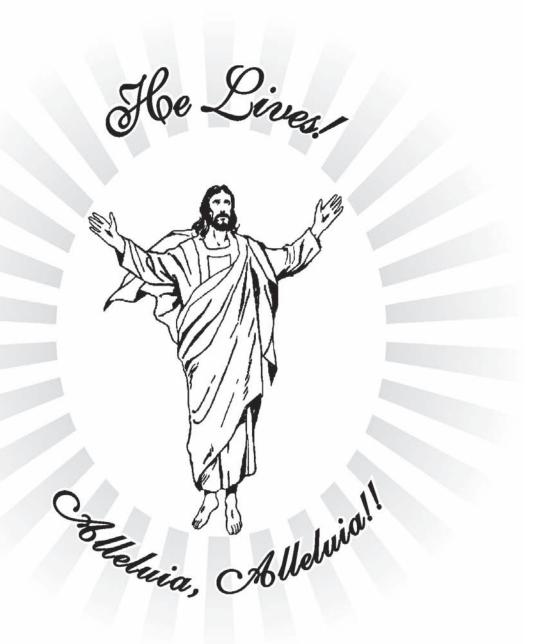
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Recognizing the Risen Lord

John 20.1-18 The Resurrection of Jesus

Rejoice, the Lord is risen, truly He is risen! Today is the Solemnity of Solemnities, the most holy day in the Church's calendar. Let us take a moment to rejoice in

the glory of the resurrection. These past forty days we've

been preparing for this great feast where we will be met with the risen Christ. However, let us ask ourselves, how often do we fail to recognize Him in our daily lives?

In the Gospel today, we hear the account of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene. Mary is face-to-face with Jesus risen from the dead and yet she

didn't recognize Him. She has spent the last couple years of her life following Him and now she cannot even identify Him as the man before her. While we may be quick to judge Mary, we should remember that Christ makes Himself present to us in countless ways that we often don't perceive.

One way that Jesus comes to us is through our neighbour. St. Teresa of Calcutta says "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus." This Easter, let us rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and seek to find Him in our neighbours. The same way that we would run to serve Christ, let us serve Christ dwelling in those around us and fully live out our call of stewardship.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection - Archdiocese of Toronto ~

Prayer of St Richard Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Wishing you and your loved ones a Holy and Blessed Faster! Amen.



This week **The Sanctuary Lamp** is dedicated For the Special Intentions of The Warford family requested by

Alice & Brian Warford

3.6		10.05		
Mon.	Apr. 5	12:05 pm	† Emily Osorio, requested	
			by the Osorio family	
Tue.	Apr. 6	12:05 pm	† Jose Torres Jr. on the 40 th	
	•	•	day of his death, requested	
			by his sister, Tess Fernandez	
			& family	
Wed.	Apr. 7	12:05 pm	Special intentions for	
		_	Allison Nilo, requested by	
			her parents, Eric & Maricel	
			and her brother, Nilo	
Thur.	Apr. 8	12:05 pm	† Regina Balivia, her sister,	
	1	1	Rachel Lim	
Fri.	Apr. 9	12:05 pm	† Gerry Kennedy, requested	
	•	•	by Alice Goldman	
Sat.	Apr.10	9:00 am	† John Richardson,	
			requested by the Richardson	
			family	
		5:00 pm	† Patricia Sanchez on her	
		3.00 pm		
			death anniversary, requested	
~			by Lito Sanchez	
Sun.	Apr. 11	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish	
		11:00 am	† Fr. Peter Tammearu,	
			requested by the Cabral	
			family	

MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE

[Limited seating available; first-come basis]

MONDAY – FRIDAY

12:05 pm

[Doors opening at 11 am]

SATURDAY

9 am & 5 pm Sunday Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9 & 11 am

[doors opening half-an-hour before starting time]

LIVESTREAM MASS

This Sunday Mass is also livestreamed at 9 am and can be viewed at anytime throughout the day at www.olghtamilparish.com

EASTER IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Many people think that Christmas is the most important day in the Catholic liturgical calendar, but from the earliest days of the Church, Easter has been considered the central Christian feast. As Saint Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:14, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." Without Easter—without the Resurrection of Christ—there would be no Christian Faith. Christ's Resurrection is the proof of His Divinity.

Easter is not only the greatest Christian feast; Easter Sunday symbolizes the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. Through His Death, Christ destroyed our bondage to sin; through His Resurrection, He brought us the promise of new life, both in Heaven and on earth. His own prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, on earth as it is in Heaven," begins to be fulfilled on Easter Sunday.

That is why new converts are traditionally brought into the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil service, on Holy Saturday evening. Their baptism parallels Christ's own Death and Resurrection, as they die to sin and rise to new life in the Kingdom of God.

EASTER DUTY: Most Catholics today receive Holy Communion each time they go to Mass, but that wasn't always the case. In fact, for a variety of reasons, many Catholics in the past very rarely received the Eucharist. Therefore, the Catholic Church made it a requirement for all Catholics to receive Communion at least once per year, during the Easter season. The Church also urges the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Confession in preparation for that Easter Communion, though you're only required to go to Confession if you have committed a mortal sin. This reception of the Eucharist is a visible sign of our faith and our participation in the Kingdom of God. Of course, we should receive Communion as frequently as possible; this "Easter Duty" is simply the minimum requirement set by the Church.

EASTER SEASON: Just as Easter is the most important Christian holiday, so, too, the Easter season is the longest of the special liturgical seasons of the Church. It extends all the way to Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day after Easter, and encompasses such major feasts as Divine Mercy Sunday and Ascension.

In fact, Easter sends ripples out through the liturgical calendar even after the Easter season ends. Trinity Sunday and the feast of Corpus Christi, which both fall after Pentecost, are "moveable feasts," which means that their date in any given year depends on the date of Easter.

~ taken from the website: 'Learn Religion' ~



The dispensation from the Sunday Eucharist continues. The elderly, those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions should be encouraged to exercise extreme caution

about any outings, including attendance at church.

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY CONTINUES

DAY OF PRAYER	DATE	MASS TIME	DIVINE MERCY NOVENA TIME
Day 3	Easter	9:00 am	1:00 pm
	Sunday		
Days 4 to 8	Mon. – Fri.	12:05 pm	12:30 p.m.
Day 9	Saturday	9:00 am	10:00 am
	Divine	9:00 am	3:00 pm
	Mercy		Benediction &
	Sunday		celebration of the
			Feast of the
			Divine Mercy

OUR 10TH YEAR CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



at 3:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Charles Collins

April 11th, 2021

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Benediction
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