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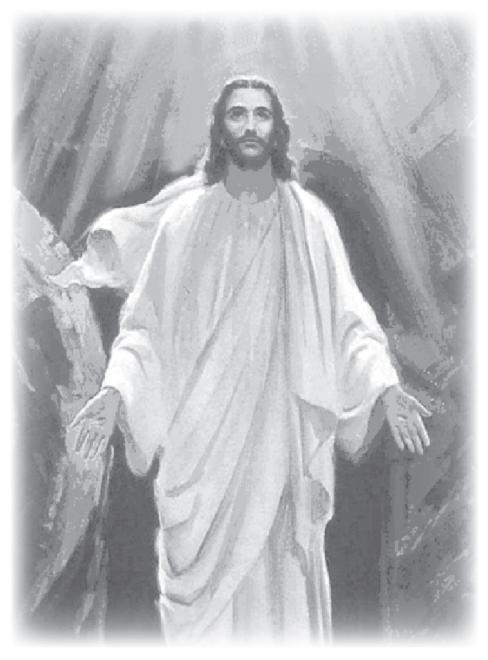
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Christ is Risen!

#### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION



#### Monday, April 1 Easter Monday

8:00 Nancy & Nick Di Paolo req. by John Di Paul Aliette Svoboda req. by Friends

#### Tuesday, April 2

**8:00** Hugh, Felicitas & William Hockton *req. by the Family* Edith Vigh; Bettieanne & Frank Buck *req. by the Family* 

10am St. Mary & St. Patrick School Mass

#### Wednesday, April 3

8:00 Scott Balfour req. by Mom & Dad Peppino Paonessa req. by the Family

#### Thursday, April 4

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society World Peace

#### Friday, April 5

8:00 Robert & Erika Bell req. by Fr. Gerard John F. Power req. by Fr. Gerard

#### Saturday, April 6

**5:00** Frances Campaner *req. by the Campaner Family* Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family* 

#### Sunday, April 7 Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 People of the Parish

**9:30** Addison Kneller req. by Mom & Dad Leo Ruberto req. by Teresa Ruberto

**11:30** Immacolata Luciano *req. by Children & Grandchildren*Maria & Clemente Della Marca *req. by Enzo D & Joanne S & Families* 

#### 2024 Church Envelopes & 2023 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. If you are here at Mass on the weekends, they are on the Radiators at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

**TRIVIA NIGHT...**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, in the Hall. Doors open at 6pm, Trivia starts at 6:30pm. \$20 a person, includes Pizza. Maximum 8 people per table. To purchase tickets and/or table, please call the Church Office at 905-354-7451 or text /call Maggie at 905-246-6212. 50/50 draw, beer, wine, pop & water for sale. Deadline for tickets is April 14, 2024

Prom Donations.....We are looking for donations of gently used prom dresses (formal dresses), men's shirts, pants/suits and accessories to help out students at our local high schools. Anything is greatly appreciated. Donations are being collected until May 1<sup>st</sup>. For any questions call Mary at 905-359-2975 <a href="mailto:mcsimplegirl@gmail.com">mcsimplegirl@gmail.com</a>
Donations can be dropped off at Vincent's Store at 5970 Lundy's Lane (Tuesday-Saturday), or at St. Patrick Church any time.

Knights of Columbus Hennepin Council 1652 Spaghetti Dinner...

on Friday, April 12, 2024 4:00 – 7:00pm at the Columbus Club Hall, 6990 Stanley Ave. *Menu:* Salad, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Dessert, Coffee & Tea \$12 per Adult / \$6 12 yrs & under



Project Share is looking for <u>Volunteers</u> in their Food Room and Warehouse. If you can commit to 3.5hrs a week for at least 6 months, please

consider helping them out. The Hours of Operation are Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 3:30pm. Contact Karen Misek at 365-880-4726 or email volunteer@projectshare.ca

For more details, please read the Posters on the Church Bulletin Boards at either the Back or Side entrances of the Church.

Please pray for those who are ill. We are currently updating our sick list. This will be limited to parishioners and family members who are hospitalized or chronically ill. Please be advised that only an immediate family member can request a name to be added to this list.

