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He is Risen!
Alleluia, Alleluia

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., Apr. 21 st	9am	+ Ashley Colaco
Tue., Apr. 22 nd	8am	+ Cornelius Chang
Wed., Apr. 23 rd	8am	+ Donald Moore
Thu., Apr. 24 th	8am	+ Dorothy Chang
Fri., Apr. 25 th	8am	(SI) Maria Sophie Estaris
Sat., Apr. 26 th	9am	(SI) Da Silva family, + Fr. Donald Finlay
	5pm	+ John Allan Maddela-Missirian
Sun., Apr. 27 th	8am	+ Odilia & David Amaral & family
	10am	+ Edilberto de la Cruz Sr.
	12pm	"Populo" for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	+ Giuseppe Corasaniti

Message for Easter 2025 from His Eminence

Frank Cardinal Leo

To access the message, go to the website below

<https://www.archtoronto.org>.

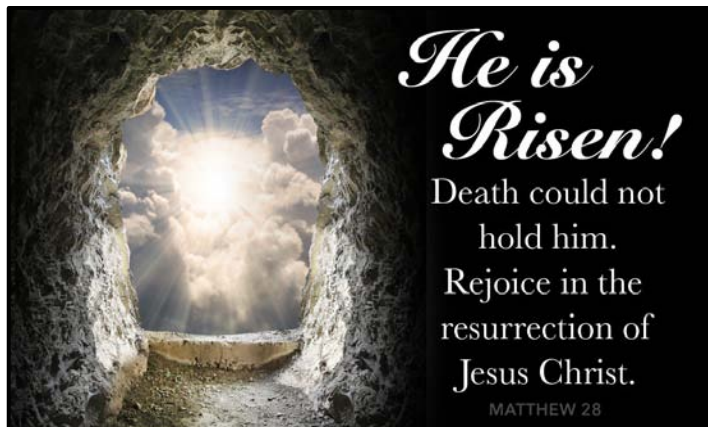
Office Closed

The office will be closed from
Fri., Apr. 18th until Mon., Apr. 21st.
On Mon. Apr. 21st, the church will be
closed after the 9am Mass and
Rosary.



IMPORTANT DATES

Sat., May 3 rd	First Communion Masses
Mon., Apr. 28 th to Thu., May 1 st	Confirmation Rehearsals
Mon., May 5 th to Thu., May 8 th	Confirmation Masses



HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER.

- Fr. John, Fr. Donatello, and the parish team

Divine Mercy Novena

(starts Good Friday and goes through the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday)

"By this Novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls." - the words of Jesus to St. Faustina

Using the Rosary beads, begin with:

**Our Father...Hail Mary...
The Apostles' Creed**

On the large bead before each decade, pray:
**"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body
and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your
dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus
Christ, in atonement for our sins and
those of the whole world."**



On the ten small beads, then pray:
**"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on
us and on the whole world."**

Conclude with:

**"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and on the whole world."**



**Sanctuary Candles sponsored
Apr. 13th to May 12th, 2025 for:
(SI) Vinluan family**



May 13 th to Jun. 12 th , 2025	(SI) Donkers & Blanco families
Jun. 13 th to Jul. 12 th , 2025	(SI) Jack & Ruth Doris
Jul. 13 th to Aug. 12 th , 2025	(SI) Alberto & Louro families
Aug. 13 th to Sep. 12 th , 2025	(SI) Chen family
Sep. 13 th to Oct. 12 th , 2025	+ Deceased members of the Alberto & Louro families
Oct. 13 th to Nov. 12 th , 2025	+ Deceased members of the Da Silva & D'Souza families
Nov. 13 th to Dec. 12 th , 2025	Deceased Priests & Bishops

Prayer for those being Baptized/ Received into the Catholic Church this Easter Season

**"We pray for the soul being baptized,
that they may be washed clean and embraced by
Your divine love. May Your grace guide them
throughout their life, leading them towards
faith and eternal joy in You. Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, we come before You
seeking the grace of new beginnings."**

Debt Reduction

Next weekend, Apr. 26th - 27th, our second collection will go towards reducing our parish debt.

