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He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia

The Paradox of the Cross
The Resurrection of Jesus
 John 20: 1-18

Alleluia, He is Risen! Today is the Sunday of Sundays, the Solemnity of Solemnities. Today is the day Christ broke through the chains of sin and death and triumphantly rose from the dead, winning for us our salvation. As Christians, we are an Easter people and we are called to live in the joy and peace of the Risen Christ. Let us take a moment to reflect on how Easter can profoundly impact our daily lives.



By human standards, the crucifixion was an utter humiliating defeat. It was the end of the story for the person of Jesus and His followers. Jesus would just be remembered as the influential and charismatic preacher that went too far by claiming to be God. All hope was seemingly lost. Yet, this is the paradox of the cross. The cross, the weapon of torture and death, becomes the very means of life and salvation. It was the necessary step in order for the resurrection. There simply is no Easter Sunday without a Good Friday.

This is the beautiful truth of our faith. The famous Portuguese proverb says that, "God writes straight with crooked lines." When all seems lost and broken, God can use these situations to bring about great blessings. As stewards, let us not be discouraged when we face crosses and trials in life or our ministry. If God was able to bring about the resurrection out of the crucifixion, just imagine the great deeds He will bring through our crosses. So let us rejoice on this Easter Sunday and thank God for the gift of His resurrection.

Summary

The beautiful truth of our faith is that God was able to bring about the greatest good of the resurrection through the seemingly utter defeat of the crucifixion. The famous Portuguese proverb says that "God writes straight with crooked lines." As stewards, let us not be discouraged when we face crosses and trials but instead trust that God will transform these difficulties into many little Easter mornings.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

OFFICE HOURS The office will be **CLOSED** from Thursday, April 14th to Wednesday, April 20th and will **REOPEN** on Thursday, April 21st.



Mass Intentions

Mon.	Apr. 18	12:05 pm	
Tue.	Apr. 19	12:05 pm	† Ricky Simone, requested by Simone Family
Wed.	Apr. 20	12:05 pm	† Chrisoscomo Reyes, requested by Rachel Lim
		1:30 pm	[School Mass]
Thur.	Apr. 21	12:05 pm	† Aniano Recinto, requested by the San Juan Family
Fri.	Apr. 22	12:05 pm	† Vicky Luis, requested by Francis, Derek, Diana & grandchildren
Sat.	Apr. 23	9:00 am	† Espirita Solis, requested by the Galase family
		5:00 pm	† Amado Mutuc, requested by the Mutuc family
Divine Mercy Sunday	Apr. 24	9:00 am	† Jorgina Medeiros, requested by Clergy, Staff & Parish Community
		11:00 am	For the People of the Parish

SERRA'S 'VOCATION SEEDS'

The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org



THE WITNESS OF A LIFE-GIVING FAITH

DATE & TIME: Monday, April 25 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
PLACE: Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A day of reflection for men and women. In our environment of growing social polarization and division, in which our Christian faith is so often used as fuel for such polarization and divisions, many people see our faith in Christ as overly-defensive, political and lifedepleting. But our faith in Christ was born to be life-giving, as we have been experiencing this Easter season. What does it mean to be alive in our faith in a Christ-like way? What do life-giving Christians in the spirit of the resurrection give witness towards? This day will include talks given by Fr. Trevor Scott, SJ. Confessions available and plenty of time for private prayer and to walk our grounds. Included is lunch and break. The day ends with Mass.

A suggested offering of \$50 per person.

REGISTER: www.manresa-canada.ca

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A Message from the Administrator's Desk

My Dear Parishioners in Christ,
“Do not grow tired of doing good.”

I am very happy to express my best wishes to my family, Frs. Peter G. and Canisus Raj.

During Lent, we prepared the soil by fasting, watered by prayer, and enriched by charity. Easter is a time of renewal and new beginnings. It is the most important and the greatest feast which we celebrate.

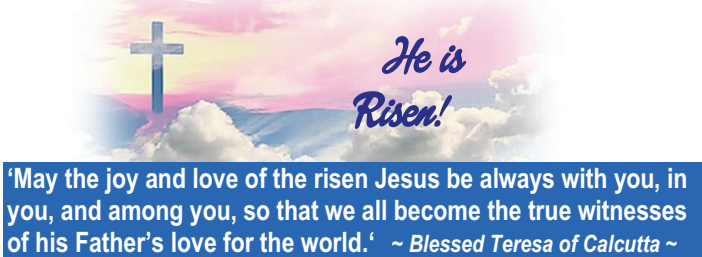
I would like to thank all of our parishioners for your commitment to our parish this past year. The giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord continues to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God.

Moreover, I would also like to extend my gratitude to all who worked hard to make our liturgies truly wonderful. Thanks to all those who were involved in scheduling, coordinating, sanitizing, cleaning; and of course, decorating our church and setting up for the various liturgies during this season and throughout the liturgical year. A very special thanks to our office staff – they are our backbone to our Parish always.

My dear, my only prayer today is that you, your family and homes be filled with the Blessings of Peace, Joy and Love. Happy Easter to you all!

In Christ,

Fr. Charles



THE IMAGE: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that “*Jesus, I trust in You*” be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world:

“I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish” (Diary, no. 48) and **“By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls”** (Diary, no. 742).

11th Annual Celebration DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 24th, 2022 at 2:45 pm

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ,
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Benediction.

All are invited!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: St. Faustina’s Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example: *‘My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy’.* (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

NOVENA SCHEDULE

NINE DAYS OF PRAYER	DATE	DIVINE MERCY NOVENA TIME
Day 1	Good Friday Apr. 15	11:30 am
Day 2	Easter Vigil Sat. Apr. 16	3:00pm
Day 3	Easter Sunday Apr. 17	11:00 am
Day 4	Mon Apr, 18	12:30 pm
Day 5	Tue. Apr. 19	12:30 pm
Day 6	Wed. Apr. 20	12:30 pm
Day 7	Thu. Apr. 21	12:30 pm
Day 8	Fri, Apr. 22	12:30 pm
Day 9	Sat. Apr. 23	9:30 am
Divine Mercy Sunday	Sunday Apr. 24	2:45 pm Benediction & Celebration of Feast of Divine Mercy plus Blessing of candles & rosaries



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