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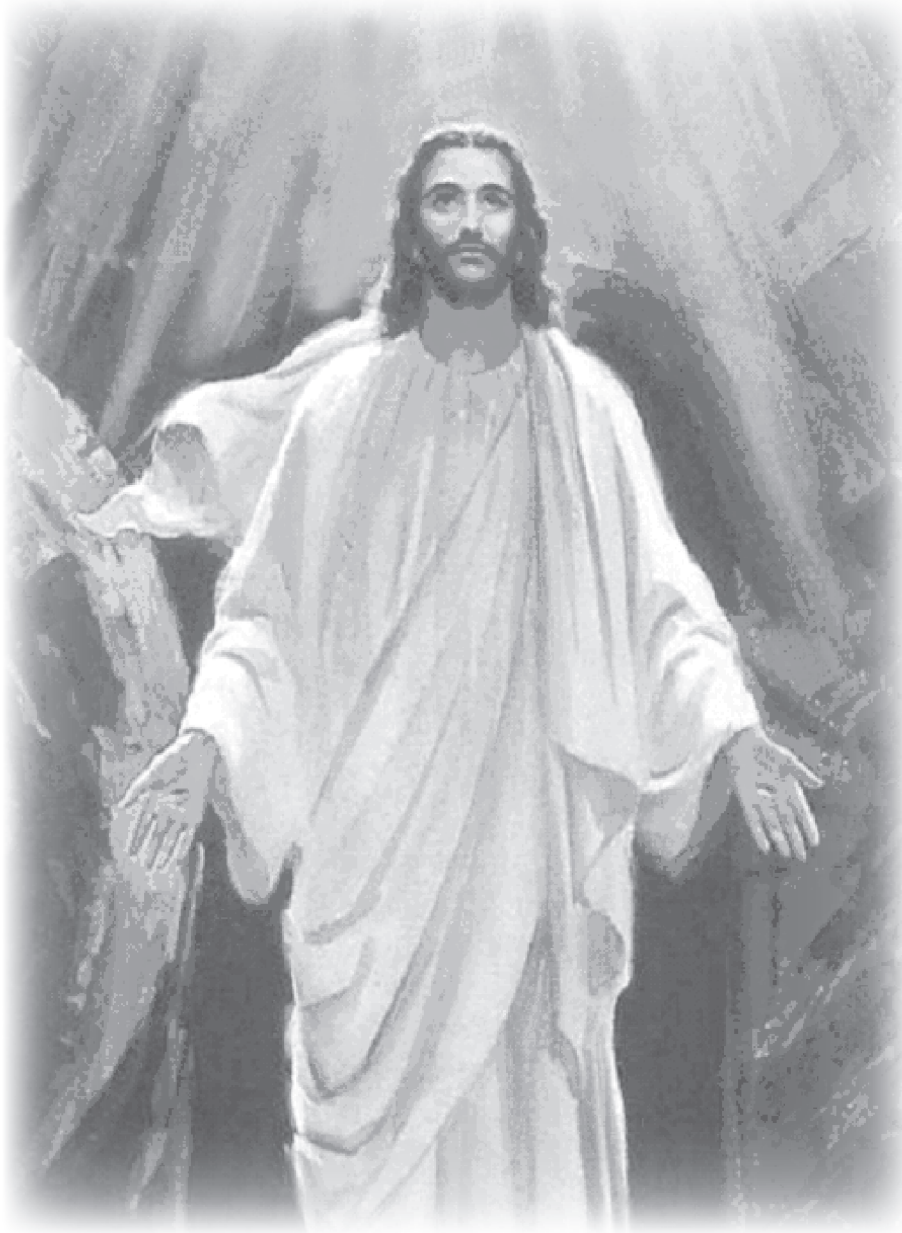
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Christ is Risen!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

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Sacred Conversations

Easter Sunday

Why didn't everyone living in Jerusalem see the Risen One after his resurrection? Acts says: *God...granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us...* (10: 40-41). I know that if I had seen Him hanging on the cross that awe-full Friday, I would have felt cheated that he didn't appear to me, RAISED and RADIANT, that glorious Sunday.

Even Peter and the Beloved Disciple, after racing to the tomb, left without actually SEEING Jesus. It was only Mary Magdalene, whose story follows today's gospel in John 10: 11-18, who actually saw him, and at first even she mis-took him for the gardener.

Balaam, the famous "seer," couldn't see God's huge angel right there in the road (Nm. 22). And Elisha's servant couldn't see God until *Elisha prayed that God would open his eyes to see the hills full of angelic chariots all around* (2 Kgs. 6:17).

