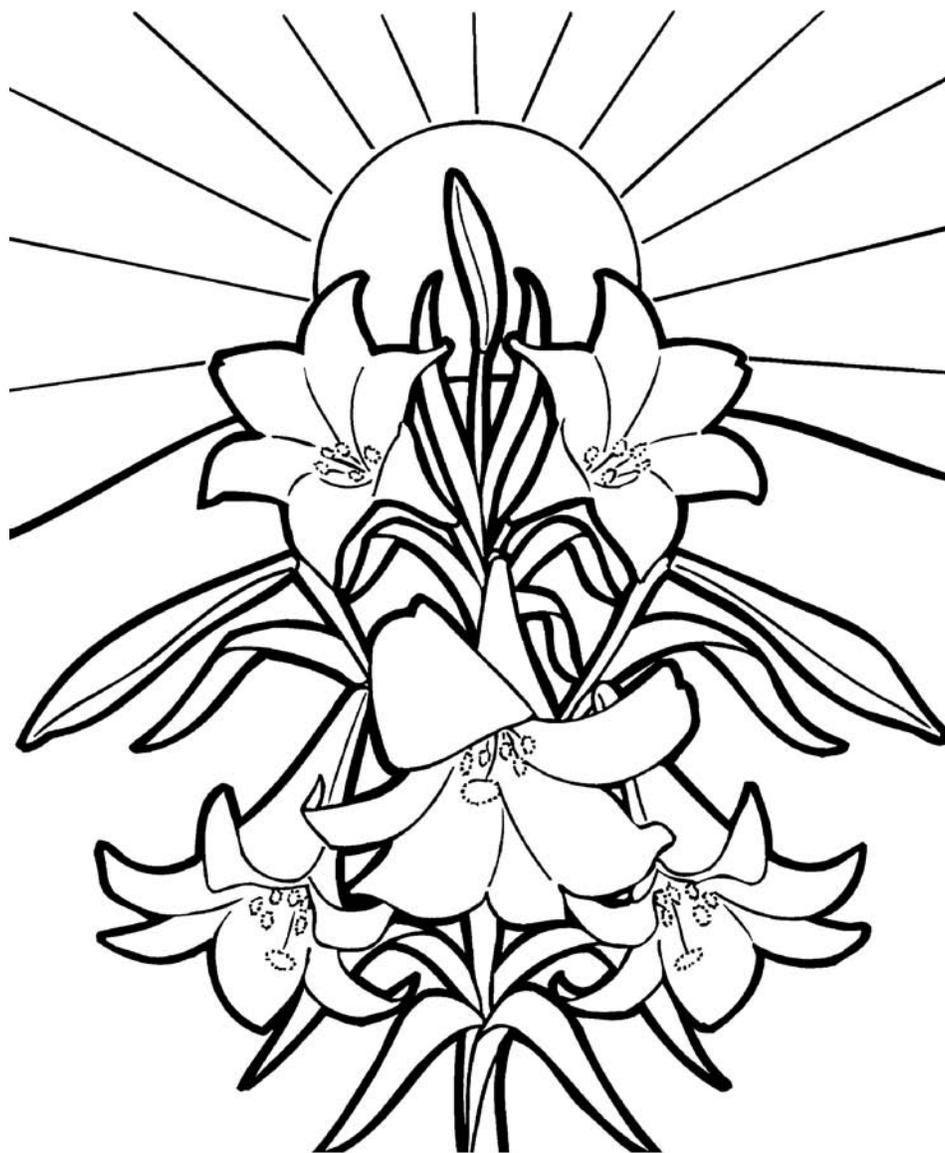
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**The Lord has Risen,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

EASTER SUNDAY

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*"According to the Scripture:
Jesus must rise from the dead."*

*Christ
is
Risen!*

EASTER GREETING

May the power of the Lord Jesus' resurrection touch each of our lives this Easter and renew us and our families in the power of Christ's love, mercy and compassion

On behalf of the priests and the parish staff, I would like to wish you and your families a peaceful and joyful Easter Season.

— Fr. Jude Coyle

EASTER SEASON

The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them "the great Sunday." Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing.

Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord April 4, 2021

Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings

 Our parish's first ShareLife collection will be held in two weeks, on the weekend of April 18th. The campaign goal ShareLife has set for our parish this year is \$110,000.00.

More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are funded through your generous support. Without our support, the 150,000 people who are helped each year would not receive the hope and healing offered through the important work of these agencies.

