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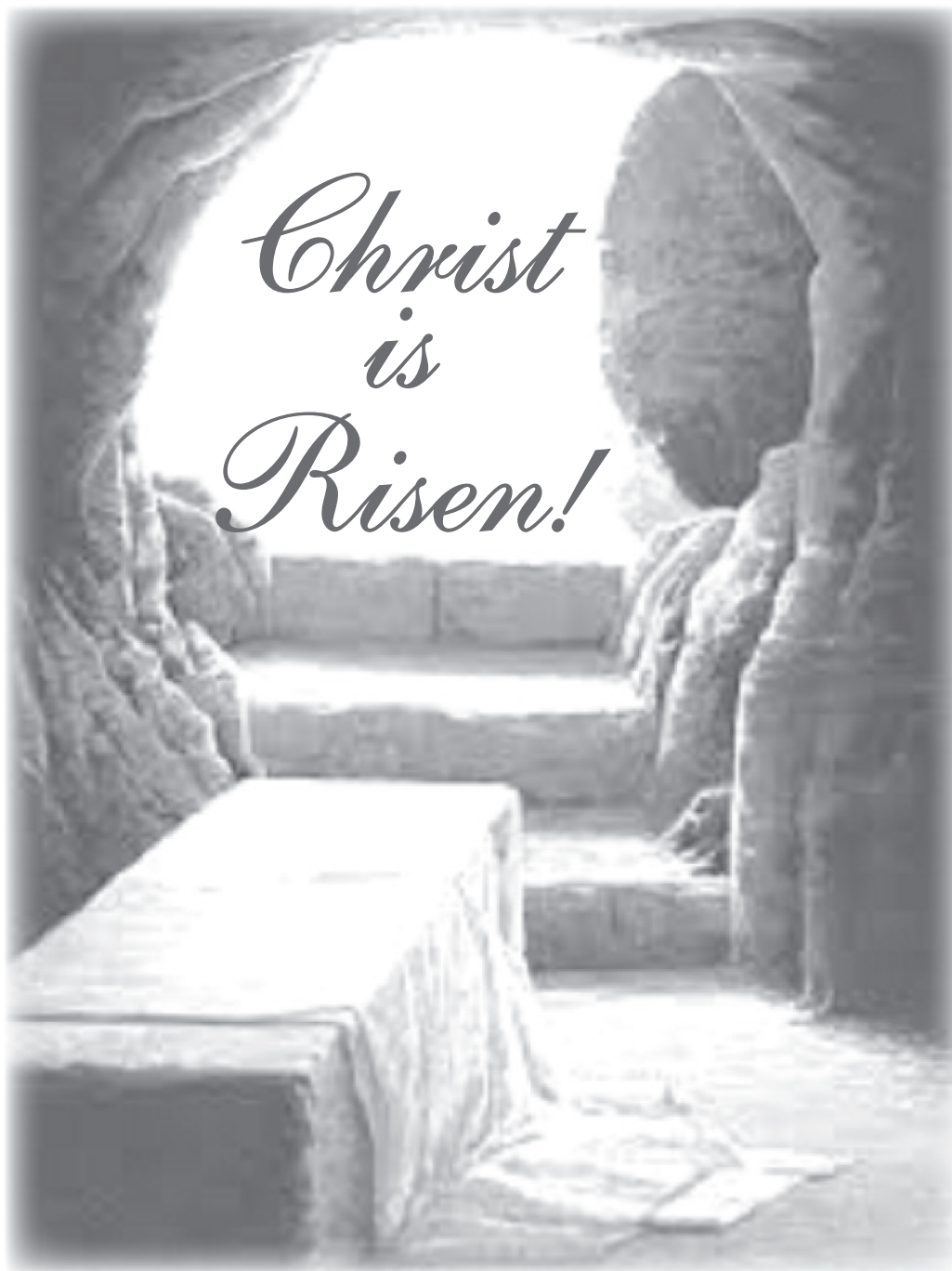
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*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

## EASTER SUNDAY



Beloved Parishioners, Family Members and Visitors!

Thank You to those who helped us make this Holy Week and Easter a special time in our lives. Let me take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Most Blessed and Joyous Easter. We have experienced a beautiful Holy Week, walking in the footsteps of Jesus and growing in our faith, to arrive at this Glorious Easter Day. Alleluia!

Let's remember the words of Saint Paul: if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:9).

Let's proclaim His Resurrection by our words and deeds!

May God's Blessings be Yours This Easter!

In Christ,  
Fr. Pawel

The world is like that these days. There are lots of explanations for that empty tomb. Except for this: the earliest Christians gladly accepted martyrdom because they had seen, and utterly believed, that their BELOVED was waiting for them just on the other side of the grave.

*What might be keeping you from falling in Love?*

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### THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

**April 10 - 15 – Solemnity – Easter Octave**

### READINGS THIS WEEK

9 Acts 10.34a, 37-43: Colossians 3.1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8: John 20.1-18  
10 Acts 2.14, 22-33: Matthew 28.8-15  
11 Acts 2.36-41: John 20.11-18  
12 Acts 3.1-10: Luke 24.13-35  
13 Acts 3.11-26: Luke 24.35-48  
14 Acts 4.1-12: John 21.1-14  
15 Acts 4.13-21: Mark 16.9-15



### **Easter Sunday**

### **Resurrection of the Lord**

**April 9, 2023**

### **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, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate). A blessed Easter to you all!

