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He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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MON, APR 21 9:15 am	Michael Nguyen †; Rosita Correia †; Remy Gomes †
7:00 pm	Daphne Sandoval †
TUES, APR 22 7:00 pm	For the health & intentions of Lito & Dona Olindan
WED, APR 23 9:15 am	Joe Manuelpillal †
7:00 pm	For the health & intentions of Ozzie & Hazel Colaco
THUR, APR 24 8:00 pm	Domenic Maida †
FRI, APR 25 9:15 am	Honorato Bettencourt †; Cecilia, Michael, Elain, Xavier & Philomena †
7:00 pm	Felicitas Gonzaga †
SAT, APR 26 9:15 am	Brian Balthazaar †
5:00 pm	Amado Dematos †; Terry Andrade †; Deceased members of the Dematos & Pontes family †; Thomas D'Silva †; Raymond Coelho †; Maria Cruz †; Clara D'Mello †; Santan & Anthony Gonsalves †; In thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of Frans & Sophie Gunawan
SUN, APR 27 9:00 am	Manuel Godhuni †; Sharon Moules †
10:30 am	Olga Medeiros †; Nestor David Sr. †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Elizabeth Michael †; Peter Alphonso †; In thanksgiving for the 30th anniversary of Christiana & Anthony Okoniha
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, April 21st

6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena

Tuesday, April 22nd

1:00 [m - 55 Plus Club

6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena

Wednesday, April 23rd

6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena

7:00 pm - SGFM

7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting

Thursday, April 24th

6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena

Friday, April 25th

6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena

Saturday, April 26th

12:00 pm - Marriage Prep

6:00 pm - Bible Study

6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena

Sunday, April 27th

8:00 am - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena

5:00 pm - Afro-Caribbean Mass

Most sorrowful Virgin, sorrow again filled your heart when the sacred body of your Son was taken from your arms, and placed in a cold grave. Yet you did not doubt that He would rise again.

Queen of Martyrs, let me join you in your sorrow, and grant me your own deep, trusting faith in the word of your Son. Let me trust that even in suffering, even when all seems lost, with Jesus there is always a way out.

Obtain for me too, a sincere sorrow for all my sins, a burning love for my God, a tender devotion to you, so that one day, I may die in His grace and, with Him, rise to eternal life.

- Prayer in honor of the Seventh Sorrow of Mary

Traditional Catholic piety invites us to console the anguish Our Blessed Mother felt in following her Son to the Cross, especially in the days of Easter. Scripture itself foretold that her Immaculate Heart would be pierced as she participated fully and intensely in the immense cost of our Redemption. In fact, in the mystery of the ongoing suffering of the Church, she still stands in solidarity in bearing the offenses, insults, and persecutions heaped upon the mystical body of her Son. A recent illustration of Mary's closeness to the unfolding afflictions that plague the Church and world were recently witnessed at Switzerland's 1200 year old monastery shrine of Einsielden. In November 16, 2024, a revered statue of our Blessed Mother was accosted by an outrageously deranged and disgraceful 17-year old Afghan refugee; he climbed upon the Marian altar to strip her of her garments, place her crown on his head, and seized her scepter for himself. The aged Swiss pilgrims and priests who were present looked upon helplessly as they were too shocked and enfeebled to intervene. The whole incident has been recorded and uploaded for online viewing. And so, it is for this reason that the Regina Caeli prayer is prayed extensively. It will replace the Angelus and the Salve Regina in liturgical celebrations. The invitation for the Queen of Heaven to rejoice "for your Son, who died, is living seen" is to offer continuous recognition that his saving sacrifice has gained great merit for the faithful and that they in turn, now embrace and worship the One who has obtained so great a gift. Her sorrow was not in vain. And even now, if her maternal concern for the fate of lost souls causes her distress, the ongoing pastoral efforts to win back her straying sons and daughters, is offered in her honour.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation.



At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days (see Jonah 1:17). Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile (see Hosea 6:2). Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the netherworld (see Psalm 16:9-10).

Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word—"tomb."

What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do raised Him up on the third day (see Mark 9:31; 10:34).

What they saw and believed they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels—from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan t His hanging on a tree (see Deuteronomy 21:22–23), to His rising from the dead.

We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Epistle says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week —to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb.

We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come—when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory." fr. Roger

SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2025



SHARELIFE

On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all.

Thus far we have raised \$8,786.40 toward our goal of \$62,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

JUBILEE 2025

In keeping with the Jubilee Year, our parish has organized a trip to Martyrs' Shrine on Saturday, May 31, 2025. The bus will leave the church premises at 10:00am after the 9:15am mass at our church. Fr. Roger will be accompanying us, and there will be devotional prayers, the Holy Rosary and Stations of the Cross. On the way home we shall be stopping at the Outlet Mall in Alliston, for supper/shopping. We should be back at the church at about



7:00pm. Please bring your own lunch. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Names and payment will be taken after all masses the weekend of April 26/27. All are invited. Should you need additional information, please email Flo at: richflo83@hotmail.com

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Have questions about life, faith & God but, do not know where to find the answers? Try Alpha! Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. The course is lpha over 10 evenings - Includes dinner, A short talk, An open discussion with small groups, There's no pressure, no follow up and no

charge. 2025 Alpha Registration - Introductory Session Starts Thursday May 1 at 6:30 pm in the church hall

MARCH FOR LIFE

The National March for Life is organized by Campaign Life Coalition and will take place on Thursday, May 12th. Pro-lifers rally in front of our Parliament building and march through downtown Ottawa, demanding that our elected representatives fight for the right to life of every human being. The cost is \$20 per person. The bus will leave the St. Marguerite d'Youville parking lot at



6:00am and return by 7:30pm. For more information email: kofc15612@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a charitable Catholic organization, active throughout Canada. The work of the society is to assist those in need who live within our parish boundary. If you are in need of assistance please contact the St. Marguerite d'Youville Conference directly at 647-642-4906 or email: vincentdepaulsmdy@gmail.com

PLANNING AHEAD INFORMATION SESSION

Join us on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the Assumption Funeral Home Reception Centre (6933 Tomken Rd., Mississauga) for a free seminar on the benefits of planning ahead. Learn how advance planning: Eases stress on loved ones, Ensures your wishes are followed, Locks in today's prices, Offers 0% interest financing and no HST on select services

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To RSVP, contact Marcos Carvajal at 905-670-8801 ext. 2410 or email assumptioninguiry@cc-fs.ca

Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in volunteering at the parish, please email Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org with the following information:

- 1. Your first and last name, phone number and email address.
- 2.Are you an Adult (18+) or Minor (under 18)
- 3. Which ministry you are interested in.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2025 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and require support, please contact the Bereavement Ministry by email at Bereavement.smdy@gmail.com

THE 55+ CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm -4:00pm. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrobin22@gmail.com

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Stitches from the Heart group meet Mondays after the 915am Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us whether you knit or would like to learn. For further information contact Mary at 905-915-8765. Any



donation of varn would be greatly appreciated.

SMALL GROUP FAITH MINISTRY

"Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." (Matthew 18:20) If you would like to apply what you have learned from Scripture, teachings, and practical personal reflection questions, join the SGM meetings on Wednesdays and Saturdays. For more information, email Olivia Sagui at SGFM.smdy@gmail.com

ROSARY APOSTOLATE

Would you like to pray, Mother Mary's most favourable prayer, the Holy Rosary with the children at our schools? The Rosary Apostolate is going back to in person. JOIN US! Training and supplies will be provided. Recruitment weekend: February 15 & 16th after all Masses. Please see Paula in the Narthex to sign-up. For more information leave a message for Paula at the office.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 6pm and Saturdays at 5pm for the Vietnamese Legion. Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit your home. For more information, please leave message for Lina Go or Annette Fernando at the parish office.

PARISH BOOK STORE

The Parish bookstore is open on the first and third weekend of every month after all Masses.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org.

SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS

The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you, to be a



priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy. Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

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