Please give generously. Your efforts help to support our parish life and community.

Thank you for your kindness.

March for Life Ottawa – May 8th



Our Lady of Annunciation (OLA) has extended an invitation to our parishioners interested in attending the March for Life in Ottawa.

The bus will be leaving at 6:30am from OLA and the cost is \$25. Seats are limited. Those interested, please call the parish office and leave your contact details which will be relayed to OLA.



Welcoming Arms will be hosting our annual Trivia Night Fundraiser on Sat., May 10th. Please join us for a night of great food and friendly competition. For more information, please visit our website at www.welcomingarms.ca or call the office at 905.726.1483.



Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents

When: from Fri., May 16th at 6pm to Sun., May 18th at 3:30pm

Where: St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough)

Cost: \$340 per person (\$200 for students), which includes meals, lodging, and retreat material.

For more information or if cost is of concern, please email: lgwtoronto@proton.me; limited subsidies are available.

Must be 18 years or older to attend.

To register, visit

<https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2025>.



SAVE THE DATE FOR

A Day With Mary

May 31, 2025 at Villanova College, King City

DURING THIS JUBILEE HOLY YEAR,
COME SPEND A DAY WITH OUR BLESSED MOTHER,
OUR LADY OF HOPE.



For more details or to register, go to
<https://www.archtoronto.org>.

Miraculous Medals, Rosaries & Scapulars

The following items are available at the parish office for a donation of:

\$7 – Large Miraculous Medal

\$5 – Medium Miraculous Medal

\$3 – Small Miraculous Medal



\$5 - Scapular



\$5 – Wooden Rosary

“With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope” Pilgrimage to France & Spain

Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Ryan Nigli, Associate Pastor, St. Justin Martyr Parish

When: Nov. 3-14, 2025 (12 days); Cost: \$4,990

Includes: ♦ air transportation from Toronto, all airport taxes & surcharges

♦ hotel accommodation first/superior tourist class based on double occupancy – single rm. supp. \$900

♦ 2 meals daily (breakfast & dinner)

♦ all sightseeing as per iten. w/Eng. speaking guide

♦ all tips for bus drivers, guides, in rest. & hotels

For more information and to register, contact

Marissa – 416.716.6217/ mperezroldan@gmail.com

or online at <https://www.ih Tours.com>.



Message for Easter
20 April 2025
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

The greatest liturgical celebration of the Church is of course Easter. The enthusiastic and traditional greeting on Easter morning and throughout the Easter Octave is: *Christus surrexit!* - *Surrexit vere, allelúja* ("Christ is risen!" - "He is risen indeed, Alleluia!") – and it fills us with a renewed sense of hope and deepened trust in the Lord Jesus, our Saviour. How can we not be overjoyed in considering that singular event of Jesus rising out of the tomb, just outside of Jerusalem and therefore, is alive today, among us, in our midst, in our hearts, in the sacraments, in his Word and in the Church! That life-giving happening of yesteryear has incredible and life-changing effects on our life, today. By his death on the Cross, we today are freed from sin, from all sin, every sin and its destructive grip on our lives. By his glorious Resurrection, we today are given new life, a new beginning, new freedom, new opportunities. And so, it is with that incomparable Easter joy that I extend my warmest greetings to you and your loved ones this Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter Season.

