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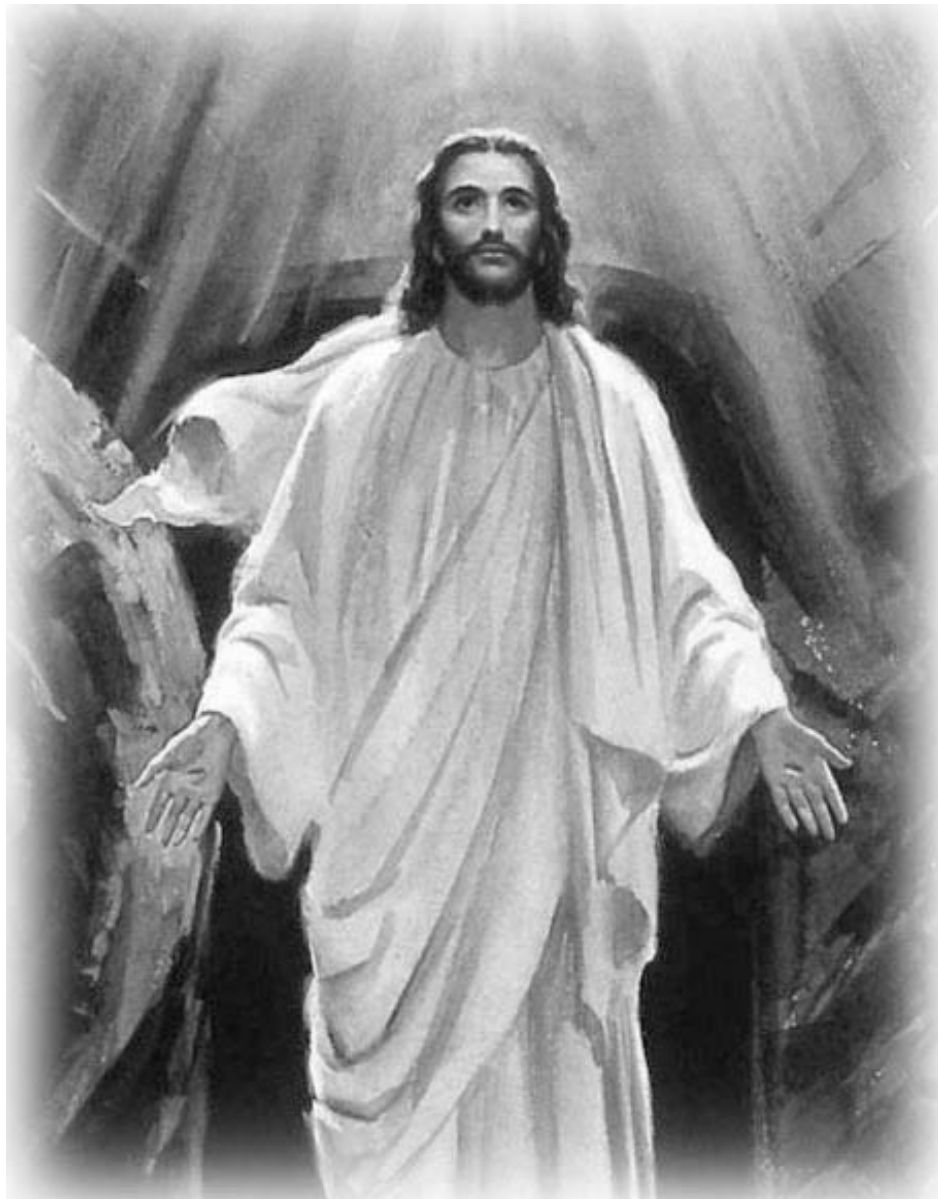
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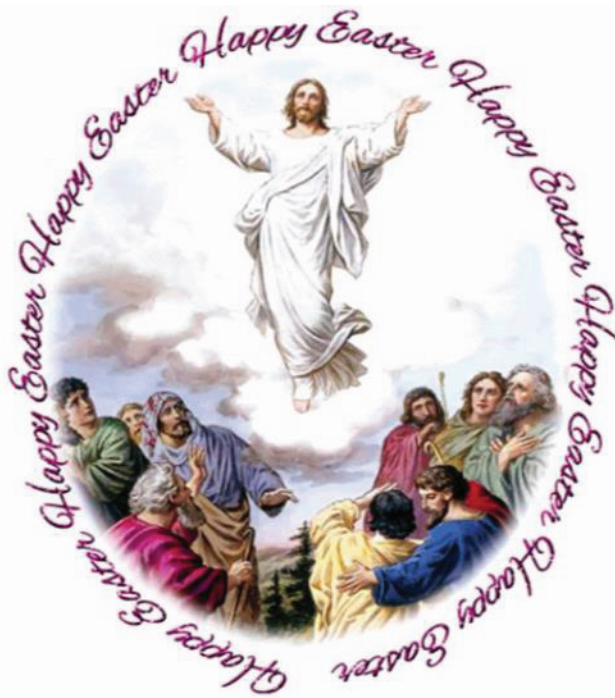
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Rejoice!
For the Lord is truly risen!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION



PASTOR'S EASTER MESSAGE

Sadly, this year, the season of Lent coincided with a new conflict afflicting an already war-torn world. And once again, it involves the Middle East including the Holy Land where Jesus, the Prince of Peace, was born, where He lived and died to save us, where He rose from the dead, and where He established His Church. The Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land taken up in Catholic churches around the world on Good Friday was a poignant reminder of the danger and difficulties the Mother Church of Christendom continues to endure. The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzabella warned that God can never be invoked to justify war and that God is found rather, in the victims of war ~ the suffering, the wounded and the displaced. And Pope Leo in his March 15 Angelus address echoed that sentiment, saying "Violence can never lead to the justice, stability and peace that the people are waiting for." In the midst of all this turmoil of a world in crisis, at Easter we celebrate the victory of Jesus over sin and death. The risen Christ brings hope to our fallen world and allows us to experience joy

in the midst of sorrow and suffering. In this Easter season may we all continue to pray for peace in our divided world, so that all people may enjoy God's gift of creation and the salvation offered by His Son Jesus, the Redeemer.

May God bless you all abundantly. *Father Jeff*

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 12 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.*

REMINDER:

First Holy Communion
Sunday, May 3 at the 12:00 noon Mass
Confirmation
Saturday, May 23 at 5:00 p.m. Mass



PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

Parishioners are encouraged to remember the Holy Father's intention in their daily prayers

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.

EASTER DUTY

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church lists five precepts “which are meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer, the sacramental life, moral commitment and growth in love of God and neighbour”(#431). All Catholics are bound in conscience to observe these precepts which are considered “necessary for salvation” (#430). Among these precepts are the following two which constitute our “Easter Duty”: “to confess one’s sins, receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year” and “receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season” (#432). To obey these precepts is a serious obligation for all Catholics. The time for fulfilling our Easter duty annually is from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday.

Jesus founded the Church and instituted the sacraments to convey His grace to the faithful. We should, therefore, always remember that we cannot bypass the Church and her sacraments. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that “Individual and integral confession of grave sins followed by absolution remains the only ordinary means of reconciliation with God and with the Church”(#1497). Saint John Paul II entreated: *“To those who have been far away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation and forgiving love, I make this appeal: come back to this source of grace, do not be afraid! Christ himself is waiting for you. He will heal you, and you will be at peace with God.”*

CATHOLICISM 101

Catholic Family Services of Toronto announces the launch of ***Catholicism 101*** on Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. This online seminar provides a brief survey of the Catholic faith over six weeks.

Register at <https://cat101.eventbrite.ca> or for more information contact Arcangelo Limanni at 647-215-3978 or alimanni@cfstoronto.com



Monday	6 April
	<i>EASTER MONDAY</i>
10:00 a.m.	Special Intention *
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Tuesday	7 April
	<i>EASTER TUESDAY</i>
9:00 a.m.	Repose of Jesusa Peralta Req.by Rexiel Peralta
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Wednesday	8 April
	<i>EASTER WEDNESDAY</i>
7:00 p.m.	Repose of Debra D'Souza Req.by Joana, Owen & Lawrian
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Thursday	9 April
	<i>EASTER THURSDAY</i>
9:00 a.m.	Diane King Req.by her friend Etienne
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Friday	10 April
	<i>EASTER FRIDAY</i>
	<i>Friday is a day of penitential observance</i>
9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Wayne&Libby Campbell Req.by Isabel Campbell
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Saturday	11 April
	<i>EASTER SATURDAY</i>
10:00 a.m.	Helen & Fred Halloran, deceased relatives & friends Req.by Tardif Family
	<i>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</i> <i>(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)</i>
5:00 p.m.	Repose of Joffre Arzaga Req.by Arzaga Family
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Sunday	12 April
10:00 a.m.	Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00 noon	Repose of Anthony Rodrigues Req.by Santan & Margaret Lobo



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