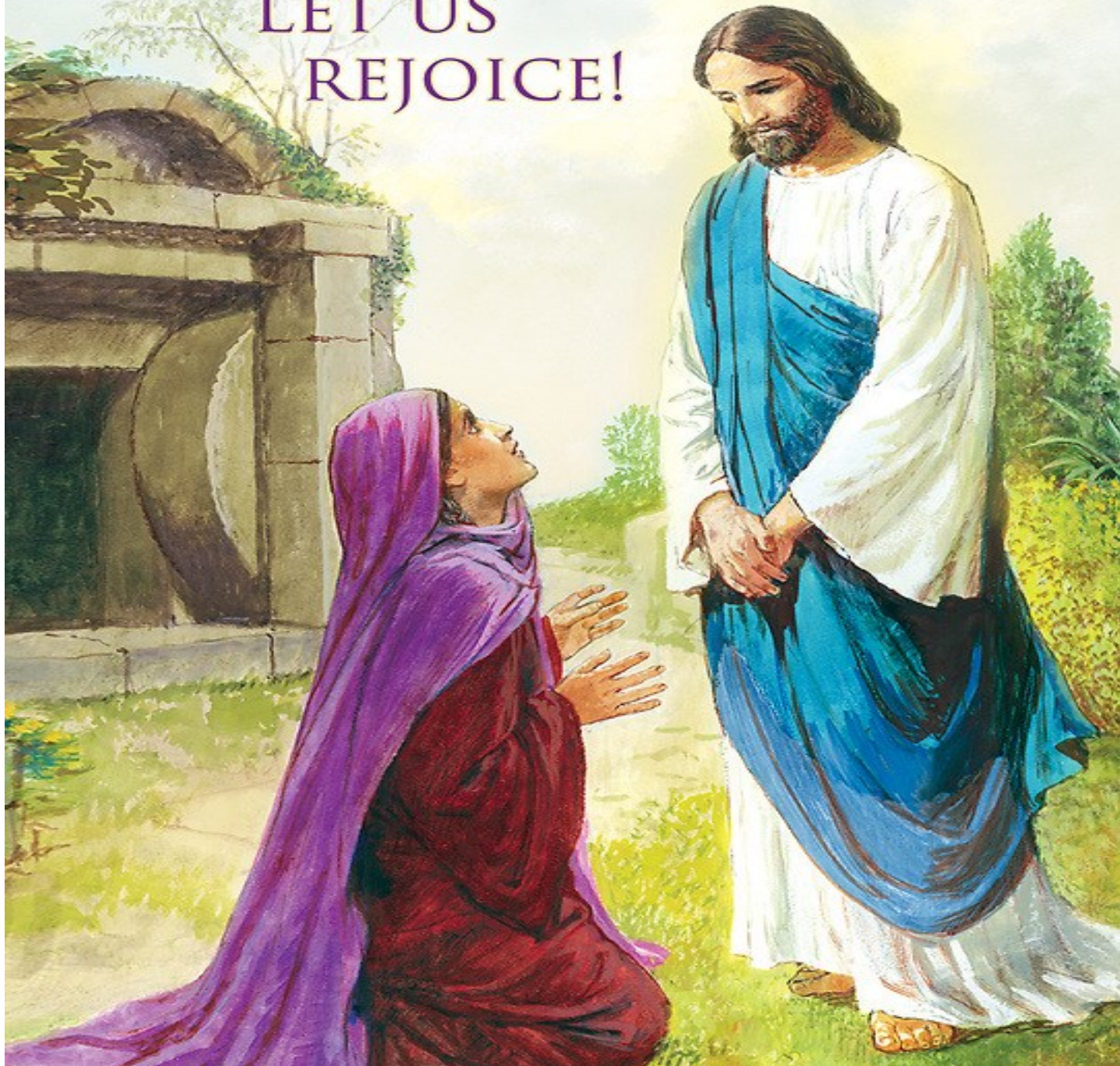


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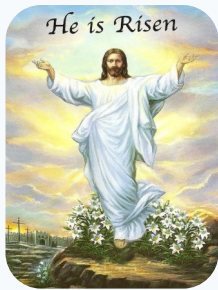
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EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31, 2024

John: 20:1-9



“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.



Vocation Reflection . . . The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 . www.vocationstoronto.ca Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Stewardship Reflection . . . These past forty days we've been preparing for this great feast where we will be met with the risen Christ yet how often do we fail to recognize Him in our daily lives? St. Teresa of Calcutta believes that we encounter Jesus through our neighbour as she says “I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him.” This Easter, let us rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and seek to find and serve Him in our neighbour by being good stewards.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 7, 2024



“The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”

Our Lord to St. Faustina (Diary 699)

**Please join us on April 7th 2:30pm
for Exposition, Adoration, and
Divine Mercy Chaplet**



**Mass Intentions
for the week**



HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 30TH – SABATO SANTO

* No 5:00 PM Mass*

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

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31ST – 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

* No 5:00 PM Mass*

MONDAY APRIL 1ST – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. - M & A Thomas Lambert
12:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

TUESDAY APRIL 2ND – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Zita Costales
12:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

WEDNESDAY APR 3RD – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Lilia Cezar
12:00 P.M. + Tsun Yan Ho

THURSDAY APR 4TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Fred Leung & Family
8:30 A.M. - Orlando Gaerlan

FRIDAY APRIL 5TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Estela Avendano
7:00 P.M. - Jonathan Mar

