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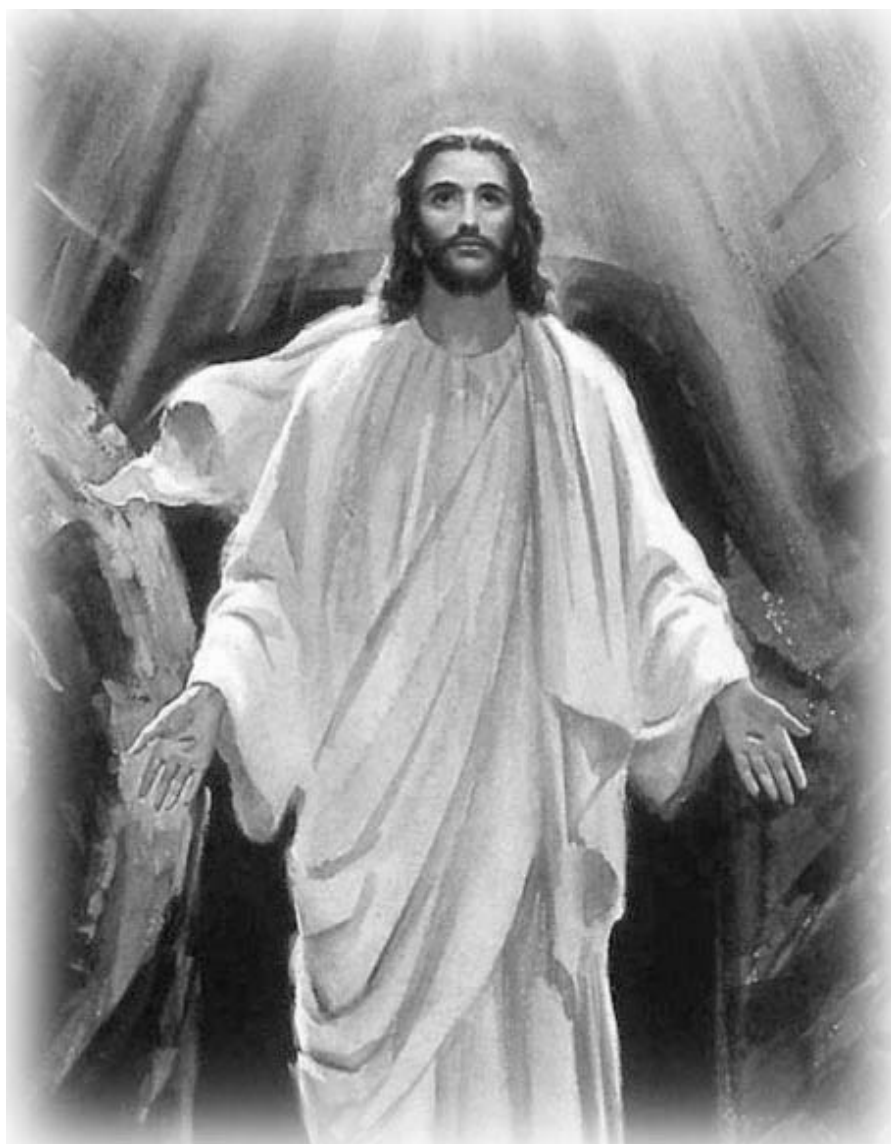
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Rejoice!

For the Lord is truly risen!

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD



<b>MON, APR 6</b> 9:15 am	Paula Crisostomo †
7:00 pm	For the 42 generations of Kurian & Catherine family
<b>TUES, APR 7</b> 7:00 pm	Maria Guerrero †; For the intentions of Roshini John
<b>WED, APR 8</b> 9:15 am	For the intentions & Health of Ozzy & Hazel Colaco
7:00 pm	
<b>THUR, APR 9</b> 7:00 pm	Walter Lucyk †
<b>FRI, APR 10</b> 9:15 am	Femia Bautista-Santos †
7:00 PM	In thanksgiving - Maria Ana Real
<b>SAT, APR 11</b> 9:15 am	Josefina Almendras Jones †; Jocelyn Layergan †; For all the names on the Parish Memorial wall †
5:00 pm	Alphonsa Camoens †; Vincent Alarcon † Giuseppe Cammalleri †; Alice Romano † Francisco Mendonca †; Arulappan Varghese †
<b>SUN, APR 12</b> 9:00 am	Elizabeth Santhiapillai †
10:30 am	Giuseppina & Tomasso Lapicciarella †; In thanksgiving for blessings received - Cherileen & Virlenson Carrido
12:30 pm	Angelito Olindan †; Donald Martin †; Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Clare Vaz †; Michele Henriquez †; Jason Colaco †; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Gemma Whitby
8:00 pm	Nada Naysum †

### THIS WEEK AT SMDY

**Monday, April 6th**  
10:00 am - Stiches from the heart  
6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena  
7:00 pm - CWL Executive meeting

