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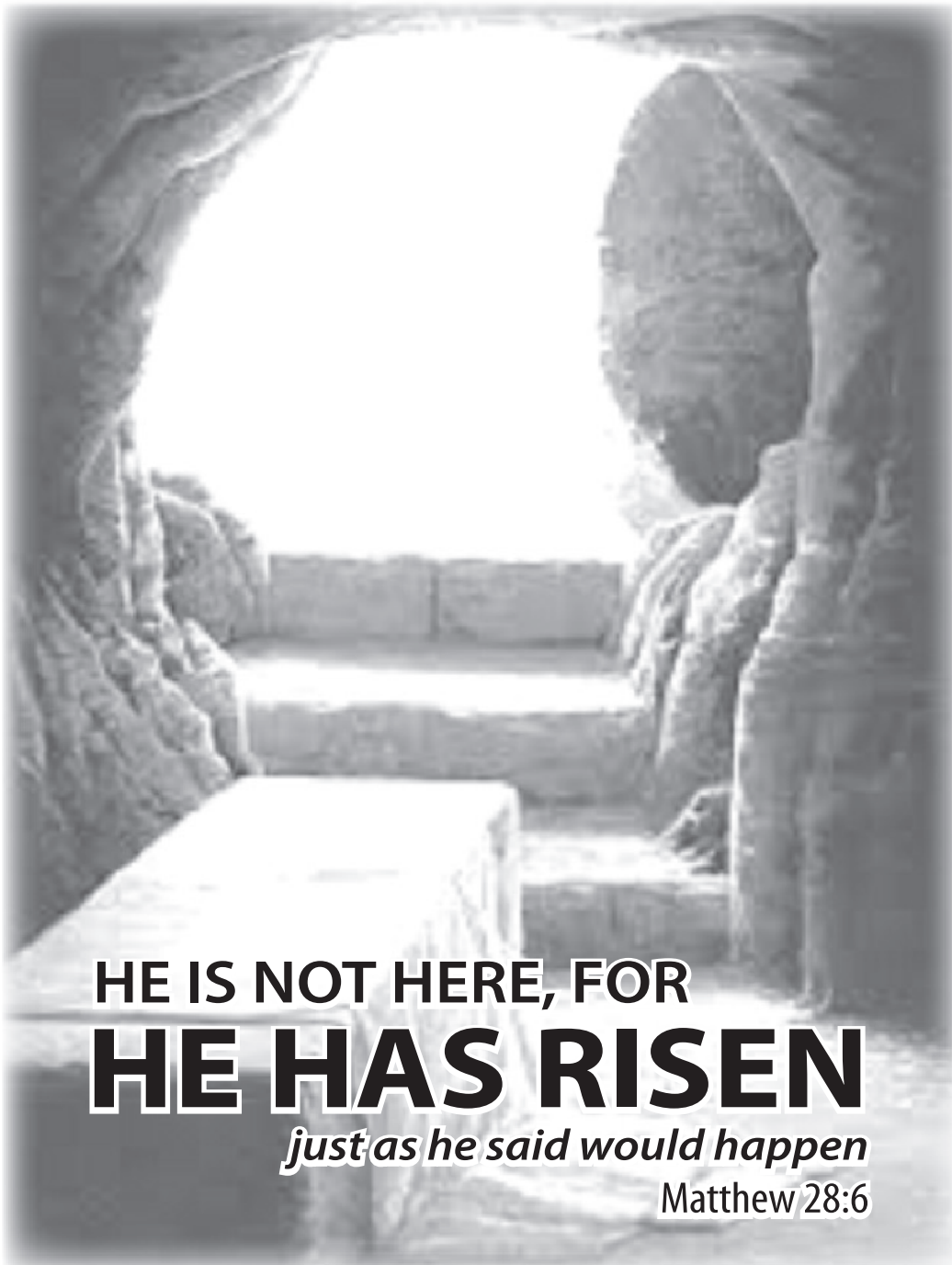
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**HE IS NOT HERE, FOR  
HE HAS RISEN**

