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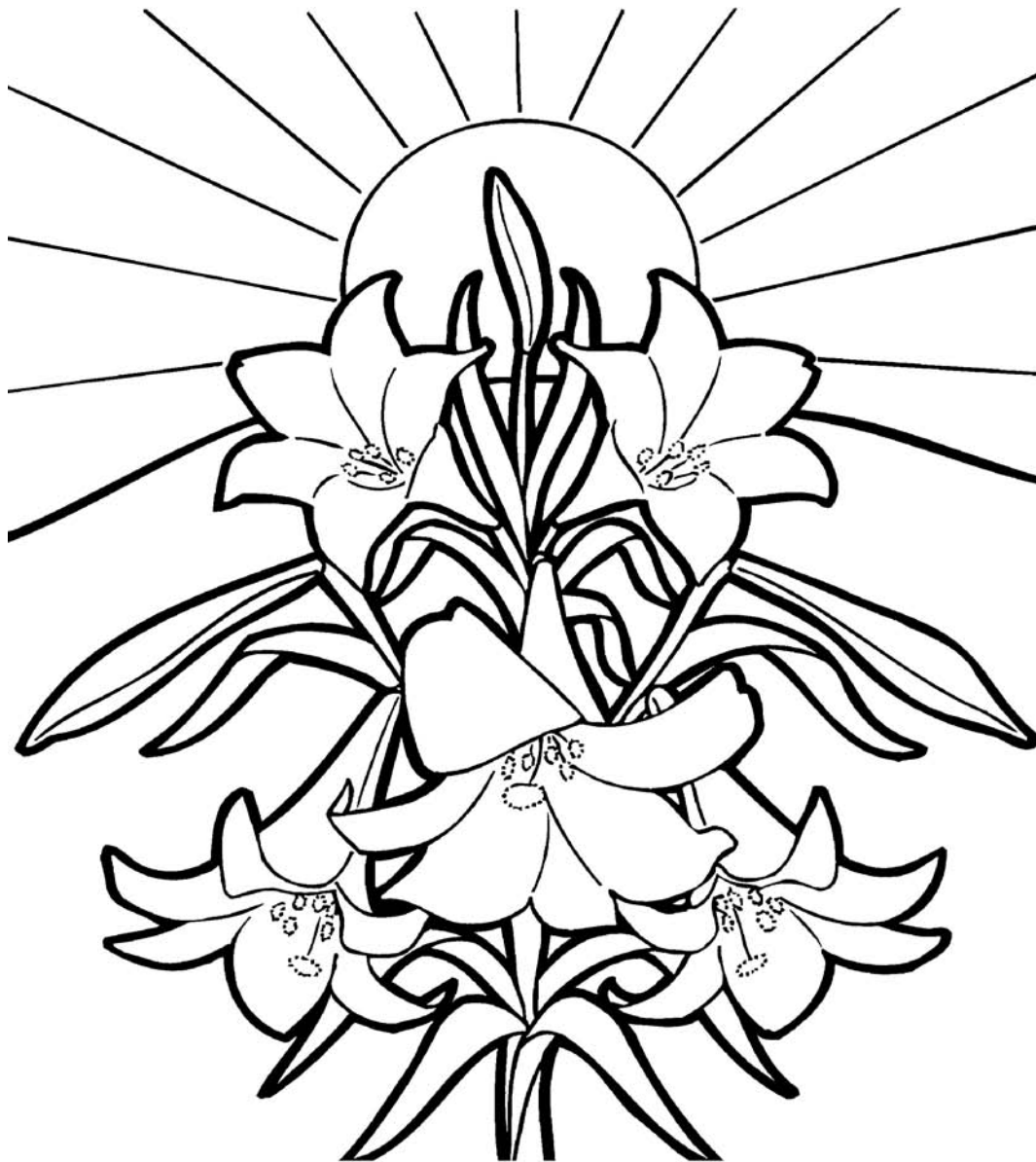
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**The Lord has Risen,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

EASTER MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear parishioners and friends of St. Dunstan's:

