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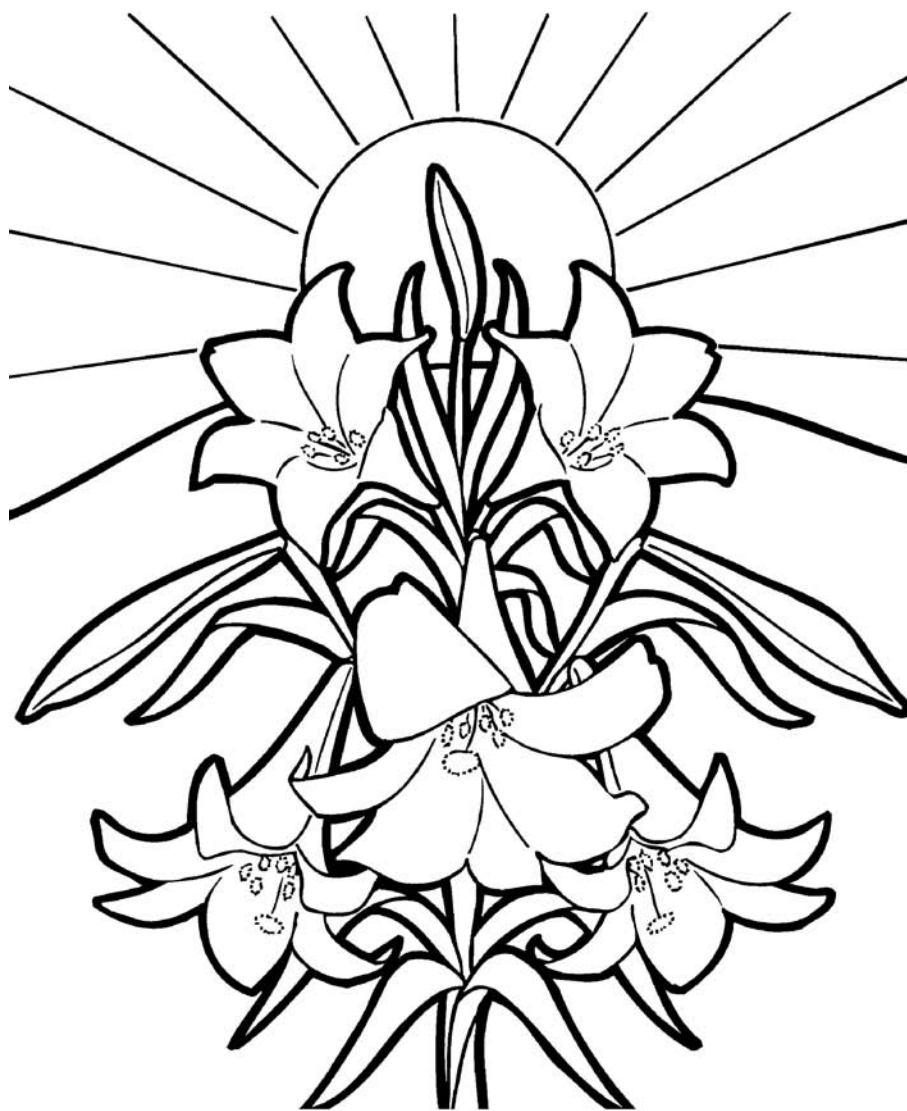
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**The Lord has Risen,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**THIS MAN GOD RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY**  
(Acts 10:34, 37-43)



**Alleluia! Christ is risen!** What joy we feel when we hear these words at Easter! We have made it through the forty days of Lent. We have walked with Jesus on his journey to the cross in Holy Week. Now we can proclaim the good news of his resurrection and celebrate with all the angels and saints, But Easter doesn't end today. As a Church, we celebrate Easter as an octave, for a full eight days. We celebrate it as a liturgical season, lasting fifty days, until Pentecost. And we celebrate it every Sunday throughout the year, The truth is, Easter never ends! What Jesus accomplished through his death and resurrection can never be undone. What our Father created as "very good" (Genesis 1:31), what was corrupted and lost, has now been redeemed. So look beyond this joyous day to the season ahead. Spend time over the next fifty days reflecting on the Mass readings to see how the apostles responded to this good news. For them, the resurrection changed everything and turned their whole world upside down! Jesus had risen, they had seen him with