**April 30 is ShareLife Sunday.  
Thank you for your generosity.**

### THANK YOU

to the Musicians and Choir, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Anita and the team who decorated the Church and covered and uncovered the statues, those involved with preparing Lenten soup on Fridays, those who helped with the Stations of the Cross, those who cleaned the Church and those who donated flowers. Thank you to Steve and the Knights of Columbus for directing traffic on Palm Sunday and Easter. For all those who were involved with Holy Week and Easter celebrations, Thank you! We are grateful and blessed to have such wonderful and kind-hearted parishioners.

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Easter Monday, April 10

### The Story and You



Sacred Conversations

### Easter Sunday

If you attended the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday you heard Matthew's detailed and fascinating resurrection account. It's only here that we learn there was a "great earthquake" when an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and, like swatting a fly, rolled the stone away that had tried to keep Jesus chained in death.

And Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" actually saw this! This is the only account in the four gospels where eyewitnesses actually saw the stone rolled away! The big scary Roman guards posted at the tomb were so terrified by that angel that they fell dead asleep. But not those women! They stood their ground and watched—not fainting, but full of a faith that only comes from Love. They loved Jesus. No angel was keeping them from him. And because of their Love they witnessed the greatest event of all history.

On this day, Easter Sunday 2023, I offer you this invitation: Fall in love with him. Soften your heart. Enter the tomb and see that it is empty. Enter into a life in Christ and see that is full to overflowing with grace and love for you. I promise.

The guards could have been eyewitnesses too. Instead, they helped start the rumor that Jesus' disciples stole the body so that there would be an explanation for that empty tomb when people came to see for themselves.

APRIL 9, 2023

### NEW BEGINNINGS

Online Bereavement Introductory Program

**Wednesday, April 12 – May 3 @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

Register at: <https://nbb0423.eventbrite.ca>

Online Separated/Divorced Introductory Program

**Thursday, April 13 – May 4, 2023 @ 7:00 pm 9:00 pm**

Register at: <https://nbsd0423.eventbrite.ca>

For more information please contact:

Arcangelo Limanni, MRE [alimanni@cfstoronto.com](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com) or  
(647) 215-3978

### THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

General meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 13** beginning with the Holy Rosary at 7 pm in the Church Hall. We look forward to welcoming all Members and Ladies interested in becoming a member.

### FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Pray on your own the Divine Mercy Novena which begins on **Good Friday, April 7** in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16.

Please join us **Sunday, April 16 at 3:00 pm** for Divine Mercy devotion with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the relic of St. Faustina.



### MASS OF WELCOME FOR BISHOP FRANCIS (FRANK) LEO

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Northern region on **Monday, April 17, 2023** at St. Mary's Parish, Barrie – 7 p.m. 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.

### **SMI SPRING GALA**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023**

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### CONGRATULATIONS RCIA & RCIC CANDIDATES

**We welcome you into the Church!**

### SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Available to offer for loved ones for a one week period. Sanctuary lamps are the red votive candles lit beside the tabernacle. To request an intention for the sanctuary lamps, please call the Parish office at 905-884-1784 during office hours.

### **APR 10 - 16: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:**

Spec. Int. for Joe & Regina Malough

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THEIR CAREGIVERS

If you would like to mention a loved one who is sick or a caregiver caring for a sick loved one that are in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 905-884-1784 or email at [stmariyimmaculateri@archtoronto.org](mailto:stmariyimmaculateri@archtoronto.org).

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Catarina Clyke, Clara Pacitti, Monica Cozzolino, Robert Harvey, Phing Yoek, Vera, Maria D'Souza, Sophie Bilkovski, Fausto Iampieri, Mariana Santaguida, Janine Alexander & Family, Stephen Ahlowalia, Louis Gerardi, Vivien Chan, Kim Jan

### **MASS INTENTIONS APR 10 – APR 16**

<b>Mon. Apr 10</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Jackie Marchildon
<b>Tues. Apr 11</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Vincenzo & +Concetta Buffone
<b>Wed. Apr 12</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Stephen Lappin
<b>Thurs. Apr 13</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Giuseppe Giusti
<b>Fri. Apr 14</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Giovanni Paradiso
<b>Sat. Apr 15</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	+Benito & +Pina Chiaravallotti Spec. Int. for Sheril Pulimoottil Spec. Int. for Jethro Luyimbazi
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Spec. Int. for Diane, Leigh & Keith Milne
<b>Sun. Apr 16</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	+Frank Palazzo
	<b>9:30 am</b>	+Giuseppe & +Elena Iacobelli +Giovanni & +Antonio Romanno +Alda Freitas
	<b>11:00 am</b>	+Maria Resendes +Anna Maria Mastrovita
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	<b>4:30 pm</b>	+Soon Hok Kin(Maria) & +Do Sung Kang







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