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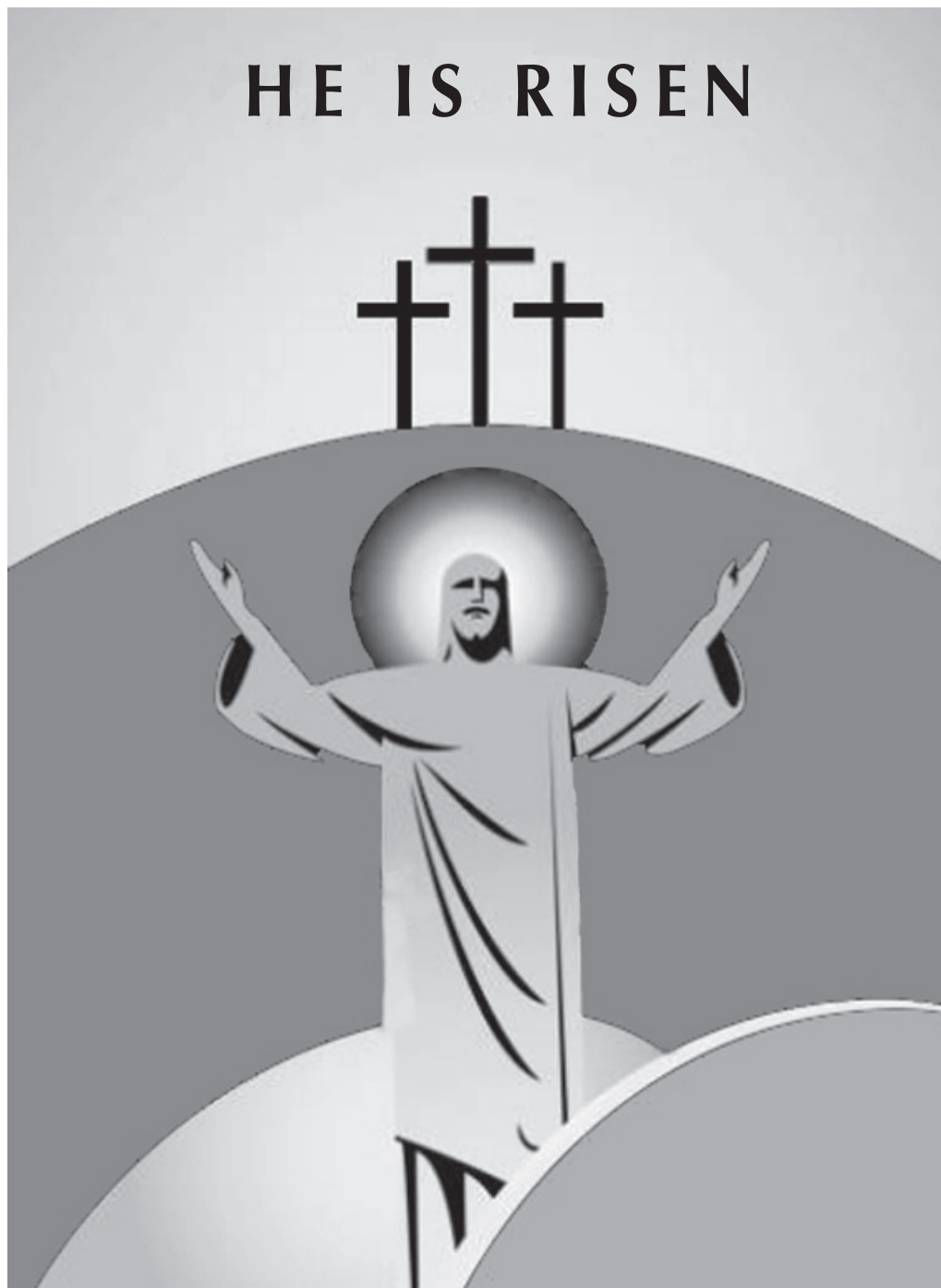
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## **PASTORAL TEAM**

Fr. John Bertão, Pastor


Fr. Rony Grayda, Associate Pastor

# HE IS RISEN



## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon., Apr. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9am	+ Inoronata Corrina & Giovanni Liscio
Tue., Apr. 7 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Antonio Carinci
Wed., Apr. 8 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Bernadette and Armand Boissonneault
Thu., Apr. 9 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Cecile Burg
Fri., Apr. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Dorothy Murphy
Sat., Apr. 11 <sup>th</sup>	9am	+ Leonardo Triolo, + Vitus Simon, + Ludovico D'Agostino, + Edward Gallagher, + Greg Marek, + Enzo Zeppieri, + Peter Paul Treacy
	5pm	+ Domingo Custodio
Sun., Apr. 12 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+ Dorothy Murphy
	10am	(SI) Daniel Char Te Ming and family
	12pm	"Populo" for the intentions of our parish families
	7pm	+ Susan & Lawrence Gotzeler




He is Risen!

