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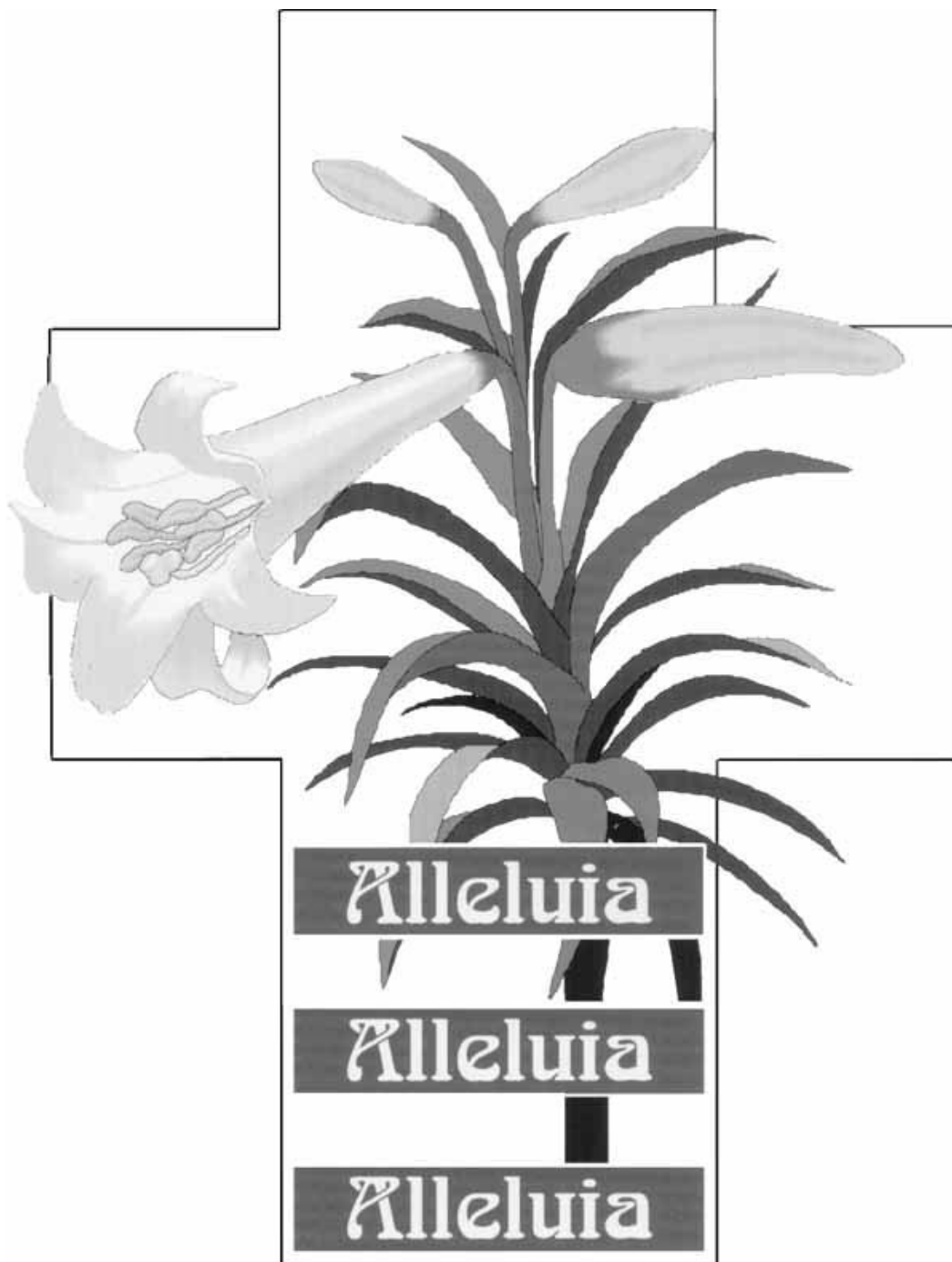
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**Pastor:** Father Joshua Roldan

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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, April 22, 9:00AM

+Arlindo Araujo +Antonio & Ludevina Capela +Joe & Fernando Pereira +Joao Ferreira +Arminde de Jesus & Rafael Miranda +Leo & Michael Mallet +P. Zacharias +Virgilio Pinho

### TUESDAY, April 23, 8:30AM

+Jose Luis Batista

### WEDNESDAY, April 24, 7:00PM

\*Special Intention for Maria Barros & For the Soul of Francisco Rodrigues

### THURSDAY, April 25, 8:30AM

+Daniel & Diolinda Viveiros

### FRIDAY, April 26, 7:00PM

+P. Zacharias

### SATURDAY, April 27, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

### SATURDAY, April 27, 5:00PM

+Ignazio Polizzi +Eduardo & Irma Lancha +Francesca & Giuseppe Beninati +John DiRe +Francisco & Otelinda Ferreira +Olimpia Sousa & Vitorino Nazario + Maria Sousa & Antonio Santana +Virgilio Sr., Jr. & Arminde Almeida +Silvina Vieira & Family +Tobias Rego & Antonio R. Dias +All Souls