*just as he said would happen*

Matthew 28:6

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

## EASTER SUNDAY

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit. (Sunday Connection LoyolaPress)

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>



All are welcome to join us for a special celebration  
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm  
Holy Mass at 3:30 pm

## CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

We are facing difficult times as we all know, let us follow what the Archbishop Francis Leo is calling us to do: the Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary to be done for all Catholics in the Greater Toronto Area. The Blessed Virgin Mary is always there for us, she is our refuge in times of trouble. We invite you on the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (this year Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>) to come to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm (English & Italian).

## WEDDING BANN



THERE IS A PROMISE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN:

Andrea Sarracini & Daniel Hamaway  
Maryam Giwa & Oriyomi John Ikuomola (Samson Adekoya)

## PRAY FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

Mario Panin

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE DATES

March 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> April 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>

## CHAPEL HOURS

The chapel has closed at 4 pm on Holy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and will re-open on Easter Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am

## OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and reopen the following day on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## SHARELIFE

March 17 | April 28 | June 2

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](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## DOMINICAN FRIARS YOUTH INTERFAITH VIDEO CONTEST 2024

*Theme: "This is a time when the world needs more love and compassion than ever."*

High school students (ages 13–19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates United Nations International Human Fraternity Day on February 4 every year. The students are encouraged to make a three-minute video encapsulating the theme. They are encouraged to follow the guiding rules provided on the Catholic Register website and submit their entries by filling the details on the submission form: <https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest> CONTACT: [interreligious@archtoronto.org](mailto:interreligious@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 for more information or questions. Contest is now open until April 15, 2024.

## ST. GREGORY OF NAREK

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 on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 6 p.m., hosted at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church on 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough, Ont. M1G 3T5. A wide representation of church leaders in the Greater Toronto Area is expected at this event.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the last week was \$10,682.80. We are grateful for your donation to our parish.



Prayer Requests

MARCH 31, 2024

## SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR ORDINANDI

The CWL of Transfiguration would like to thank all those who offered their prayers for the Ordinandi of 2024. Through your generosity we were able to collect: 859 Masses, 722 Communions, 2835 Rosaries, 437 Eucharistic Adorations, 267 Visits to Blessed Sacrament, 92 Stations of the Cross, 168 Sacrifices, 5,469 Prayers and 75 others. These offerings will be presented to the Ordinandi at the annual dinner held in their honour.

## SPRING BAKE SALE

The Catholic Women's League will be holding a Spring Bake Sale after all the masses from 07:45 AM TO 12:00 Noon on Sunday April 14, 2024. Funds raised will go to Share Life at Transfiguration & a small percentage to charities supported by the CWL. We ask for donations of Baked Goods (homemade or purchased) to sell. Donations can be dropped off at the Church Hall on Saturday April 13th in the afternoon or Sunday before the Masses. Chances to win a Spring Basket will also be sold. Help us to make this event a success.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Theresa Burns, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas, Lisa Petriglia, Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco, Gianfranco, Dana McGrath, Roman J. Zakrajse, Enzo, Domenica, Phyllis C. Teresa Pirrello, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone, Sergio Rea, Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Jose Vaz, Karen Radecky, Carla Chiulli, Luis Inting, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Maria Bellissimo, Jane Delgado, Ramon Ortiz, Ines Granda, Harriet Capalla, Bernice DeGrace

## MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

**L'Amore è più forte della morte!** - Il mattino di Pasqua ci regala una bellissima immagine della Chiesa: siamo quelli che sanno aspettarsi, perché abbiamo ritmi diversi. La fede nel Risorto è un'esperienza che si consuma insieme, mai da soli. È una corsa dove qualcuno arriva prima ma ha la pazienza di aspettare l'altro. Il cuore (Giovanni) arriva sempre prima dell'autorità (Pietro) ma sa rispettarla, attenderla. Giovanni entrò e vide i teli posati là e credette. Giovanni ha l'intelligenza del cuore. Un detto medievale afferma: "I sapienti camminano, i giusti corrono, solo gli innamorati volano", Anche Pietro, che era entrato prima, vide ma non credette.