Mary Power, Norm Scott, Gerry Cormier, Helen Korce, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Charlene Shannon, Jim Crowley, Toni Brideau, Sherry Wales, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Michael DelGrande, Leila Khan, David Gallina, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, Antoinette Vescio, Nancy Waters, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Isabell Frost, Missy Bilotta, Flori Heimbigner, Rita Ross, Anna Hunt, Leroy Collee, Jeannette Fabian, Leon French, Tony Cuviello, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Judy, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, D.D., William JA DeFoe, Estelle Critelli, Betty Crete, Sister Prem, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Karen Bradley, Norma Zanus, Jadwiga Wozniak, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Bob Marshall, Arlene Collee, Danielle Barranca, John Calder, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Kerrie Szuch, Pasquale Abrunzo, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Francesco Albanese, Mary Jo O'Kell, Maria Guerin, Carmella Modenti, Michelle Price, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Fran Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Walter Wallace, Vanessa Athoe, Faith Amadio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Pepper Martin Jr, Marie Brooker, Brian Boudreau, Samuel Potapczyk Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

#### Collections

March 24: \$7,104.24 Giving Bowl (to date) \$7,313.20 Development & Peace: \$1,475.00 Many thanks for your generosity!

#### Children Sacramental Date 2024

First Communion: Sunday, April 28, 2024@ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

#### Baptism Schedule for 2024

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday April 21, May 26, June 23, July 21, Aug 18, Sept 22, Oct 20 & Nov 24. A mandatory meeting for <u>Parents and Godparents</u> will be held in the Church on Tuesday, April 16, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8 & Nov 12 at 7:00 pm.

Sacrament of Baptism...Congratulations on the birth of your child! If you wish to have your child baptized, please register in the parish (if you haven't already done so). One of the parents must come into the parish office, meet with the pastor or his designate, so we can complete the proper forms, and gather the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a mandatory evening of preparation for parents and Godparents!

Parish Registration Please help keep our records up to date! You may I form to the parish office or place it in the collection.	oring this
Name:	
Address:	
City:PostalCode:	
Telephone:	
I am new in the parish and wish to register	
I wish to use contribution envelopes	
I have recently moved	
I have changed my phone number	
We have married & wish to update our information	

#### The Pastor's Pen

#### Dear Friends:

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!!! On behalf of our parish, I wish you a very *Happy and Blessed Easter!* What a glorious day, one of the most joyful days in our Christian faith... in our Church year! We cannot help but shout and sing *ALLELUIA*! Christ is risen... Christ is alive! Death is robbed of its sting... the grave is defeated!



We come to the tomb with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John ... and we expect to find death. [After all, look what happened on Good Friday]. But instead, we find new life! He is not there... he is RISEN! Alleluia! History is now filled with the resurrected presence of Christ. Death has been swallowed up by life. It is only through faith that we can accept

this mystery, and live our lives as Easter People. As St. Augustine said, "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song."

The world needs to hear Good News! There's so much bleakness, upheaval and tragedy. Fresh in our minds is the devastation of the war between Russia and Ukraine, between Israel and Hamas, the war in Sudan, and the civil unrest in Haiti. So many innocent people are being killed and injured. May the Resurrected Christ breathe PEACE across those lands. We remember all who are suffering.

This is a day when we can ask ourselves, What holds me back from resurrection-living? In what ways is Easter calling me to a new life... calling me to change? Good Friday showed us a tremendous sacrifice from a tremendous God! The world did the worst thing possible to Jesus. Now we have a chance to do the best thing possible for Him... live a life filled with his resurrected presence.

My prayer for all of us on this Glorious Easter Day, and during this 50-Day Easter Season, is that the Risen Christ will transform our lives. As we renew our Baptismal Promises, may we bring the joy from our Church into our families and into our communities! We have the power to transform the world! Jesus is alive! He is our Saviour, our Redeemer. And He is with us always. Whatever life throws at us, give it over to Him, place it in His Sacred Hands! Let us say not merely, "Christ is risen," but that, "I will do my best to live for HIM and spread this Good News" Many blessings for the Easter Season!