their own eyes. Where once they were afraid, now nothing was more important to them than sharing the good news, whatever the cost. Jesus' resurrection has changed everything for you too. You are loved. You are redeemed. And "when Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory" (Colossians 3:4). How will you respond to this amazing news? Don't let Easter come and go. Live in this truth every single day. Let it seep into every fiber of your being. Baptized into Christ's resurrection, you are a new creation, Christ lives in you and you live in Christ, both now and forever. Alleluia!

**EASTER GREETINGS FROM FR. VICTOR**

My dear parishioners and friends:

What a glorious day, what a marvelous feat. Happy celebrations indeed!

The passion, death and resurrection of Christ is a whole school for humankind. It is a lesson that God never abandons his people, and no situation is beyond his power. Even death and the netherworld feel His command and Lordship. As Saint Paul reminds us, death has been vanquished, stripped of its power. All through the cross of Jesus the Christ, who was stripped, beaten and crucified and now raised to glory by the Father.

May Jesus continually be the focus of our lives and the strength of our days. May His victory resound in our own experiences and enlighten our paths.

We raise up many members of our parish who have or are going through any challenges, particularly at this difficult pandemic time. May the passion of Christ for humanity be a reminder that our Saviour is with them; may his resurrection be an assurance that they will triumph through their challenges. Congratulations on this day. Celebrate Jesus. We are an Easter people. And Alleluia is our song! To all parishioners and friends, my best wishes for a Happy and Holy Easter.



*Fr. Victor Amole*

**HAPPY EASTER TO FR. JEFFREY**

On behalf of all of us in the parish, we wish Fr. Jeffrey Masterson a blessed Easter. May the glorious resurrection of the Lord strengthen you and grant you full recovery. Amen.

**EASTER SEASON**

The seven weeks of the Easter season are celebrated as one great feast day. St. Athanasius called the entire season “*the great Sunday*”. These fifty days continue the Church’s celebration of the Lord’s Paschal Mystery. Jesus’ suffering, death, resurrection, ascension and sending of the Spirit are celebrated as one event in God’s plan of salvation.

The Paschal Candle, blessed at the Easter Vigil, is a reminder of the presence of the Risen Christ among His people and remains in the sanctuary near the ambo (lectern) until Pentecost. It is lit during the Easter season for all liturgical services. Thereafter it is placed near the font and is lighted for baptisms and funerals throughout the year.

The Easter water, also blessed at the Easter Vigil, is used for all baptisms in the Easter season. By ancient tradition, the Old Testament is not read during Masses of the season. The Church expresses the exuberant joy of this season by the much repeated cry of Alleluia! (Praise God!)

**DIVINE MERCY**



The Divine Mercy Novena which began on Good Friday continues this week in preparation for Mercy Sunday which coincides with the Octave Day and Second Sunday of

Easter on 11<sup>th</sup> April. We encourage you to say Novena prayers and the Chaplet of Mercy each evening this week in your homes with your family. We will observe Mercy Sunday here in St. Dunstan’s with special devotions at **3:00 p.m. next Sunday** that include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

*The message and devotion of Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, a polish nun (1903-1938) who received revelations from Jesus about God’s Mercy. The message of Mercy is that God loves us and that we can always call upon and trust in His mercy. We too can be instruments of His mercy to others. This devotion was especially dear to Pope John Paul II who established this feast for the Universal Church in 2000.*

**THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

*We encourage all parishioners to add the Holy Father’s Intentions to their daily prayers.*

**Fundamental Rights.** We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



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**April 17-18 ~ June 19-20 ~ and October 2-3.**

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Thank you for your generosity.

**VIRTUAL EASTER PRAISE NIGHT**

We are planning another beautiful musical evening! Let’s gather together to celebrate Easter with a night of song and praise to our Lord. **Next Friday, April 9th at 7:00 p.m.**, be sure to mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to watch.

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*Easter*

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