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Easter Sunday

*Christ
is
Risen!*



Let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5:8

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 9TH, 2023



HE MUST RISE FROM THE DEAD

There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each 'performance' is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that they will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearances. Apart from the proof that this was a real, living and bodily person, these meetings stress two factors, the power of the Risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. They are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied by and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure, to whom the Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which immediately brings him to faith.

Che cos'è che fa correre l'apostolo Giovanni al sepolcro? Egli ha vissuto per intero il dramma della Pasqua, essendo molto vicino al suo maestro. Ci sembra perciò inammissibile un'affermazione del genere: "Non avevano infatti ancora compreso la Scrittura". Eppure era proprio così: non meravigliamoci allora di constatare l'ignoranza attuale, per molti versi simile. Il mondo di Dio, i progetti di Dio sono così diversi che ancor oggi succede che anche chi è più vicino a Dio non capisca e si stupisca degli avvenimenti.

"Vide e credette". Bastava un sepolcro vuoto perché tutto si risolvesse? Credo che non fu così facile. Anche nel momento delle sofferenze più dure, Giovanni rimane vicino al suo maestro. La ragione non comprende, ma l'amore aiuta il cuore ad aprirsi e a vedere. È l'intuizione dell'amore che permette a Giovanni di vedere e di credere prima di tutti gli altri. La gioia di Pasqua matura solo sul terreno di un amore fedele. Un'amicizia che niente e nessuno potrebbe spezzare. È possibile? Io credo che la vita ci abbia insegnato che soltanto Dio può procurarci ciò. È la testimonianza che ci danno tutti i gulag dell'Europa dell'Est e che riecheggia nella gioia pasquale alla fine del nostro millennio.



Mass of Celebration to Welcome Archbishop Francis Leo
Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome
taking place at the following locations:

Central Region – Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - Blessed Trinity Parish, Toronto – 7 p.m.
Northern Region – Monday, April 17, 2023 - St. Mary's Parish, Barrie – 7 p.m.
Eastern Region – Wed, April 26, 2023 - St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Pickering – 7 p.m.
Western Region – Wed, May 3, 2023 - St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga – 7 p.m.

A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less."

- C.S. Lewis

Eucharistic Adoration



Mon - Thur
9am - 12pm (Church)*

Every Friday
9am - 7pm (Church)*

***In the Chapel,**
when there is a funeral

Come and spend some quiet time
in prayer!

Mass for the
Intentions  *for the*
Week

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 8TH – SABATO

8:00 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9TH – DOMENICA DI PASQUA

8:30 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

10:00 A.M. - Per Tutti I Nostri Parrocchiani

11:30 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. - NO EVENING MASS

MONDAY APRIL 10TH – LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Special Intention

12:00 P.M. + Salcino & Lumina Dominguez

TUESDAY APRIL 11TH – MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Romualda & Anino Gavino

12:00 P.M. + Sonia Sava

WEDNESDAY APRIL 12TH – MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Maria Milagros De Lara

12:00 P.M. - Lydia Dominguez

THURSDAY APRIL 13TH – GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. - Les & Joel Sangway

8:30 A.M. + Guillermo Gallego Jr

FRIDAY APRIL 14TH – VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Carmela & Antonio Scarano

7:00 P.M. + Annette De Mel

SATURDAY APRIL 15TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Epifanio & Aurea Ilag

10:00 A.M. + Anne DeSouza

Weekly Offertory

Last Week's Collection: \$7,699.45

Building Fund: \$3,328.65



Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.



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Dear Friends in Christ, the last two years have been a trying time for our entire global family on account of the Covid-19 pandemic. During this period, we have collectively lived under a shroud of fear and anxiety, which came in many various forms: the possible transmission of the virus; the restriction of our free movement as a result of social distancing protocols; the inability to celebrate the sacraments freely; the prospect of experiencing financial hardship with the changing economic landscape.... While many of these elements have slowly dissipated into our rear-view mirrors, nevertheless, we are once again faced with a new set of troubling issues: the war in Ukraine and the possibility of escalating military conflict in Europe and beyond; rising interest rates and the inflationary pressures that have caused greater financial hardship for many, etc. We can be tempted to let all these things easily trouble and weigh us down.

The reality is that deep down inside, we are all afraid! We are afraid of suffering, death, God's judgment, of the unknown, or our lives slipping out of control.... Yet, why are we afraid? As a people of faith, we have a Good Shepherd, who never abandons us and continues to walk with us wherever we go. As the psalmist reminds us, *"He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters.... Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me"* (Ps. 23: 2-4). If we have faith in Him, faith casts out fear just as light casts out darkness.

On this Easter Sunday, we have another reason why we should not be afraid, as we celebrated one of the central tenets of our Faith with the great mystery of Our Lord's resurrection from the dead. Today, the universal Church proclaims *"Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!"* And with the psalmist, we are able to say joyfully, *"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad"* (Ps 118:24).

