

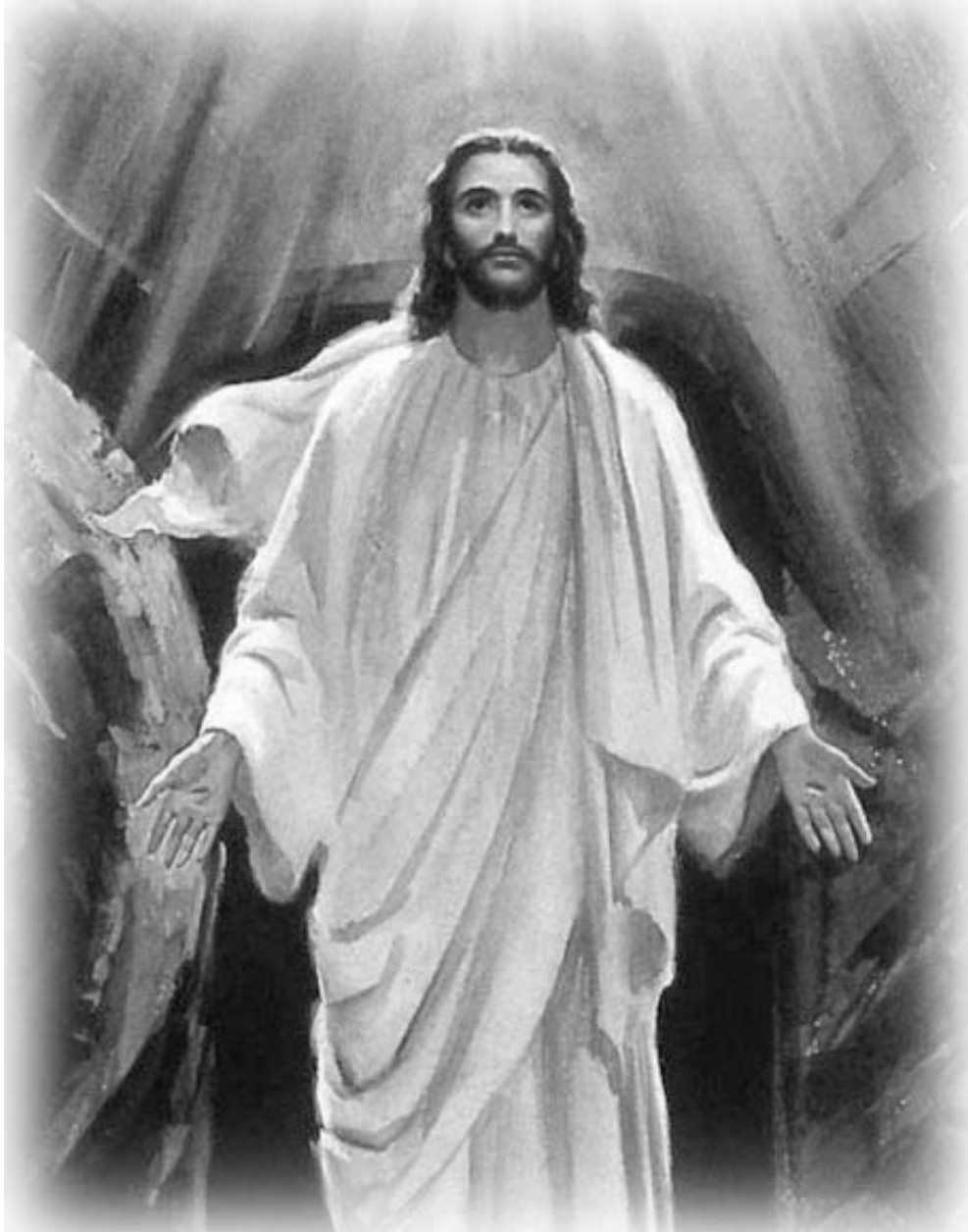
# *St. Leo The Great*

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**Rejoice!**  
**For the Lord is truly risen!**

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

### **New Office Hours:**

Tuesdays - Fridays 8am - 4:30pm  
(Lunch 12:00 - 12:30)

Church and Office are open for service.

### **NOTE: Tuesday April 7, 8:30am Mass**

### **Mortgage Fund/Building Fund 2nd Collection**

There are envelopes in the pews for our Building Fund, this Easter Weekend April 4 and 5.

### **Events Committee Contributions & Special Thanks**

The past few months, the event committee members have served our soup and sandwich, meals and finally made Easter eggs for all of us. Thank you too, for the Lent Soup and Bread. Many thanks to all its members!

### **To the Catholic Women League:**

Many thanks for preparing a reception for our new comers into the faith. We received 6 children, and 12 adults.

### **Newly received members on Easter Vigil**

A big congratulations to our Newly Baptized/Received into the Church. Please join us if you are able after the Easter Vigil this Saturday for a light reception in the Hall to share the joy of becoming fully Catholic.

### **KOC: General Meeting April 7, 2026, 7:30pm**

The meeting as usual takes place in the Parish Hall.

### **Knights Breakfast April 12: after the 9 & 11am Masses**

### **Confirmation Registration Information Session on**

**April 10:** Forms for registration are found on our website, print, fill and show up for the registration and info session.

### **Cardinal Leo Writes to Canadian Senators re: Bill C-9 – Religious Freedom**

#### **Posted : Mar-27-2026**

On March 25, 2026, Bill C-9 – The Combatting Hate Act, passed third reading in the House of Commons by a vote of 188 to 144. The legislation has now been sent to the Senate for final review and consideration.