Most telling of all, Jesus' own disciples spent Easter Sunday on the road with him and didn't recognize him until the Breaking of the Bread (Lk. 24: 13-35). Jesus eventually appeared to over five hundred believers, according to St. Paul, who admits he got the story from Peter (1 Cor. 15: 5-8). *We have seen the Lord! they cried with joy. Lucky them.*

But maybe he HAS appeared, to everyone who longed for him that day, and the billions who have longed for him since. Maybe we have felt his Presence, and sensed his nearness, countless times in our lives.

So let me ask you: who was that with you, in the Delivery Room, on your First Communion Day, at the graveside of a loved one? Ah. Of course. Lucky you. You have seen the Lord.

Where do you look for the Risen Lord these days?
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THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

April 1 - 6 – Solemnity – Easter Octave

READINGS THIS WEEK

- 1 Acts 2.14, 22-33: Matthew 28.8-15
- 2 Acts 2.36-41: John 20.11-18
- 3 Acts 3.1-10: Luke 24.13-35
- 4 Acts 3.11-26: Luke 24.35-48
- 5 Acts 4.1-12: John 21.1-14
- 6 Acts 4.13-21: Mark 16.9-15

THANK YOU

to the Musicians and Choir, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Anita, John and the team who decorated the Church and covered and uncovered the statues, those who helped with the Stations of the Cross, those who cleaned the Church and those who donated flowers. Thank you to all the Parish Ministries that participated in the Lenten Soup Fridays. We raised a total of \$1,509.45 which will be donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you to Tony 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 1.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

We continue to privately pray the Divine Mercy Novena in preparation for **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7**. Copies of the Novena are available at all entrances to the Church.

Please join us **Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 pm** for Divine Mercy devotion with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the relic of St. Faustina.



Easter Sunday
Resurrection of the Lord
March 31, 2024

ShareLife: Embrace Jesus' love and compassion through giving.

Jesus' love and example inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. ShareLife agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

**April 28 is Second ShareLife Sunday.
Thank you for your generosity.**

MARCH 31, 2024



PLEASE RETURN CONTAINERS BY
MARCH 31, 2024



CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

You are invited to join the **33 Days to Morning Glory** program in preparation for Marian Consecration on Monday, May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Even if you have previously participated in the program, you are encouraged to revitalize your love to Our Lady. The five week program takes place Monday nights beginning **Monday, April 8 from 7:00 pm–8:30 pm** in the Parish hall. Contact the parish office to register.

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel at the Refuge is offering a retreat **April 19-21, 2024**, for women who are suffering the effects of abortion. We have been offering Project Rachel retreats for more than fifteen years. At our retreats, we welcome women whose pain has been silenced and denied by the world. See our website (stmarysrefuge.org/rachel), and phone or e-mail us in confidence, 289 691 6840 or projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org.

2024 CHING MING REMEMBRANCE MASS

Organized by Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services– Archdiocese of Toronto will be held in the Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery on **Saturday, April 6 at 2:00 pm**.

GENTLY USED WHEELCHAIR

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FATIMA GIFT SHOP

Open every weekend half hour after every Mass and Wednesdays 12:00 – 1:00 pm. The gift shop will be closed Easter weekend.

A STAR ON THE MANTLE OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE

Salt & Light TV has recorded an amazing story on our new Monstrance. To learn more about our Monstrance and to watch the video, visit our website www.smirh.com.

CONGRATULATIONS RCIA & RCIC CANDIDATES

We welcome you into the Church!

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 stmaryimmaculateri@archtoronto.org.

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Clelia Proia, Lester Camat, Robert Harvey, Leonardo D'Urso, Elmira, Viola Wicks

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.

APRIL 1 - 7: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+ Ram Persaud

MASS INTENTIONS APR 1 – APR 7

Mon. Apr 1	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Helen Kim on her birthday
Tues. Apr 2	8:00 am	+ John Shin
Wed. Apr 3	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Lynda Wade
Thurs. Apr 4	8:00 am	+ Alois Dolezel
Fri. Apr 5	8:00 am	+ Stephen Lappin
	7:00 pm	+ Joseph Pustijanac + Giovanni Colandrea
Sat. Apr 6	8:30 am	+ Antonio Nudo + Brendan McLaughlin + Sandy Wilkie
	5:00 pm	For healing daughter from an addiction and return to God
Sun. Apr 7	8:00 am	+ Anthony & + David Knight
	9:30 am	+ Filomena Santopolo + Francesco Boragina + Antonino & + Amalia Adragna + Rosina & + Angelo Corvinelli + Dante Di Giuseppe Spec. Int. for the Tanel Family
	11:00 am	+ Americo Rodrigues Frade + Fernando Di Ruscio + Rudi, + Stipan & + Marija Begic + Antonio, + Armando & + Joseph Sacco + Christine Maloney + Tuula Larha In Thanksgiving for Blessings received
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+ Rosa Burdi



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