We rejoice and are glad because of the profound message of that very first Easter, which is a message of hope, renewal, and new life. We rejoice with the knowledge that our life is not limited to this earthly reality that is often permeated with great uncertainty, pain and suffering. We rejoice because *"Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ"* (Phil. 3:20). We rejoice because as Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, *"Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry of unending life which is part of the person is indeed answered. God exists; that is the real message of Easter."*

While many may be preoccupied with the things of this world, as people of faith, we are called to keep our eyes squarely focused on Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever! St. Paul in his exhortation to the primitive church in Colossae reminds us to set our sights beyond this world, when he says, *"If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God"* (Col 3:1-3). Let us then not be afraid! And let us keep our eyes on Jesus - the Way, the Truth and the Life - who through his suffering, death and resurrection guides us along the path that leads to our eternal destination!

On behalf of the pastoral team - Fr. Anish, Fr. Russell and Julia - we pray that the Risen Lord may bless you and all your loved ones during this Easter season!

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations (Friday, May 5)

On this day, parishes throughout the archdiocese hold prayer initiatives dedicated to vocations. This year we are inviting you to take a moment on this day to pray for two intentions: for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for endurance in vocations already committed.

Pre-Ordination Prayer Vigil St. Michael's Cathedral (Friday, May 12)

*5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Open to the public*

Ordination Breakfast (Saturday, May 13)

*Arcadian Court 401 Bay St,
Simpson Tower, 8th floor,
Toronto (7:30 am start
time, SHARP)*

*Following the breakfast,
all are invited to attend
the Priestly Ordinations,
with reserved seating, that
will take place at 10:00*

*a.m. in St. Michael's
Cathedral Basilica*

*For inquiries email
vocations@archtoronto.org*

"God is never angry for His sake, only for ours." St. Thomas Aquinas

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Save the Date!

LITURGICAL WORKSHOPS:

The parish invites parishioners who signed up for the Liturgical Ministries to attend the workshop:

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Workshop
- Saturday April 22nd at 1pm
- Ushers Workshop
- Saturday April 29th at 1pm



Vocations' Reflection . . .

“He has been raised from the dead!” Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Stewardship Reflection . . .

The early disciples witnessed the risen Lord on Easter morning and from there went on to spread the good news of His resurrection to the ends of the earth. They received the gift of Easter, the same gift we receive today. As good stewards we should not keep this gift for ourselves but seek to share it generously with our parish community.



Dear Padre

April 9, 2023

Why should I believe Jesus founded the Catholic Church?

What a great question, especially during our Easter season, when the readings at Mass are about how the early Church discovers its mission and identity. Jesus intended to found a Church to carry on his mission.

Jesus chose twelve men to accompany him and learn from him. He passed on his mission to them: “Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me” (Luke 10:16). Jesus called Simon Bar-Jonah “Peter,” meaning “rock.” Indicating his foundational role, Jesus said to Peter, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:19).

Throughout the New Testament, we read how the apostles in their turn passed on their authority to other individuals by the laying on of hands (Acts 6:6; 13:3; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6). Initially, the only two orders were bishops and deacons, but soon priests were also ordained to share some of the authority of the bishop and to be his assistants.

The Church would exist and do Jesus' work until the end of time. The whole Church, the “Body of Christ,” as Paul would call it (1 Corinthians 12:27), would be Christ acting in the world on his behalf. The Church and all its members are to be “the light of the world” and “the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13-16). ●

— Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSSR
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Join our Pastor

Fr. Thomas Lim

PILGRIMAGE TO
TURKEY & GREECE
In the Footsteps of
St. Paul



June 02-15, 2023,
14 days

Flyers/registration forms are found at the lobby of the Church or visit

[St Lawrence Martyr Website](http://StLawrenceMartyrWebsite)

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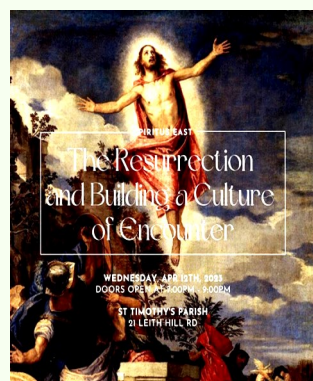


FATHER
YOU CALLED

SAINT LAWRENCE
TO SERVE YOU BY LOVE
AND CROWNED HIS LIFE
WITH GLORIOUS
MARTYRDOM.

HELP US TO BE LIKE HIM
IN LOVING YOU
AND DOING YOUR WORK.

AMEN



Spiritus East Young Adult Ministry (Ages 19-35) “The Resurrection and Building a Culture of Encounter”

Talk // Praise & Worship // Fellowship

Christ is Risen and He continues to be present in our midst, and because of this, we live differently. We live not for ourselves, but drawn into the Risen One's own being, we now live to make Him present to others and to build a culture of encounter. Join us as we hear a talk by Fr Martin Dicuango on **Wednesday, April 12th at 7pm, held at St Timothy's Parish (21 Leith Hill Rd)**. See you there and bring a friend!

For more information or to get involved please contact Samantha Goh, Eastern Region Young Adult Minister, at samantha@ocytoronto.org or 416.599.7676