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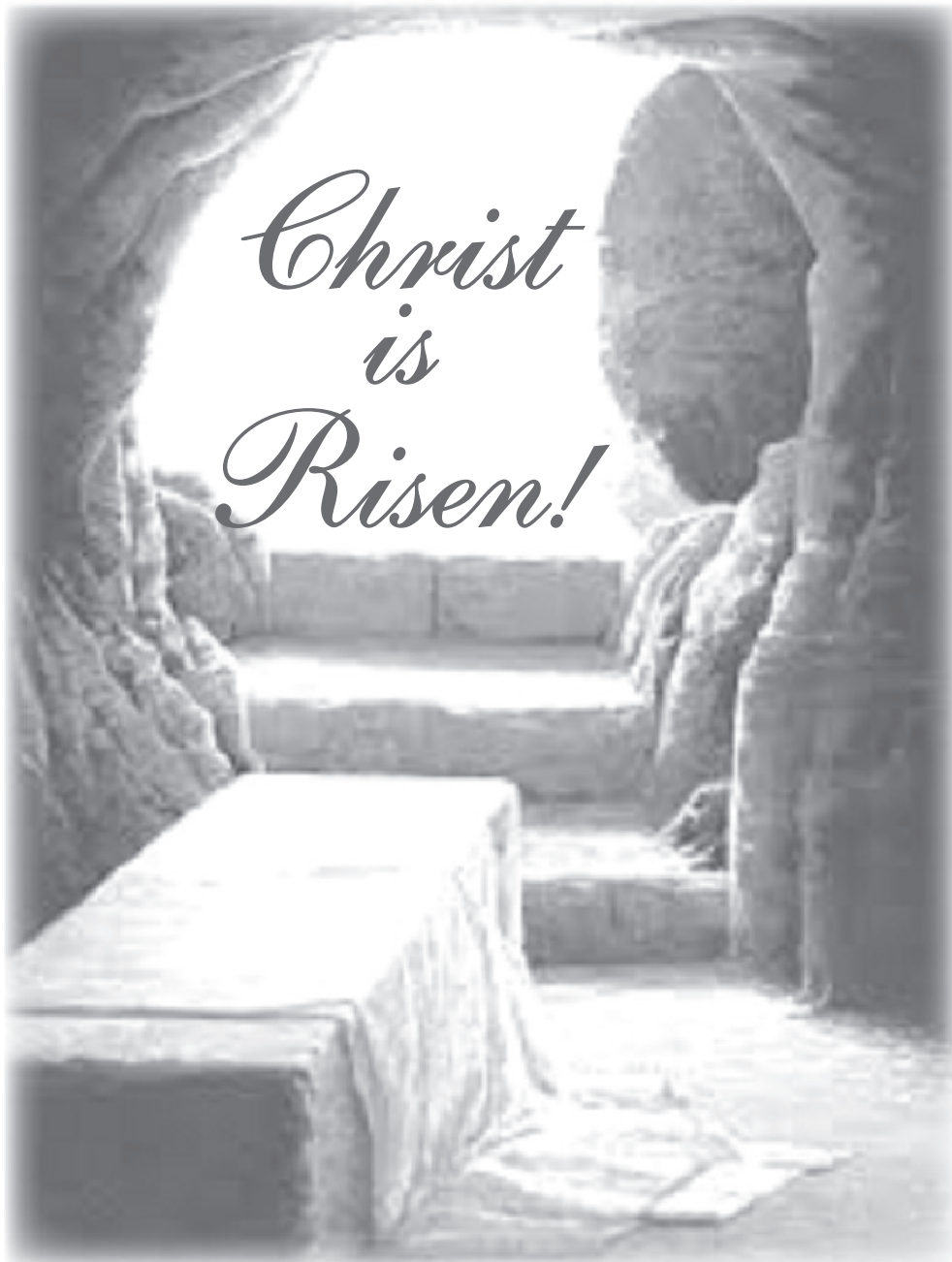
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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

CHRIST IS RISEN!
Alleluia!