At Easter we give thanks to Our Lord for the everlasting love He gave us through his life and Resurrection. Thankful for our blessings, in our ShareLife campaign we are asked to live the Gospel by making our own sacrificial gift to support those in need.

Thank you for your generous support of ShareLife.

Please **DO NOT** enter the church if you have been in contact with a COVID-19 positive individual over the past two weeks OR if you have a cold and any of COVID-19 symptoms, which include:

Fever, Chills, Sore Throat, Shortness of Breath, Loss of Taste or Smell, Sneezing or Coughing, and Diarrhea.

REGISTER FOR MASS!

Please book your seat for Weekday and Sunday Mass. You can visit the parish website at www.bvmtoronto.com to register each week or call to register over phone.

Only voicemails left during office hours regarding mass registrations will be answered.

Weekday Mass Registration opens every Friday at 10AM.

Sunday Mass Registration opens every Monday at 10AM.

The office is accepting phone calls on **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:30AM-12PM and 1PM-2PM.**

Office CLOSED on Easter Monday, April 5

- Provide each attendee's name if you are booking more than one ticket for your family members.
- Due to limited space in the church, please only book **one Mass** for each day that you wish to attend.
- If you are unable to attend, please cancel your reservation online or contact the parish office during office hours.
- Masks or face coverings are mandatory. A Face shield is not a replacement of a mask according to City of Toronto by-law.
- Please come early, at least 10 minutes before Mass. **Church doors close when Mass begins.**

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Due to the "lockdown" stage (Grey), the Archdiocese has limited the number of hours staff can be in the office. The office is prioritizing mass registration only for parishioners who do not have access to the internet or computer.

If you have wi-fi/internet either on your mobile phone or at home, please register yourself online for the Mass you wish to attend.

Voicemails outside of office hours should be for urgent matters only, not mass registrations.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER MONDAY—APRIL 5

The Parish office is closed on Monday, April 5 and Mass will be celebrated at 9AM only. Please book your seat online at www.bvmtoronto.com

First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting 2

Virtual First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting: Wednesday, April 7th at 7PM

The link to the meeting has been sent to the parents' whose children are enrolled in the program this year. Please check your email or junk folder. If you do not receive it, please contact the office.



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

April 3—April 10

In loving memory of **Antonio Figueira**.
So deeply loved, missed and eternally cherished.
Requested by Dad, Mom,
your loving sister Kerry Ann and your brother-in-law Lucio

In loving memory of our mother, **Zachia Morales**.
Will deeply missed and eternally cherished.
Requested by your children Jimmy, Gemma (Dennis), Budwin, Robert, Sally and your grandchildren.

In loving memory of **Louis Figueira**.
May you have eternal rest in our Lord's house. You may be gone, but never forgotten. Forever in our hearts, Dennis, Gemma, Kerry-Ann and Lucio.

In loving memory of **Angela O'Connor**.
May you have eternal rest in our Lord's house. You may be gone, but never forgotten. Forever in our hearts, Dennis, Gemma, Kerry-Ann and Lucio.
Requested by Dennis Figueira and Family.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!



Our parish has been blessed with amazing volunteers who donated their time and talents to allow us to reopen our parish and celebrate mass safely. Without their generosity and presence, we would not be able to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist and Holy Week Ceremonies safely.

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth and divine to the human.

A blessed night indeed, when God's love overcame the finality of death to raise Jesus to life. Jesus' humanity was defeated by hatred and fear and succumbed to the grip of death. But in an instant, that defeated humanity was suffused with divine Love and resurrected, because God's love is greater than hatred, fear, sin or even death. And now Jesus' resurrected humanity is forever integrated inseparably within the Divinity.

Thus we can take courage from the words of the Angel to the women at the tomb, "Do not be afraid." What is there to fear when our God has accepted our humanity as an integral element of the Divine? What can defeat us when God's love is so much more powerful than death? Surely the only legitimate response we can have is that of the women, filled with awe and great joy.

On this most blessed night, as we contemplate the empty tomb, let us allow ourselves to be overwhelmed with awe and joy at the extraordinary power of Love. Let us pray that the Lord will banish fear from our lives, so that we may live everyday in the joy of the Resurrection!



"The event of Christ's death and Resurrection [is] the heart of Christianity, principal fulcrum of our faith, powerful lever of our certainty, impetuous wind that sweeps away every fear and indecision, every doubt and human calculation."

Pope Benedict XVI—October 19, 2006





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