SATURDAY APRIL 6TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Florence Bahingawan
10:00 A.M. + Salcino Dominguez



Offertory - Last Week:
Regular \$8,521.25



EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Easter, allow me to offer you a few words that comes from one my favorite patron saints, St. John Chrysostom. St. John, whose epithet “Chrysostom” means “golden-mouthed” in Greek, was famous for his oratory skills and fiery sermons. He once famously preached the following Pascal Sermon to his people: *“Are there any weary with fasting? Let them now receive their wages! If any have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward; If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast! And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss. And if any delayed until the ninth hour, let him not hesitate; but let him come too. And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay. For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that toiled from the first. To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows. He accepts the works as He greets the endeavor. The deed He honors and the intention He commends.*

Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord! First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together! Sober and slothful, celebrate the day! You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today for the Table is richly laden! Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. Partake, all, of the cup of faith. Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!

Let no one grieve at his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He destroyed Hades when He descended into it. He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh. Isaias foretold this when he said, “You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below.”

Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with. It was in an uproar because it is mocked. It was in an uproar, for it is destroyed. It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated. It is in an uproar, for it is now made captive. Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see.

O death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are annihilated! Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down! Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and life is liberated! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!”

Anyone who reads these words from the “golden-mouthed” cannot help but be filled with a hopeful and joyful spirit. St. John powerfully reminds us that we are truly an Easter people! As such, we can never allow ourselves to succumb to despair because there are too many reasons for us to rejoice instead. We rejoice today because by his death, Christ liberates us from sin. We rejoice because through his resurrection, Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, conquered sin and death, demolished Satan’s diabolical kingdom, liberated the entire human race from slavery by showing us the path to new life (cf. CCC 654).

As we continue our Easter season, let us beseech God the Father to continue enveloping us in his love and mercy by praying: *“O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through Christ Our Lord”* (Collect from the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord).

On behalf of Fr. Russell, Fr. Giuseppe and Julia, we extend a warm Easter greeting to you and all your loved ones, and pray that the Risen Lord may bless all of you during his Easter Season.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



Festival of Prayer 2024: “The Beauty of Holiness” Series Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Decree on Ecumenism

St. Gregory of Narek, a revered saint in the Oriental Orthodox Church, has recently come into our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar.



Join Archbishop Francis Leo and Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan (Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada) who will co-preside at a jointly prepared Armenian Vespers to celebrate this remarkable event. A wide representation of church leaders in the Greater Toronto Area is expected at this event.

Scarborough Location: Saturday, April 27, 2024, 6 p.m. Vespers Celebrating St. Gregory of Narek as Abbot and Doctor of the Catholic Church Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church 920 Progress Ave. CONTACT: 416-934-3400 ext. 527

EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31, 2024

Dear Padre

March 31, 2024

Where did the idea of an Easter bunny come from? What about the Easter egg?

The Easter bunny is really a hare which, according to an Egyptian legend, is a symbol of the moon. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the twenty-first day of March. Put this together, and we have an Easter bunny.

Early Christians gave new meaning to the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo*, which means, "All life comes from an egg." A hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb on Easter morning. Consequently, eggs were prohibited during the Lenten fast and were reintroduced at the Easter meal and also shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg "that it may become a wholesome sustenance to Thy faithful servants, eating in thankfulness to Thee, on account of the Resurrection of Our Lord."

In some parts of the world, children carry baskets and torches and sing Easter carols as they go from place to place. They are given brightly colored eggs to put in their baskets. In other places, eggs are carried to church and blessed by the priests. The eggs are taken home and placed in the center of the table as the main dish at the Easter feast. Visitors to the house during Easter week are offered this sacred food of the resurrection. Happy Easter! ●

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SHARELIFE: EMBRACE JESUS' LOVE AND COMPASSION THROUGH GIVING



Jesus' love and example inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. ShareLife agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Coins for Life 2024 Project ends March 31st
Please bring boxes back to Parish on
All the Weekend Masses of April 6th/7th



Volunteers will be at the back of the church at all the masses next weekend to receive the townies, loonies, quarters, nickels and dimes or cheques made out to Campaign Life Coalition, you have kindly contributed. Campaign Life Coalition thanks you for your generosity for God's preborn babies in the womb!



Estate Planning Presentation

from a Catholic Perspective
 Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 P.M.
 SLM Parish Call 416 759 9359



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IS FAILURE AN OPTION?

APRIL 12TH - 14TH, 2024

SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN AND WOMEN

"Failure is not an option!" was the supposed mantra of the engineers who built the Apollo Moon rockets. But in fact, science progresses precisely by failing. What insights to ourselves and our faith can we derive from how science learns from its mistakes?



JOIN our PASTOR FR. THOMAS LIM for a 12-day

Pilgrimage to Mexico Aug 22 - Sep 2, 2024

Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sites from the lives of the Cristeros Saints and many more!

Flyers/Registration forms are found at the lobby of the Church and SLM website.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

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



"Make sickness itself a Prayer"

~St Francis de Sales~



EDGE Youth Ministry

Catholic Program for Youth in Grades 5-8

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Instead, set an example for the believers."

1 Timothy 4:12

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK
 APRIL 14-20, 2024

We appreciate and celebrate your **FAITHFUL SERVICE** within our parish community. Thank you for volunteering & making **EVERY MOMENT MATTERS.**

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St. Lawrence Martyr Parish

MEET AND GREET VOLUNTEERS

After all the W/E Masses

Archdiocese of Toronto

APR 13-14 Parish Hall



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