Death could not hold him.  
Rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.


MATTHEW 28

**HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER.**

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




**Office Closed:** The office will be closed from Fri., Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> until Mon., Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> and the church will be closed after the 9am Mass & Rosary on Mon., Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>.



**Coffee Sundays**  
There is no Coffee Sunday this weekend of Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>. It will once again resume on Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> after the 10am Mass.

**Pope Leo XIV's April Prayer Intention**  
*For priests in crisis*

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



**Lighting a Candle 'Gift' Cards**


Lighting a candle for someone? Please help yourself to a 'gift' card that you can give/send to the individual you lit the candle for. They are located by the candle stands.

**Communications from the Archdiocese of Toronto**

- For ways to Celebrate the Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis, please visit:  
<https://www.archtoronto.org - St. Francis Jubilee>
- For His Eminence, Frank Cardinal Leo's Easter Message, please visit:  
<https://www.archtoronto.org/>
- Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218 - Write your Member of Parliament Today!**  
<https://www.helpnotharmcanada.ca/>
- Neophyte Mass:** Takes place on Sun., May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond Street, Toronto. Registration will open on Fri., Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>. For questions, please contact [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org).



**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
The novena takes place in our church every Wednesday at 7:50am followed by the 8am Mass.



**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





\$5 - Scapular

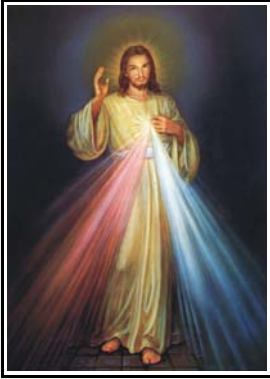


\$7 - Wooden Rosary

**Divine Mercy Novena**

(starts on Good Friday Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> and ends on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday, Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>)

“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.”

**March for Life in Ottawa - Thu., May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Our Lady of the Annunciation has arranged for a bus to travel to/from Ottawa. The bus will leave



Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish at 6:30am and will leave Ottawa to return home at 4pm. There is no cost for the bus. If any parishioners are interested, please call or email Our Lady of the Annunciation's Parish Office at 905.773.5223 or [olachurchrh@gmail.com](mailto:olachurchrh@gmail.com).

*A Day With Mary*



You are invited to a “Day With Mary” taking place on **Sat., May 30<sup>th</sup>** 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 is a free event open to all. Registration will open from **Wed., Apr. 8 until Fri., May 15<sup>th</sup>** at <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>. Complete information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>.

**CWL Meeting - Tue., Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>**



Our upcoming CWL meeting will be held on Tue. Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Large Meeting Room.

We will be having a guest speaker, our very own Deacon Doug, who will be speaking on his Faith Journey. We will also be planning for some fun and exciting events for Mother's and Father's Day. All women of the parish are welcome to join us. We'll be glad you did!

**Debt Reduction - Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>/ 19<sup>th</sup>**

On the weekend of Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>/ 19<sup>th</sup>, our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Mon., Apr. 27 <sup>th</sup> to Thu., Apr. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Rehearsals
Mon., May 4 <sup>th</sup> to Thu., May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Masses

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**Message for Easter**  
**5 April 2026**  
**His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo**  
**Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Praised be Jesus Christ. Happy and Holy Easter to you.

Holy Mother Church celebrates with the greatest joy ever the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Striving to live our faith sincerely and as loyal, loving and engaged sons and daughters of God and of the Church, we are called and drawn into the experience of Easter Sunday which renews our hope and changes our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Paschal Mystery we celebrate invites us to consider the glory of the Resurrected Christ and in this mystery, we rejoice not only that Christ is truly alive and remains present in our lives today and in that of the Church, but also that our Heavenly Father has been faithful to his promise, he who from all eternity desired to gather his children into communion through his Son. At the beginning of Lent, I encouraged us to look beyond ourselves – to seek reconciliation with God and with one another, and to rediscover the essential place of community in God’s saving plan (CCC 759-760). We must never forget that the Paschal Mystery is not only the remembrance of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection – those historical events that took place a long time ago and far away – this mystery is the very pattern of all Christian life and forms who we are.

