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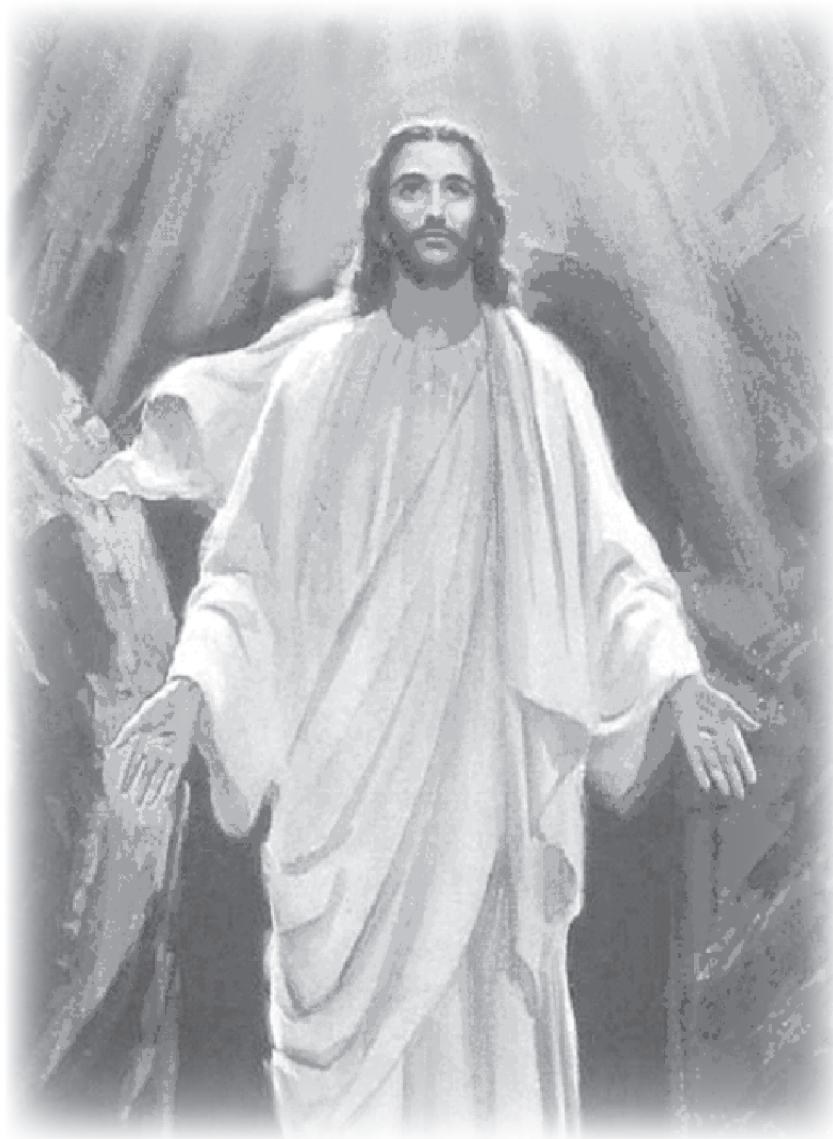
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Organist: Gerard Johnston



Christ is Risen!



EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR B)

Mar 31, 2024

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of Mar 30 to Apr 06, 2024

Mar 31	Sun	9:00 AM	†	May Shiekh
		11:00 AM	-	People of the Parish
Apr 01	Mon	9:00 AM	†	Augustine & Marie Fernandes
Apr 02	Tue	9:00 AM	†	Naseem (Jimmy) Shiekh
Apr 03	Wed	9:00 AM	†	Richard Ainsley Jansz
Apr 04	Thu	9:00 AM	-	Intention of Bunny & James Santos
Apr 05	Fri	9:00 AM	†	Donald Bastiampillai
			†	Doreen Morse
			†	Cassandra Mary Philips
			†	Naseem (Jimmy) Shiekh
			†	Yuk Ting Si
			†	Lutgarda Puno Quambao
			-	Intention of Germaine Cox
			-	Intention of Edwin & Riel Laberinto
			-	Intention of Mario & Maria Simao
		7:30 PM	†	Lawrence Soreng
			†	Doreen Morse
			†	Tony D'Agostino
Apr 06	Sat	9:00 AM	†	Naseem (Jimmy) Shiekh
		5:00 PM	†	Feliciana Cruz Medina

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS:

(416) 282-0370

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

General meetings: 2nd Mon of the month at 7 PM (the Hall)

Mary Kelly EXT 251

FAITH ENRICHMENT

Meetings: every Thurs

9:30 AM—10:45 AM (Room 2)

Bonnie Washer EXT 252

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

General meetings: 3rd Thurs of the month at 7:30 PM (Room 2)

Bryan Noble EXT 253

LEGION OF MARY

Debra Silveira EXT 254

PRAYER GROUP

Meetings: every other Thurs at

7:30PM—Patricia Furtado or

Michael McManus EXT 255

REFUGEE OUTREACH

Meetings: last Sat of the month

Carmela Gaudet EXT 218

SENIOR 50+ CLUB (Refreshments,

cards & companionship: every Wed

12 PM —3:30 PM (the Hall).

Senior Mass: 1st Wed of the month

11AM) Joe Van Pinxteren EXT 256

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(Email: bryannoble1967@gmail.com)

Bryan Noble EXT 215

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

EXT 217

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY

Isis Rebello EXT 214

YOUTH MINISTRY

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REFLECTION

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

(see Psalm 118)

Our Easter celebration has begun! Happy Easter!