**Tuesday, April 7th**  
1:00 pm - 55 Plus club  
4:00 pm - Legion of Mary  
6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena  
7:00 pm - RCIA  
7:00 pm - TMIY

**Wednesday, April 8th**  
6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena  
7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

**Thursday, April 9th**  
6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena

**Friday, April 10th**  
6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena  
7:00 pm - EDGE

**Saturday, April 11th**  
4:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena

**Sunday, April 12th**  
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.*

*- Christos Anesti/Paschal Troparion, primary hymn chanted to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in Eastern Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic liturgies dating back to the early Churches*

After contemplating the heart-wrenching Good Friday prophecy of Isaiah's suffering servant, the devout Christian is overwhelmed by the humility and meekness displayed by the Messiah who was "crushed, despised, and rejected, who bore all our offenses and was like a lamb led to the slaughter." While the depiction fills us with sorrow and pity, it can also trigger in us the anguish of feeling that we too share the same cruel fate of the oppressed: dominated and overcome by the merciless who pour out their own rage and guilt on the weak. Consequently, it is well-worth rejoicing in the triumph of Jesus Christ who definitively reverses the tragic plight of innocent victims by overwhelming evil with divine strength. To bolster crushed spirits, we are consoled by complimentary passages in Isaiah that convey Our Lord as one who conquers in the manner of a valiant warrior, "The Lord goes forth like a soldier, like a man of war he stirs up his fury; He shouts out his battle cry, against his enemies he shows himself mighty against his foes. (Isa 42.13) In his sacred Passion, Jesus decisively smashes Satan's treacherous claim on repentant souls by "trampling on death through death." Another Isaian passage speaks of Our Lord returning from the battle field with the following portrayal, "I trampled them in my anger and trod them down in my wrath; their blood spattered my garments, and I stained all my clothing. It was for me the day of vengeance." (Isa 63.3-4) The terrible violence our Lord absorbed in his dreadful scourging and crucifixion are indications of how fierce the fighting was. By his glorious Resurrection, Christ emerges as the decisive victor snatching victory from the hands of the proud and rebellious! He is now free to distribute the prize won with those whom he chooses. Praise be Jesus Christ, the Risen King!

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet, today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb.

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, to give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him.

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

*Fr. Roger*

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2026

**CARDINAL LEO'S MESSAGE FOR EASTER**



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 fullness 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.**

**SHARELIFE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS**

2026 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ShareLife, let us come together in celebration and compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal.

By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

Uplift young mothers and their babies; enable more men to pursue priestly vocations; connect seniors with dignity-affirming resources fight against hunger in our communities; help families in times of need.

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



**MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS**

Please note due to the Easter schedule, this mass is moved to the second Saturday on April 11 at 9:15 am. The Memorial Mass is offered for the repose of the souls of all whose names appear on our Memorial Wall. Join us for Mass at 9:15am, entrusting our beloved departed to God's infinite mercy and the promise of eternal life.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month from September - June at 7pm. For further information please contact league by email at [cwl.smdy@gmail.com](mailto:cwl.smdy@gmail.com)

JOIN US - *Parish Women's Retreat*, the theme will be Radiant Joy - Living the Abundant Life on Saturday, April 11th, 2026 beginning with Mass at 9:15 am.



**MARRIAGE PREP COURSE**

The Spring Session dates for the Marriage Preparation Course have now been set; the course will be held for 4 consecutive Saturday's May 23rd, 30th, June 6th, & 13th from 12:00pm - 6:00pm. \$250.00 per couple. To sign up, please contact the parish office.



**VISITORS' ENVELOPES**

We have seen a significant increase in the use of Visitors' Envelopes and would like to remind everyone to please write your information **clearly** on the envelope. If we are unable to read the name and address, the donation cannot be properly recorded, and you will not receive recognition for the contribution. The same applies to donations made using the Blue Building Fund – HVAC envelopes. If your name is not written clearly on the envelope, a tax receipt cannot be issued. If you have an envelope number, we encourage you to include it as well. Thank you for your cooperation and for your continued generosity and financial support of our Parish community.



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**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](mailto: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: [sandyrob-in22@gmail.com](mailto:sandyrob-in22@gmail.com)

**STITCHES FROM THE HEART**

Stitches from the Heart group meet Mondays after the 10am 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 yarn would be greatly appreciated.



**PARISH BOOK STORE**

The Parish bookstore will be open in April 11 & 12 after all Masses. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Linda at [LYeh@archtoronto.org](mailto:LYeh@archtoronto.org)

**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](mailto:vincentdepaulsmdy@gmail.com)



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you are interested in volunteering at the parish, please email Linda at [LYeh@archtoronto.org](mailto: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.



Next night:

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH FROM 7-8:30PM**

Meet new friends, get connected, and discover what's ahead in our bi-weekly Friday sessions.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex and Parish office for Grades 6-8.

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