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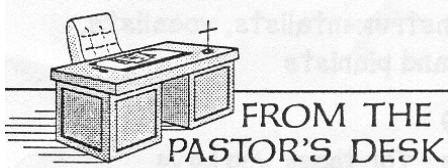
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Christ is Risen!



**ALLELUIA !
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THE LORD IS RISEN**

*To Him be Glory
and Power now and
forever and from
all ages to all ages!*

Easter this year feels different to me. Firstly, we can actually celebrate the Easter Triduum; Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil with virtually all the solemnity and meaning we normally did, again this year. The Triduum is not thought of as three separate celebrations but one celebration done over three days where we follow Jesus on Holy Thursday from the Last Supper where He instituted the priesthood and the sacrifice of the Mass which is the source and summit of the Church's life. And, we wait in prayer with Him at the Garden of Gethsemane. On Good Friday we read the passion of the Lord and honour the cross on which our salvation was won at such great a price. And, of course Saturday at the Easter Vigil we celebrate the glory of the resurrection, which of course carries into Easter Sunday and beyond. These moments are at the very heart of our faith and our life as Catholics Christians and in celebrating them we become closer to Christ and I hope you can attend so that we can celebrate these special moments together.

But to be honest I am looking forward when the liturgical celebrations are complete to going to my mom's house. I went last year, but due to Covid all we could do was stay outside and chat with our masks on. This Easter Sunday I look forward to celebrating with her inside over a big meal, with my brothers and sister, nephews and nieces around the table. (I also look forward to bringing the nephews and nieces as much chocolate as they want. I hope my sibling don't read this lol) I hope that you will be able to celebrate your own special Easter traditions with your own family. In God's love we receive all other loves and so the celebration of God's love is made fuller when we celebrate it with those we care about. I do realize that there may be those this year for whatever reason may not be able to celebrate the feasts with some of their dear family and friends: Know that in the Lord we all are connected by the Holy Spirit and will be reunited in joy with those we love.

Joy, true joy is that feeling of happiness contentment and fullness that we experience when we are with our loved ones: Christ our Blessed Mother, our family and friends. And more than ever I truly wish that the fullness of that Easter Joy will be with you to the full. Lord knows we all deserve it this year more than others.

Happy Easter Everyone. May the fullness of God's radiant Joy and Blessing be with all of you and all your loved ones this Easter.

(Now if you'll excuse me I need to get that chocolate I talked about!!).

**HUMANITARIAN RELIEF
FOR THE WAR IN UKRAINE**

Ukraine has been plunged into war after the Russian military invaded the country, resulting in widespread violence and a looming humanitarian crisis. In response to the request of parishioners, the Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time.

Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian civilians have already fled their homes and are trying to find shelter in neighbouring countries. The United Nations estimates that there could eventually be up to five million Ukrainian refugees, depending on how the war transpires.

A donation to help Ukrainians who are suffering due to this war would be a most appreciated gift.

Your donation will help Ukrainians who are beset by violence in Eastern Europe and it will help some of them find a new home in Canada.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office - 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, make cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Ukrainian/Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war.



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Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

On Monday, May 2nd, the evening mass will be celebrated in memory of those who suffered during the pandemic and for our front line workers. After the mass, everyone is invited for a social gathering to support one another to return to normal parish life. If you are interested in helping organize this event, please call the Parish office.

GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

As we begin to return to the normal practise of our Liturgical life, we can begin to invite more people to Minister at the Altar, so that our presence may give glory to God and be of service to our fellow parishioners.

If you have been a Lector, Minister of Communion, Usher or Altar Server in the past and would like to return to the Ministry or if there is a Ministry that you would like to get involved in. Please talk to Fr. Boniface at the back of the Church or contact him at the Parish Office.

Weekly Collection

Last week our collection was \$ 4,263.30
It takes 5,000.00 to cover weekly expenses.
Thank you to those who supported us during this very difficult time. Your charity means a lot!



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY APRIL 16th TO SUNDAY APRIL 24th, 2022

- Sat 16th 8:00 pm **MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL**
- Sun 17th **EASTER SUNDAY**
 - 9:00 am Mass in Italian
 - 10:30 am Mass in English
 - 12:00 pm Mass in English
- Mon 18th **EASTER MONDAY**
 - 9:00 am Mass in English
- Tue 19th 8:00 am Mass in Italian
- Wed 20th
 - 6:30 pm Holy Rosary
 - 7:00 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mass followed by OLPH Novena
Maria Biton (9 year Annivevrsary)
Florante Biton (1 year Anniversary)
Lorraine Innocenti (1 year Anniversary)
Doris Bubb (8 year Anniversary)
- Thu 21st 8:00 am Nazareno Tari
- Fri 22nd
 - 6:30 pm Holy Rosary
 - 7:00 pm Mass in English
Nino & Rosa Scivilla
- Sat 23rd 5:00 pm Dante Rocchetti (1 month Anniversary)
- Sun 24th 9:00 am
 - Giuseppe Dominicis
Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi
Francesco Conforti
Luciano Russo
Giovanni & Ascienza Di Vona
Lidia & Vittorio Papasodaro
Maria Rosa & Vincenzo Umbrello
Brunina & Domenico Servello
- 10:30 am Thanksgiving Brent & Ogechi Bolinger
Angela Muscat
Anna & Bruno Mezzatesta
Angelo & Giuseppina Pelaia
Cleotelde Guevarra
Flora Guevarra
Gabriel & Maria Flores
Zeny Roquim
- 12:00 pm PRO POPOLO
- 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Devotion

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