

Easter Sunday



From The Pastors Desk: Christ is risen! Every day, at every moment, every Christian heart knows that Christ is risen from the tomb; but on Easter, we are refreshed with the awesome meaning of this mystery, and given new hope for our own triumph over death. The Church has now finished 40 days of holy remembering, together, as a people of faith, the depth of God's love for us, seen in the way Jesus willingly suffered and gave his life to save us. We have the awesome privilege of being united to the Saviour in every celebration of the Eucharist, when Jesus feeds us with his very Body and Blood, and we are nourished with heavenly life.

Is this any different from Easter last year? Yes and no. Easter is the same, but we as a body have grown and changed. We are all a year older, and possibly a little wiser. Infants have become toddlers; tweens become teens; 20-somethings become 30-somethings, middle-agers become seniors, and many of us becoming "of a certain age". Many of us have had joyful occasions: births, graduations, weddings, anniversaries; some of us have had sorrowful times: deaths of loved ones, financial hardships, illnesses, and estrangements. But in all of these, Christ our Lord has been our strength, our consolation, and our joy. And Easter has brought us yet another step closer to him, who has never left our side.

Let us now keep the 50 days of Easter in a spirit of thanksgiving, finding consolation in the healing wounds of the risen Christ, and joy in his Resurrection. Let us pray with the Church: "The splendour of Christ risen from the dead has shone on the people redeemed by his blood, Alleluia!

.....Fr. John-Mark



Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul poor box as you exit the church. Your donations help St. Vincent de Paul Society respond to needy families and individuals within our parish boundaries who are struggling to make ends meet.

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 1st

For INTENTIONS OF TOMMASO LISCIDINI

Requested by Parish Family

Tuesday, April 2nd

For INTENTIONS OF VERONICA & CLAUDE BAILEY

Requested by The Bailey Family

Wednesday, April 3rd

For + JOAN REGAN

Requested by Sylvia Stanko

Thursday, April 4th

For INTENTIONS OF CATHERINE CHANG

Requested by The Chang Family

Friday, April 5th

For INTENTIONS OF CATHERINE CHANG WAI FAN

Requested by Kathy Wai Fan

Saturday, April 6th

For + DOUGALD BUCHANAN MACPHERSON

Requested by Monish Sarker



Rest in Peace

*In your charity please pray for
the repose of the souls of*

Magella Savoie & Iris Horowitz

Please Pray For The Sick

Marianella Espinal, Helen Travers-Griffin, Catherine Chang, Paul Proctor, Christina Jopling, John Rao, Nancy Smith, Rosanne Nihtila, Margaret Ryan, Michael Higgins, Richard Bowman, Chiu Wong, Cathy Connor, Gillian Haughey, Isabel Cairns, Marianne Loranger, Christine Curran, Jack Lees, Jacob McLean, Carmel Richard

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: We are pleased to bring the Sacrament to all homebound parishioners. Please contact the parish office if you or a family member wish to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the sick.



Our Parish is where we are married and bring our children to be baptized. It is where we come to be fed in the Holy

Eucharist, be reconciled with God and the world, and hope to leave this world on our final journey to meet the God that we love. Help support your parish so that we are able to keep our doors open to support you when you need us. It is only through your offerings that we can continue to serve you.

Contact the office if you wish to begin using envelopes or for more information on our Pre Authorized giving (PAG).

Alternatively, scan the QR code below and the link will take you to our "Donate" button on our website where you can donate through your credit card; don't forget to select "St. John's Parish, Toronto" in the drop down menu. Thank you for making a gift to your Parish.



	2023	2024
Sunday Offertory	\$ 4657	\$ 4347
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1421	\$ 1421

In The News

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.

"POUR OUT" ADORATION NIGHT: Merciful Redeemer's spring Pour Out Adoration Night is here and open to all ages! Join us at Merciful Redeemer Parish on April 19, from 7 to 9 pm for this evening inspired by Romans 5:1-11, where St. Paul speaks of how God's love is poured into our hearts to give us peace, mercy and hope. With Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday having just passed, we will gather together to continue soaking in God's love as we ponder the incredible mercy He pours unto us. What does God's overflowing gift of mercy look like? How are we being receptive to this love and mercy? And finally, how do we love Him in return? Join us for a beautiful evening of praise and worship, adoration, prayer ministry, confession, testimony sharing and a talk by Fr. Matt McCarthy! No registration required. All are welcome!

IS FAILURE AN OPTION? "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 us at Manresa Retreat in Pickering on Friday, April 12 to Sunday, April 14, for this silent retreat for men and women. Facilitator: Br Guy Consolmagno, S.J. Brother Guy is an American research astronomer, physicist, religious brother, director of the Vatican Observatory, and President of the Vatican Observatory Foundation.

SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION: One of the most financially sound ways to support your parish is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. A great tax break for you and support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, and many others. For further information, contact the development office at 416.934.3400 Ext. 519 or email to development@archtoronto.org.

Remember St. John's in your will.

Parish News

EASTER MONDAY: Small change to Mass time. Join us for Mass at 8:15 am. The Rosary Group will begin at 7:45 am.

Please keep our Catechumens in your prayers. They have completed their RCIA training and will be baptized at this Saturday's Easter Vigil Mass.



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.

Our goal is \$79,500. Can you help us help them!

50/50 RAFFLE: Get your tickets for The Knights of Columbus 50/50 raffle lottery in support of the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus of Ontario. Tickets are just 10 tickets for \$10.00/ 40 tickets for \$20.00 / 125 tickets for \$50.00 or 300 tickets for \$100. Draw April 28th. For tickets follow the link: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/194>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 40 CANS FOR LENT: was a great success once again this year. Thank you to all who donated to our collection. You succeeded in donating approximately 500 pounds of food and over \$410 in monetary donations. All proceeds will be taken to the Good Shepherd Refuge.

SAVE THE DATE: Mother's Day weekend, come join the Knights of Columbus as they host all parishioners and especially Mom's and Mother figures, after all Masses. Beverages and pastries will be served.

Little Levity: Fr. Michael the new Pastor stood at the church door greeting the parishioners as they left the Sunday Mass. Most of the people were very generous telling Fr. Michael how much they liked his homily, except for one man who said, "The was a very dull and boring sermon, pastor." A few minutes later, the same man again appeared in line and said, "I don't think you did much preparation for your sermon." Once again, the man appeared, this time muttering, "You really blew it. You didn't have a thing to say, pastor." Finally, Fr. Michael could stand it no longer. He went to Deacon Paul and inquired about the man. "Oh, don't let that guy bother you," said Deacon Paul. "All he does is go around repeating whatever he hears other people say."

Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa

The office will be closed on Easter Monday & Tuesday. Email us if you have an emergency.