The Paschal Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection is the very heart of our Catholic faith and worship. During this Centennial Year, we are celebrating 100 years of our parish. Like the Church herself, St. Dunstan's is a family, and week after week for a century, our parish family has been gathering together to worship our Creator, to be nourished by the Word of God and the Body of Christ, and to be sent forth to live the Gospel and be a sign and light of God's presence and to share His love with others. And this all originates in Jesus' victory over sin and death which we commemorate yearly at Easter and every Sunday on the Lord's Day. In fact, every Mass makes the Paschal Mystery present for us on the altar. Much has changed in the last 100 years but the faith of the Church is forever the same, just as Christ is the same yesterday, today and always (Heb 13:8). After 100 years as a parish, we have much to celebrate and much to be grateful for. May the

love and mercy of God which shines forth so powerfully from the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus fill our hearts and strengthen our will to be faithful to the call we have received to be the salt and light of the world (Mt 5:13, 14). May the joy and grace of Easter brighten your lives always.

EASTER SEASON

The seven weeks of the Easter season are celebrated as one great feast day. Saint 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 16 April. Novena prayers and the Chaplet of Mercy will be recited after the weekday Masses this week. We will observe Mercy Sunday 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 Saint John Paul II who established this feast for the Universal Church in 2000.





Masses For The Week

WELCOME MASS FOR ARCHBISHOP LEO

The Most Reverend Francis Leo was installed as the new Archbishop of Toronto on 25 March. A series of welcoming Masses are planned to give Catholics throughout the Archdiocese the opportunity to meet our new Shepherd. The



Welcome Mass for the Central Region will be celebrated **Tuesday, April 11 at Blessed Trinity Church, 3220 Bayview Avenue at 7:00 p.m.**, followed by light refreshments. No pre-registration necessary.

TENEBRAE

Many thanks to parishioners and friends who attended Tenebrae on Palm Sunday afternoon to hear the Victoria Scholars sing the evocative and moving responsories composed by Msgr. Ronan, founder of St. Michael's Choir School. Thanks also to the congregation who so generously showed their support to the choir with donations of over \$500 as the Victoria Scholars prepare for their upcoming season of concerts. The music director Jerzy Cichocki was grateful for the opportunity St. Dunstan's provided for the choir to sing together publicly for the first time since the pandemic.

WELCOME ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL

To celebrate our Parish Centennial, we have invited St. Michael's Choir School to St. Dunstan's this coming **Saturday, April 15** when the school's Junior Choir will sing at the **5:00 p.m. Mass** and give a 30 minute concert after the Mass.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Our monthly collection for our Building Maintenance Fund will be next Sunday, April 16. For the next several months, our Building Maintenance Fund will go towards a Special Project approved by the Archdiocese, replacing the heating/air-conditioning units in the parish lounge. We will be trying to raise \$18,000.00 for this project. Your generosity is appreciated.

Monday	10 April EASTER MONDAY 10:00 a.m. The repose of Shannon Sookhai Req.by Jacinta & Family
Tuesday	11 April EASTER TUESDAY 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Wayne Campbell Req.by Isabel Campbell
Wednesday	12 April EASTER WEDNESDAY 9:00 a.m. The repose of Justins&Cajetan D'Souza Req.by Michael & Loretta D'Souza
Thursday	13 April EASTER THURSDAY 9:00 a.m. The repose of Neil Tattersall Req.by Family
Friday	14 April EASTER FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving Req.by Edna & Dennis Solancho
Saturday	15 April EASTER SATURDAY 10:00 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Req.by Joana, Owen & Lawrian SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) 5:00 p.m. The repose of Justina&Cajetan D'Souza Req.by Michael & Loretta D'Souza
Sunday:	16 April EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. Intentions of All Parishioners 12:00 noon The repose of Nathaline Fernandes Req.by Rodrigues Family

PLEASE NOTE: The Mass on Easter Monday, April 10 will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Also the Mass of Easter Wednesday, April 12 will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.



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