It really is the central solemnity - most important feast - of the Christian calendar and there is no other day that compares with it: the day we celebrate Christ's victory over sin, death and Satan, (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 102) and which we recall and actually make present every single Sunday in our weekly celebration of the Eucharist in our parishes. Simply put, "This is the Day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" as the Psalm says so enthusiastically (Ps. 118:24). I cannot stress enough how crucial and paramount it is to participate in Holy Mass each and every Sunday. It is the weekly commemoration of Jesus' Easter, the Pascal Mystery, the weekly occasion to renew our faith and hope, to be filled with God's love, to build community and to pray for the needs of all. It is an encounter of grace; an opportunity we cannot miss. Let us make that effort, to celebrate in our parish communities the Eucharistic Risen Jesus who waits for us and our families with open arms every Sunday, the Lord's Day, to draw us deeper into his Easter existence, into his newness and abundant life.

An added dimension to this Easter joy, this Easter celebration and Easter hope, is that we celebrate it in the context of the Jubilee Holy Year in which we are invited to see ourselves as *Pilgrims of Hope*. Let us prayerfully recall the words of Pope Francis which opened the Holy Year: "The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope" (*Spes non Confundit*, 20). Our Easter faith twinned and intimately connected to Easter hope is not wishful thinking, a vague optimism, or radical escapism. Rather, it is rooted in the work and love of the Most Holy Trinity. The Holy Father continues: "Jesus experienced the drama of death. The Father's love raised him in the power of the Spirit and made of his humanity the first fruits of our



eternal salvation" (*Spes non Confundit*, 20). Central to our Paschal proclamation are the words of the Easter Preface, "For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying, he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life" (*Roman Missal*, Easter Preface I). These two aspects of the Paschal mystery—Jesus' death and resurrection—inform our hope and transform our lives forever making the life of grace available to us (cf. CCC, 654).

It is imperative for us to remember that while the Resurrection was a historical event it was and is much more, since, as a profound mystery of our living faith, the Resurrection really and ultimately transcends time and space. The *Catechism* teaches that: "Christ's Resurrection was not a return to earthly life, as was the case with the raisings from the dead that he had performed before Easter: Jairus' daughter, the young man of Naim, Lazarus... they would die again. Christ's Resurrection is essentially different. In his risen body he passes from the state of death to another life beyond time and space" (CCC, 646). In this way, the Resurrection is the fulfillment of our hope, the hope that corresponds to our restless hearts that long for God Himself and being in right relationship with Him, as St. Augustine intuitively phrased it (cf. St. Augustine, *Confessions*, I, i,5).

For those who have lost loved ones, hope in the Resurrection takes on a particular meaning as it points to the reality of death but one which does not have the final word. This hope of eternal life in the Kingdom brings comfort and courage to those who mourn, knowing that death has been defeated and that they too will, one day, be raised to new life in eternity. We pray with the following words in the *Preface I for the dead* during a funeral Mass: "In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come".

The unique supernatural hope that Easter brings calls us to live differently in the 'here and now' of our existence and earthly journey. It recalls the sacrificial, self-giving love of Jesus on the cross and looks to emulate it in our daily choices and decisions – to live the Resurrected new life of Christ in and through our relationships and in society. Our hope is never passive but transformative, bidding us to engage the world and proclaim the truth and love of God. We see this on the first Easter morning, when Our Lord asks Mary Magdalene to go to Galilee and tell the others what she had seen—the tomb is empty, and Jesus is risen from the dead (cf. Mt. 28:10). The same is true today. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ calls us to live in truth, with courage, compassion, and purpose; to go out to others – the young and young at heart - family, friends, colleagues, neighbours and strangers - and share with them the awesome difference it makes in our lives to know the Lord, to live in friendship with him, to love him and to serve him as best we can. We do this in word and deed, by our testimony and example, bringing hope wherever we find ourselves and inviting all people to the newness of life made possible by the Resurrection. Truly we believe and profess the Resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Once again, I would like to extend my Easter wishes to you and your family and friends, to the entire Archdiocese of Toronto. May the reality of Easter be a daily experience of new life, new hope, new trust and new beginnings allowing us to savour its lasting effects - day in, day out - as we journey in this life with eyes set on the life that will have no end. Blessed Easter to you all.

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