### SUNDAY, April 28, 8:30 AM

+Francisco Gameiro & Helena dos Neves

### SUNDAY, April 28, 10:00AM

+ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, April 28, 11:30AM

\*Special Intention for all Confirmation Candidates & their Families

### SUNDAY, April 28, 6:30PM

+Patricia Dunne & Special Intention for Ann & Paddy Thompson

## YOUTH MINISTRY



Come to the EDGE! Grades 6, 7 & 8 are welcome. Monday's from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

April 29 -EDGE Idol  
May 6 -Honesty  
May 13 -Authenticity



May 5 -Band- Social  
May 12 -Friendship, Dating and Family  
May 19 -Victoria Day – No Life Night

## REFLECTION



John, along with Peter, was the first apostle to reach the tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning. Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, John was not ready to see an empty tomb and to hear the angel's message. *Why do you seek the living among the dead (Luke 24:5)?*

When John saw the empty tomb, he must have recalled Jesus' prophecy that he would rise again after three days. Through the gift of faith John realized that no tomb on earth could contain the Lord and giver of Life. John saw and believed (John 20:8). John had to first deal with the empty tomb before he could meet the risen Lord later that evening along with the other apostles who had locked themselves in the upper room out of fear of the Jewish authorities (John 20:19-23). John testified as an eye-witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ: What we have seen, heard, and touched we proclaim as the eternal word of life which existed from the beginning (1John 1:1-4). John bears witness to what has existed from all eternity. This "word of Life" is Jesus the word incarnate, but also Jesus as the word announced by the prophets and Jesus the word now preached throughout the Christian church for all ages to come. One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Christ and to know him personally as our Lord and Savior. Do you accept the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection with skeptical doubt and disbelief or with trusting faith and joyful wonderment?

Servants of the word, [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net) Don Schwager.



"Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won for us new life and resurrection power. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love for us and your great victory over sin and death."



As we rejoice with all the Church in the glorious light of Christ's resurrection may this Easter season awaken our spirits to renewed hope and open our hearts to new joy. May the peace of Christ be with you and your families during this Easter celebration! He is Risen, Alleluia!



**Please Note: The Office will be closed on Easter Monday April 22, 2019.**

## EASTER SUNDAY

Mass Times as Follows:  
8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am  
3:00pm – Divine Mercy Novena

## DIVINE MERCY

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Sunday April 21 <sup>st</sup>	3:00pm
Monday April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30am
Tuesday April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00am
Wednesday April 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm
Thursday April 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am
Friday April 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm
Saturday April 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm



### Divine Mercy Sunday - April 28<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm

*Celebrated in the presence of the Holy Sacrament in Song*

This desire for devotion to mercy was revealed to St. Faustina and is recounted in her Diary as Jesus said.: “I desire that My mercy be worshiped, and I am giving mankind the last hope of salvation; that is, recourse to My mercy. Therefore, let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet” (Diary 998,669).

“Jesus told St. Faustina Kowalska that on that day, all channels to my graces are open. On that day, all the outlets of mercy are open for everyone-whether they are far away from God, nearby, believers or non believers. It’s for anyone who believes in the Divine Mercy.”

## SACRAMENTS

### A PRAYER FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES



Please join us in praying for our grade two students who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion over the next couple of months.

May Jesus come to bless you on this most special of days as you are invited to the table to celebrate in the Holy Eucharist. May you feel His presence in a very special way and as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.

### A PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



Bless our Confirmandi as they prepare and come to you with a sincere desire to know your ways, to experience your love and to walk with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Be

with them on their journey and keep alive their desire to always please you. May they have an open mind and a willing heart to serve you as the day nears to receive and be sealed with the gifts of the spirit on their day of confirmation.

## REMINDER



### HOLY HOUR

Friday May 3, 2019 at 7:00pm  
Come be present with the Lord!

### HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE Under Spiritual Leadership of Fr. Massillamani Zacharias

Please contact Agnes or Sandra at QS Travel & Tours at 905-412-3355 to confirm your travel arrangements to the Holy Land. A \$300.00 per person, non-refundable deposit is required by **May 8, 2019** to ensure your spot. Availability will be based on a first come first serve basis.



### OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATIONS

Our Lady of Fatima Committee will be hosting celebrations in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday May 11, 2019 and Sunday May 12, 2019. All are welcome!

### RUN WITH IT

The next “Run With It” Series will be on Wednesday May 15, 2019. All are Welcome.



Join Fr. Joshua and the El Sembrador Ministry for Mass on Saturday April 27, 2019 at 7:00pm as we welcome our migrant workers for the season.

Reception to follow. Please join us.

**Volunteers wanted to teach English classes to the workers. This is a perfect opportunity for retired teachers. If interested call, call the parish office at 905 775 2065.**

**Helpers needed to store and repair bicycle donations for Migrant workers as part of the El Sembrador Ministry.**

## SHARELIFE

**Living the Gospel through immediate mental health services.** Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly. That’s why five Catholic Family Services agencies in the Archdiocese of Toronto now offer walk-in Counselling. For some agencies, ShareLife is the sole funder of this important program. **May 5<sup>th</sup> is ShareLife Sunday. Our ShareLife Goal is \$46,000.00. Please give generously.**



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