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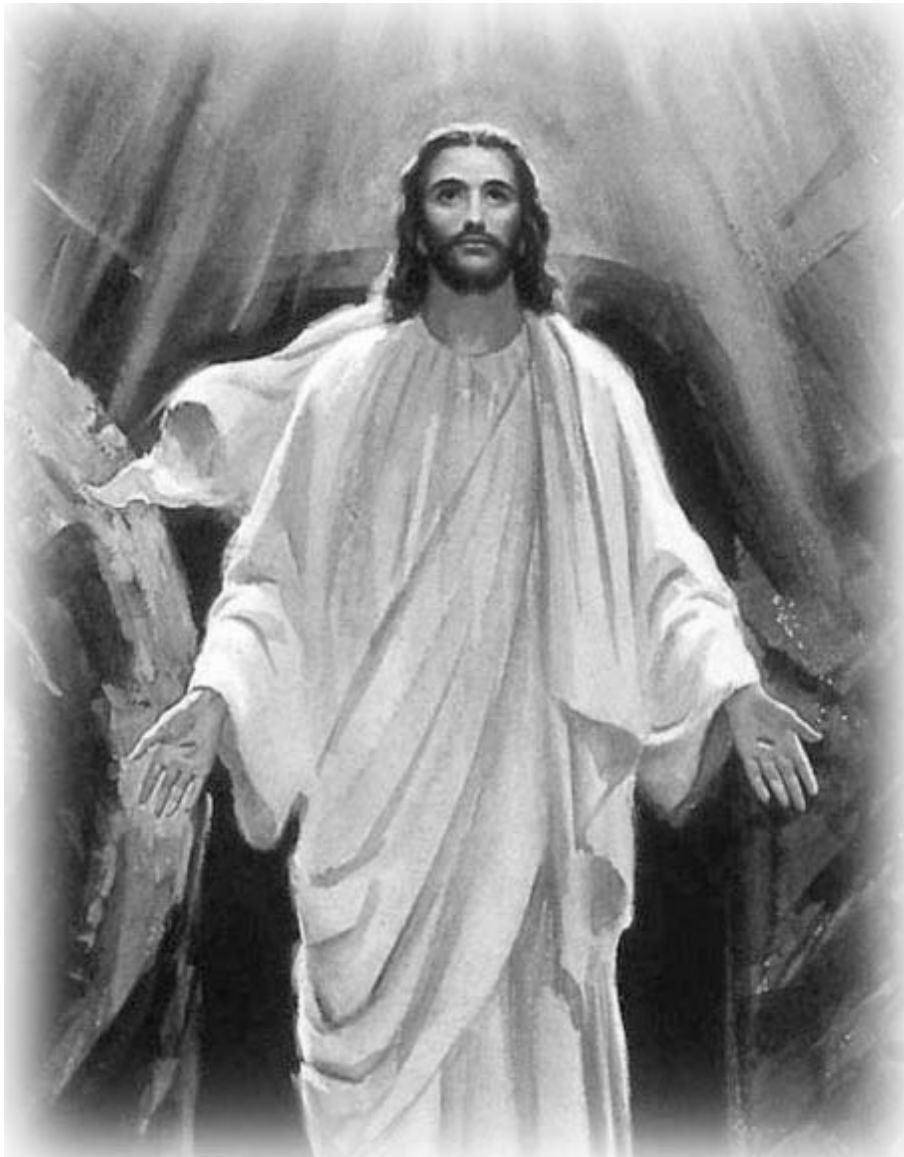
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Rejoice!
For the Lord is truly risen!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 4

5 pm No Intentions

Sunday, April 5

9 am No Intentions

11 am No Intentions

Tuesday, April 7

8:30 am + Eugenia Kacprzyk

Wednesday, April 8

8:30 am + Andrew Soltys
Deceased Souls of Nguyen
Family

Thursday, April 9

8:30 am Norah De Cuyper

Friday, April 10

8:30 am + Marcelle Somers



The Resurrection of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43

Psalm: Ps 118.1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3.1-4

Gospel: John 20.1-18



Sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary lamp signifies the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It burns for the greater glory of God.

Parishioners are invited to become monthly sponsors of the Sanctuary Lamp. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate. Doing so becomes an opportunity for friends and families to pray at the Tabernacle, knowing the Lamp burns for their intentions.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in April for the intentions of: Norah De Cuyper

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"I have seen the Lord."

Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen! On this glorious Easter morning, the Sunday of Sundays, the Solemnity of Solemnities, we are filled with the joy of the risen Lord. On this great day, death and sin were defeated as the Lord triumphed over all evil, leading us to the joy and love of eternal life.

As stewards of Christ, we should always have the identity of an Easter people. The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship says that stewardship "reflects the core of the Easter message of the earliest Christian community: 'We have seen the Lord!' Stewardship always starts with the personal experience of the Risen Christ in our midst and in our hearts." We must first encounter Christ before we can share Christ.

Today's Gospel passage concludes that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them.

The early disciples witnessed the risen Lord and from there went on to spread the good news of His resurrection to the ends of the earth. They received the gift of Easter, the same gift we receive today. As good stewards we should not keep this gift for ourselves but seek to share it generously with our parish community. One concrete practice we can adopt is to share our Easter joy with our family, friends and fellow parishioners by spreading the news of Christ's resurrection to those who do not yet fully believe. Let us share the joy of the Gospel as we strive to become better stewards. (Excerpts from: *Archdiocese of Toronto Stewardship Reflections; Loyola Press.*)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the first weekend of the month, we remember the birthdays of those who were born in the month of April. Let us congratulate and pray for them:

Heavenly Father! We thank You for the gift of life You have given to our celebrants. Kindly keep showing them Your grace and we seek that You continue to bless them. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 12

3 pm - Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet
Followed by refreshments

CWL Spring Bake & Craft Sale

Saturday, April 18th – 10 am to 2 pm

The Catholic Women's League is again having their Annual Spring Bake and Craft Sale. All kinds of homemade baked goods will be for sale, as well as new gift items, knitted goods, greeting cards and fresh floral arrangements. If you would like to bake something for this event, please drop your baked goods in the Parish Hall on Friday, April 17 between 5 pm and 7 pm, or before the Sale opens on Saturday. A café will also be set up where you can buy a cup of coffee or tea, a slice of cake or muffin, or a bowl of soup or chilli, and catch up with your fellow parishioners. Proceeds from our CWL Spring Sale will go to various charities. Please come out and support this event!

A Day with Mary

You are invited to a "Day With Mary" taking place on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more. There is no fee to register – this event is open to all. More information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>. Registration will be open on April 8: <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>.

Easter Offering

This weekend, April 4-5, there will be a second collection for your Easter Offering to the Parish.

Next weekend, April 11-12, there will be a Second Collection for the Parish Building Fund.

Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has established a special Jubilee Year of St. Francis to run from January 2026 to January 2027. His Jubilee Decree on the anniversary of St. Francis' death 800 years ago can be read here: <https://tinyurl.com/2awu6wqb>. Cardinal Leo, our Archbishop, has identified the sacred places of worship in the region that are named after St. Francis of Assisi or are ministered by Franciscans. They are found here: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/celebrating-the-special-jubilee-year-of-st-francis/>, together with resources from the main website for the Year of St. Francis.

Help Not Harm Canada – Bill C-218

You are invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to quickly and respectfully contact your Member of Parliament and ask for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act). This proposed legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. A vote is expected by mid-April 2026.

Vocations

"He has been raised from the dead!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca.





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