#### Fr. Gerard



- $\dots$  The very first Easter taught us that life never ends and love never dies.
- ... The great gift of Easter is hope.
- ...God takes away even the hardest stones against which our hopes and expectations crash: death, sin, fear, worldliness. *Pope Francis*
- ...They who seek not the Cross of Christ seek not the glory of Christ. St. John of the Cross. Carmelite



#### Welcome with Great Joy

This Easter we praise and thank God for those who are celebrating Sacraments of Initiation in our Community: Paul Danku, Cathy Condina, Betty Nalezinski, Addison Prentice & Icka Merilo. Congratulations and Best Wishes as you continue to live out your faith on this wonderful journey. May God bless you all!

#### Happy Easter in your Native Tongue!

عيد فصح Happy Easter! Joyeuses Pâques; Buona Pasqua; Fish sa'id ; اسعيد ; El Maseeh Qam; Prospera Pascha sit; Felices Pascuas; Pasg Hapus; Wesolych swiat; Chuc Mung Phuc Sinh; A Chaisg sona; eyd fash saeid; Geseende Paasfees; Gezuar Pashket; Kuhreestos harryav ee merrelotz; Ondo izan Bazko garaian; Subh iistar; Maogmang Pagkabuhay na Liwat ni Kristo; Si Kristo ay nabuhay; Pask Seder; Felices Pasques; Felis Pasqua; Fu huo jie kuai le; Pask Lowen; Kristus ag ungwektag; Sretan Uskrs; Vesele Velikonoce; Glædelig Paske; Gelukkig Paasfest; Vrolijk Pasen; Felican Paskon; Glethilig paskir; Hyvaa Paasiaista; Buine Pasche; Frohe Ostern; Schoni Oschtere; Boas Pascuas; Kalo Pascha; E olelo malie; Boldog Husveti Unnepeket; Kellemes Husveti Unnepeket; Chag pesach same ach; Subh Istar; Glethilega paska; Selamat Paskah; Caisc Shona Dhuit; Linksmu Velyku; Priecigas Lieldienas; Schein Ouschteren; L-Ghid it-tajjeb; Caisht sonney dhyt; Subh istar; God paske; Bonas Pascas; Eide pak mobarak; Boa Pascoa; Istar khusianvala hove; Schtsjastlivyje Paschi; Paste Fericit; Hristos a inviat; Hristos voskrese; Glad Pask; Milostiplne prezitie Velkonocnych sviatkov; Vesele velikonocne praznike; Mutlo (eller Hos) Paskalya; Maligayang pasko ng pagkabuhay; Lek me echan ti ta kuxul orae; Lesustanazali yofik; E ku Ayo Ajinde; A fraylekhn Pesah; IPhasika elijabulayo.

#### Family Prayer for Easter Dinner

Dear Lord: With great joy, we come to our Easter dinner. We continue our celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. We rejoice also in the resurrection of spring, as birds, flowers and fields, and trees, come alive after the long sleep of winter. May we share with them the great joy of life. Thank you Lord for gathering our family together today to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and the precious gift he gave to us on the Cross. We thank you for this meal. Please bless the hands that prepared it, bless our family, bless our home, and help all those who hunger for food this day! AMEN

#### Song-Related Easter Puns for Those Old Enough

Can anybody find me some-bunny to love? Every bunny was kung fu fighting. I'm so egg-cited and I just can't hide it. I wanna dance with some-bunny.

#### Kids Contest: Guess all 5- You'll win a Prize

- 1. What kind of jewelry does the Easter Bunny wear?
- 2. What happened to the Easter Bunny when he misbehaved at school?
- 3. How does the Easter Bunny stay healthy?
- 4. Where does the Easter Bunny study medicine? (parents can help@)
- 5. Why did the Easter Bunny have on a hat?

Project Share

for our ongoing

(Submit your answers to Fr. Gerard on Easter Sunday!)

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Our Community At Work

sends a big thank-you generosity! Please

continue to bring food items to the church, especially soups, canned vegetables, ketchup, pasta sauce, peanut butter, lunch snacks (cheese and crackers, nutri-grain bars, tuna, etc. Many people in Niagara depend on our generosity! "Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

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