In many parts of the world, Easter comes in spring. It's the time of year when nature itself brings forth the beginnings of new life. The tulips begin to rise from the cold and dormant earth, the leaves begin to bud on the trees, transforming the forest into a sea of green, and the Sun begins to shine with a new radiance, sending warmth at its rising each morning. Creation itself reflects the glory and splendor of the Resurrection of Christ in many ways.

The death of winter reflects the death of Christ and the silence of the tomb experienced on Holy Saturday. Everything goes dormant. Vegetation appears to die, and even the animals and insects retreat into various forms of hibernation and immobility. However, at the appointed time, as the warmth of the Sun rises anew, nature itself is called forth from the death of winter into the new life of spring.

The cold winter would be deeply depressing if it were to remain forever. Just imagine if scientists were to tell us that the forthcoming winter was a unique one in that it would now remain forever. Never again would we see the warmth of spring or summer. Never again would we see the insects, plants and leaves on the trees. What a hopeless situation that would be!

But God speaks to us in many and varied ways, and one such way is through the cycle of nature. New life is certain! The warmth will return after the winter freeze, nature will rise and the earth will sing again.

If the Father in Heaven is so diligent about caring for the natural creation, how much more does He care for the recreation of humanity? How much more would He have cared for the Resurrection of His own divine Son? How much more does He care for our entrance into the new life won for each of us by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead?!

Allow the beauty of creation to be a sign to you of a reality that is infinitely greater. Allow yourself to be drawn into the newness of life that is bestowed upon you by your sharing in the Resurrection of Christ. To rise with Him means you are to become a new creation.

Reflect, today, upon the above line from the Responsorial Psalm for today's Mass. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." The "day" we rejoice in is the new life God wants to bestow upon your soul here and now. It's a new day, a glorious one, a transformed one, a resurrected one. New life must begin now and must become continually new and glorious as we journey deeper and deeper into the glory of the Resurrection. Ponder this "new day" and allow our Lord to bestow it upon you through the power of His glorious Resurrection from the dead.

SACRAMENTAL PREPS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

Group A: Sunday, April 7 at 1:00 PM

Group B: Sunday, April 14 at 1:00 PM

Group A: St. Brendan & St. Jean de Brebeuf

Group B: Cardinal Leger, St. Dominic Savio & Sunday School

CONFIRMANDI RETREATS

Saturday, April 6 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM OR

Saturday, April 20 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Information about the retreat date and time for each Confirmandi has been emailed to the parents. Please call or email the parish office if you have not received our emails.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—April 7, 2024

The annual Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and continues through to Sat, April 6. Pray it at home or with others after 9 AM daily Mass. Information and Novena pamphlets are available at the church exits.

On Divine Sunday, there will be a special celebration at 2:45 PM, including a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament closing with Benediction, priestly blessing of personal Divine Mercy Images, and public veneration of the Divine Mercy Image.

Refreshments will follow. Donations of finger foods will be gratefully accepted.

All welcome! See posters on bulletin boards at church exits for more details. Contact: Bonnie Washer - (416) 284-5772.

Healthy Communication, Intimacy, Relationship Building

Give yourself the gift of a joyful marriage by learning the tools of healthy communication. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program, welcomes couples of all faiths to help get their relationships back on track. Join us from April 5-7, 2024 in Mississauga.

For more information, call 437-234-5610 or visit torontoretrouvaille.com or helpourmarriage.org.

Do you feel called? 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.

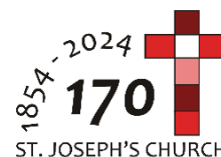


St Joseph Parish 170th Anniversary Celebrations

Join the celebration. We will be celebrating throughout the year!

Save these dates:

- **May 19** – Feast of Pentecost – Feast Mass at 11:00 am followed by reception.
- **June 23** – Anniversary Extravaganza – Mass at 11:00 am followed by Outdoor Celebration -Fun for the whole family.
- **November 16** – Anniversary Gala – Dinner Dance. More details will be available soon.



Silent Retreat for Men and Women

“IS FAILURE AN OPTION?”

April 12 @ 6:30 PM—April 14 @ 1:00 PM

Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre (2325 Liverpool Rd)

“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?

Suggested offering: \$270 pp. For more information: 905-839-2864. To register: <https://manresa-canada.ca/events/>

Good Shepherd

PROVIDE-A-MEAL PROGRAM

QUESTIONS OR WISH TO PARTICIPATE?

Contact:

PETER OR ANNIE ALKINS
(416) 283 7420

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:

1. We provide you the casserole container and recipe.
2. You prepare the same meal once per month.
3. Keep some for your family - it's delicious!
4. Drop off the casserole on the dates indicated between 9:30—10:00 AM after the Saturday morning Mass at the West parking lot.
5. Pick up an empty container when you do the drop off - You're done!

Next pick-up date: Apr 6, 2024

YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

Consider supporting the Youth Ministry Fundraiser BLITZ.

Your donations will help more youth participate in EDGE Camp and Leadership Camp.

The youth will also accept prayer requests.
Thank you in advance for your kind support.

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JTanuan@archtoronto.org or (416) 282-0370 ext. 213.

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