Numerous aspects of the legislation present serious concerns for faith communities. In December 2025, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) and His Eminence expressed these sentiments through public communication

and correspondence to elected Members of Parliament, including the Prime Minister. The December 2025 statements from the CCCB and Cardinal Leo can be found [here](#).

On March 27, 2026, Cardinal Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, wrote to all Canadian Senators, asking them to review and amend the legislation, addressing serious concerns identified by faith leaders, civil liberties experts and countless others. The letter from Cardinal Leo can be found below or by [clicking here](#).

We are grateful to the many parishioners and clergy who personally sent letters, called or met with their Members of Parliament regarding the issue. We pray that the Senate will recommend amendments to the Bill and return the legislation to the House of Commons for further review in the days ahead.

### **Women Silent Retreat - When Life Stretches Us: An Ignatian Retreat on Resilience**

**Friday, April 10/26, 6:00pm - Sunday, April 12/26 1:30pm**

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre:

Women Ignatian Retreat: This Ignatian retreat on resilience invites participants to receive resilience not first as a personal achievement, but as a grace given by God and nurtured through relationship with God. Through prayer and reflection, retreatants are helped to notice how resilience grows as they learn to remain faithful in moments of struggle, discouragement, and uncertainty, rather than fleeing from them. Scripture offers rich models of resilience—figures such as Hannah, David, Job, and Jesus himself—who trust God amid trial and allow suffering to deepen, rather than diminish, their freedom. In the Ignatian tradition, resilience is strengthened by honest self-awareness, discernment, and attentiveness to God's presence in both consolation and desolation. Ultimately, the retreat reveals resilience as essential to growing trust and hope, enabling us to persevere with confidence that God is at work even when outcomes are unclear.

This SILENT retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$280 per person which includes two nights' accommodation, meals, spiritual direction and retreat program. Facilitated by: Fr. Kevin Kelly, SJ  
REGISTER: Via email at [manresaregistration@outlook.com](mailto:manresaregistration@outlook.com), online at <https://manresa-canada.ca> or call 905-839-2864.

### **Fresh Bread**

“Get rid of the old yeast to make of yourselves fresh dough, unleavened loaves, as it were; Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.” —1 Corinthians 5:7  
**Alleluia! Jesus has risen! He's alive! Alleluia!**

For many Christians, the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead isn't "news" anymore. It's old. They've heard it (or not heard it) for years. Instead of being evangelized to Christianity, they have been immunized to it. They mistakenly think that the lukewarm version of Easter they've received is all there is to the Good News.

We must get rid of the old yeast of sin. We must repent of compromising with the values of the world and of thereby letting the risen Christ be upstaged by NCAA basketball, major league baseball, spring break, chocolate Easter bunnies, or even marshmallow chicks. We must proclaim Jesus' Resurrection with power by making major financial moves and lifestyle changes — all because of the risen Christ (see Acts 4:33-35).

Jesus died and was buried because of our sins. Unless we break out of the tomb of sin, we will not be witnesses for the risen Christ but anti-witnesses. We will conceal the risen Lord rather than reveal Him. Therefore, we must ask for the forgiveness of our sins through His name (Acts 10:43). On the first Easter Sunday evening, Jesus offered us forgiveness (Jn 20:23). We must repent if we are to be credible witnesses for the risen Jesus.

Prayer: Father, on this first day of Easter, I renew my baptismal promises; I give my life to You.

Promise: "Since you have been raised up in company with Christ, set your heart on what pertains to higher realms where Christ is seated at God's right hand." —Col 3:1

Praise: Praise Jesus! He is risen! The tomb is empty!  
Alleluia!  
Source: Laudate

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Re: Bereavement Seminar – Find Comfort and Support  
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**Event Details:**

- Date: Sunday, April 12, 2026
  - Time: 1:00 – 4:00 PM
  - Location: Chapel of Our Lady of Consolation, Queen of Heaven Funeral Home, 7300 Highway #27, Woodbridge, Ontario
  - RSVP by April 1, 2026: 416-733-8544 ext. 2047 or [gathering@cc-fs.ca](mailto:gathering@cc-fs.ca)
- Link to more details and registration:  
<https://www.catholic-cemeteries.ca/news/bereavement-seminar-find-comfort-and-support/>  
POSTER: <https://bit.ly/BereavementFlyer>



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
OF THE WEEK

***Saturday, April 4th Easter Vigil***

8:00pm Pro Populo

***Sunday, April 5th Easter Sunday***

9:00am Anonymous & Forgotten Souls

11:00am  Myrostaw

***Tuesday, April 7th***

8:30am  Attilio Tuzi

***Wednesday, April 8th***

7:00pm  Victor, Veronica, Toni Uttrosa

***Thursday, April 9th***

8:30am All Souls in Purgatory

***Friday, April 10th***

8:30am  Alex & Susan Quinn

Margaret Wesley

***Saturday, April 11th***

4:30pm  Marya, Joze Ralik

Rose, Aldo Cesnik

***Sunday, April 12th***

9:00am  Joe Hocevar

11:00am  Vincent Murphy

**For: Sanctuary Light Request, Kenise Kilbride  
Vigil Light for Marjorie Asselin  
Mary, Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary,  
For a visit by the parish priest,  
Please make your request at the office.**



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