Giovanni crede perché i segni parlano solo a un cuore che sa leggerli. Giovanni è il discepolo amato proprio perché ha dato il primato all'amore non ai calcoli. La fede non è evidente. La croce, il dolore lo è. La risurrezione è questione di fede. La fede, non è un ragionamento, nasce dagli occhi aperti sulla realtà che ti sta davanti.

La fede è la constatazione di una realtà che ti sta davanti e che solo l'occhio attento di chi guarda può rendersi conto.

(Paolo Di Martino)

## MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

<b>Sunday March 31</b>	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am	† Giovanni Cortese, † Salvatore, Francesco, Agnese Armocida, † Maria Grazia Cristello, † Francesco Giannone, † Maria Pia Casoria
10:30 am	† Girolama Cangemi, † Joseph & Anna Vu
12:00 pm	† Mario Panin, † Irma Castillo
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly
8:00 pm	Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)
<b>Monday April 1</b>	Monday within the Octave of Easter
9:30 am	† Rolliffe D'Souza, † Leena & Lizzie Serao, † Maria Miranda, † Victor Ramirez, † Vittoria Mazzuca
<b>Tuesday April 2</b>	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
9:30 am	† Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, † Giuseppe Intrevado, Special Blessings: Anthony Falzon, Lina Intrevado, Abrahet Ghebreyonhannes & Family
7:00 pm	Memorial Mass (English): Luisa Carlucci
<b>Wednesday April 3</b>	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
9:30 am	† Curis Yec La, † Jackie Bennett, † Betta Aguese, Special Blessing for William Bennett
7:00 pm	Memorial Mass (English/Italian): Franco Fezzuoglio
<b>Thursday April 4</b>	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
9:30 pm	† Matthew & Wayne Dishart, † Anthony Misquitta, † Gianluigi Lijoi, A Special Blessing for Albina & Amanda Lijoi
6:30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal: A. Sarracini & D. Hemaway
<b>Friday April 5</b>	Friday within the Octave of Easter
9:30 am	† Robert Pereira, † Sylvia Valuch, † Eleanor Scott, † All Souls, Thanksgiving Mass for Rodolfo & Rodney Nicomedez
<b>Saturday April 6</b>	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
9:30 am	† Giuseppina Fonte, † Victor Gibbs, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon,
11:30 am	Wedding: Andrea Sarracini & Daniel Hemaway
3:30 pm	Mass at Parkland Retirement Home
4:30 pm	Confessions
5:30 pm	† Emilioi Bruni, † Hector Fernandes & deceased family members, † Henry & Julianna D'Souza & † Francesco Furlano
<b>Sunday April 7</b>	Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am	† Antonio Virdo, † Chiara & Giuseppe Morano, † Sr. Carmelina Tarantino, † Danilo Reffo
10:30 am	† Nicola Biancofiore, † Macario Raimundo, † Teresa Sa & Family, † Deceased Members of the Laporte, Coleman & Savage Families, Special Blessings for the Pinto, Raimundo, Sa & Viegas Families
12:00 pm	† Domenic & Frank D'Urzo
1:30 pm	IGBO Mass
3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:30 pm	Divine Mercy Mass
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly
8:00 pm	Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

## THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Most urgently needed are individually packaged snacks, e.g. chips/cookies/granola bars, juices, bottled water, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, men's new underwear, socks, jeans, Advil, Ensure/Boost, art supplies, blank notebooks, sports or event tickets. Items can be placed in the blue bin located at the reception area of the parish office.


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