Our Lord’s Death and Resurrection are not simply events of the past; they are the living form of the Church’s existence. As you may remember, before the Resurrection, the disciples were scattered, fearful, and locked away. After the Resurrection, they are transformed, those fleeing to Emmaus return to Jerusalem, and those locked away in fear eventually venture out to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Good News. The Resurrection does not eliminate the journey of life with its trials and uncertainties; rather, it gives the journey its meaning, purpose, new hope and new dynamism. In the same way, the difficulties we experience – personally and communally – are not magically erased.



Tensions, conflicts, scarcity, injustice, and uncertainty remain real; yet in the light of Easter, they are transformed. They become moments of discernment and grace because the Risen Christ walks with us.

When we lose someone we love or suffer a major setback - a relationship that has ended - a job opportunity that did not pan out - an illness that has come up or persists, or the anxiety that afflicts so many of us, especially the young – the temptation, in these situations, is to retreat, to isolate, to want to be alone, to run away. The Good News of the Resurrection is that Jesus came for us and is present to us and wants to help us precisely in those very dark and seemingly hopeless circumstances. When the Apostles were broken down thinking he was gone forever, Mary Magdalene announced to them the great news: he is alive. When the Disciples of Emmaus were discouraged, disillusioned and walked away from the community, Jesus came to them and filled them with new hope and opened for them incredible horizons.

Each of us has a story to tell, a sacred story to share. Each of our existential narratives are marked by light and shadows. But the author of our lives will never let us go through our hardships alone. The Power of the Resurrection is available to us today. The possibility of a new life is in our reach; the boundless energy of transforming grace is at our fingertips; the consolation and comfort of the Holy Spirit is but a prayer away; the second chances, and third and fourth which we really need, are part and parcel of God's merciful plan. There is nothing to fear; there is endless love, endless hope in this life, endless light into which we are called. The Resurrection of Christ points to the renewal of our daily lives as well as to that day, one day, the last day, when we will be called to enter the fulness of life in eternity. May that eternity begin here and now, in our families and communities, by a daily decision to live out the Catholic faith with greater commitment, outstanding generosity, abundant virtue and authentic holiness.

Blessed Easter Season to you and your loved ones. Christ is Risen – truly he is Risen.



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# Help Not Harm

We invite the Catholic community to respectfully contact their local Member of Parliament (MP), requesting their support of a Private Members' Bill (**C-218, The Right to Recover Act – an act to amend the Criminal code – Medical Assistance in Dying**) currently before the Parliament of Canada.

**What is Bill C-218?** Bill C-218 amends the Criminal Code to make it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to individuals whose sole underlying condition is a mental illness. It recognizes the importance of Canadians to recover from mental illness and ensures help can be offered, not harm.

## WHY IT MATTERS:

- **Every life is precious.** As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.
- **A desire to die can be a symptom of illness.** Suicidal thoughts are frequently part of mental illness itself, raising serious concerns about whether consent can ever be truly free and informed.
- **Mental illness is often treatable.** Many mental health conditions improve over time with proper care, therapy, medication, and support. Recovery remains possible, even after long periods of suffering.
- **Gaps in mental health care remain unresolved.** Long wait times, limited access to psychiatrists, and uneven mental health services mean some may seek to end their life due to system failure, not medical necessity.
- **There is an increased risk to vulnerable Canadians.** Individuals navigating mental health challenges are more likely to experience poverty, trauma, isolation, disability, or lack of access to care—factors that may pressure individuals toward assisted suicide.

## BACKGROUND ON BILL C-218

### What is a Private Members' Bill?

A Private Members' Bill is a piece of legislation introduced in Parliament by a Member of Parliament (MP) or Senator who is not a Cabinet Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, or Speaker. These bills allow individual legislators to propose new laws, or amend existing ones, typically focusing on public policy issues. Bill C-218 has been introduced by the Conservative Party of Canada Member of Parliament for Cloverdale-Langley City, British Columbia, Tamara Jansen.

**To pass, this legislation will require support from more than one political party.** We believe that many MPs are uncomfortable with the rapid expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada and in particular, the possibility that MAiD will be offered for those whose primary underlying condition is mental illness. We are asking MPs to vote their conscience, regardless of party affiliation.

**The difference in passing this Private Members' Bill could be just a few votes in the House of Commons.** It is critical that constituents contact their Member of Parliament asking them to support Bill C-218. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

## TAKE ACTION AT [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) TODAY!

The Bill is scheduled for second reading in early April 2026 with a vote on the legislation expected by mid-April 2026. Please visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today where you can send an e-mail directly to your local Member of Parliament in less than 3 minutes. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

Chances are, you know someone suffering from mental illness. In any given year, 1 in 5 Canadians experience a mental illness. It may be a relative, friend or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we have a responsibility to offer care, hope and protection NOT death for those close to us and those most vulnerable who are suffering.

**Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.**



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