**MAY THE VICTORY OF
THE RISEN CHRIST AND HIS
CONQUERING OVER DEATH BRING
PEACE AND HAPPINESS TO YOU AND
THOSE YOU MOST HOLD DEAR!**

*Wishing you a
Happy and Blessed Easter
from Fr. Bob and the Parish Staff*

Why is this Easter Different?

Every Easter is different... not because we are celebrating anything other than Christ's resurrection, but each Easter provides us with a new chance to open our hearts wide to take in the Good News!

This is the Easter when...

The breath of Christ's peace got past my objections.

I saw new life in those around me.

I realized I have a real vocation to serve the Good News.

The promise of life with God lit up my heart.

I let God heal my most troubling wounds.

I awoke to the joy of the responsibility to make Christ known.

I joined myself to the healing and mercy of Christ for the sake of others.

The disciples of Jesus also experienced the same kind of challenge... to hear Christ revealing Himself and to latch on to the implications of what that means. They were attracted and

some were called directly by Christ. They were drawn to remain with Him, but they still carried their earlier assumptions about themselves, the world and their relationship with God. Like us, they wanted both something new and something familiar. In Lent we heard that initial shock that Jesus' destiny was to suffer and to die. How could this be? It defied all expectations. The pain of those words overshadowed what Jesus said next... "and to rise again". That was beyond their comprehension. Jesus, true God and true Man – can we believe that our very being is changed, that we are longer ruled by sin and death but now share in Jesus' work of reconciliation?

Lord, help us to find no reasons for not believing! With Your help we can bring healing to the world in Your Name.

May this Easter be a new Easter for all of us!

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NEWS

Parish Collection Summary

April	2023	2022	Diff
Last Wkd	\$ 5,646	\$ 2,418	↑ \$ 3,229
Mth Total	\$ 5,646	\$ 16,787	↓ \$ 11,140

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Office Closed for Easter Holidays



The parish office will be closed on Monday, April 9th and Tuesday, April 10th for the Easter holidays. Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday.

Coffee Socials Returns!



After a long hiatus, we are pleased to announce the much anticipated return of our Coffee Socials.

The parish's Social Committee will host our first Coffee Social on Saturday, April 22nd, following the 4:30 pm Mass and Sunday, April 23rd, following the 8:30 am and 11 am Masses in our parish hall. All are welcome and encouraged to stop by for coffee, tea or a sweet treat, and stay for friendly conversations with fellow parishioners!

Welcome to St. Paul's Basilica!



Welcome to all those visiting St. Paul's Basilica Parish. We are happy to have you with us and extend a warm and caring invitation to you to consider joining our parish and becoming a member of our faith community. Take a moment to fill out a parish registration form, available at the back of the Church, and leave it in the collection basket or at the parish office.

If you are curious about the building and its history, booklets, including a self-guided tour, are available near the entrances.

Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord

Show your love by giving to ShareLife



Jesus' love for us invites us to give to others, especially those most in need. ShareLife agencies continue to support the most vulnerable in our community through services that are only possible through your kind and generous donations.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online through our parish website. A blessed Easter to you all!

Mass Intentions

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for:

Giuliana Marrelli

Saturday, April 8

4:30 pm ♦

Sunday, April 9

8:30 am ♦ † Cynthia Nunes de Freitas Farias & † Jose Alfredo de Freitas Neto

11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, April 11

5:00 pm ♦ † Violeta Gabriel

Wednesday, April 12

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, April 13

5:00 pm ♦ † Patrick Mullen

Friday, April 14

5:00 pm ♦

Mass of Celebration to Welcome Archbishop Francis Leo

Tuesday, April 11th at 7 pm;

Blessed Trinity Parish, 3220 Bayview Ave



Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place on April 11th at 7 pm at Blessed Trinity Parish. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

Native Peoples' Mission

St. Ann's Parish, 120 First Ave., Toronto



Are you Indigenous and Catholic? Did you know that St. Ann's Parish in Toronto is home to the Archdiocese of Toronto's Native Peoples' Mission? They offer an enculturated weekly Sunday Mass at 12:30 p.m. that honours traditional spirituality. All are welcome. More information at nativepeoplesmission.archtoronto.org. Miigwech.



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