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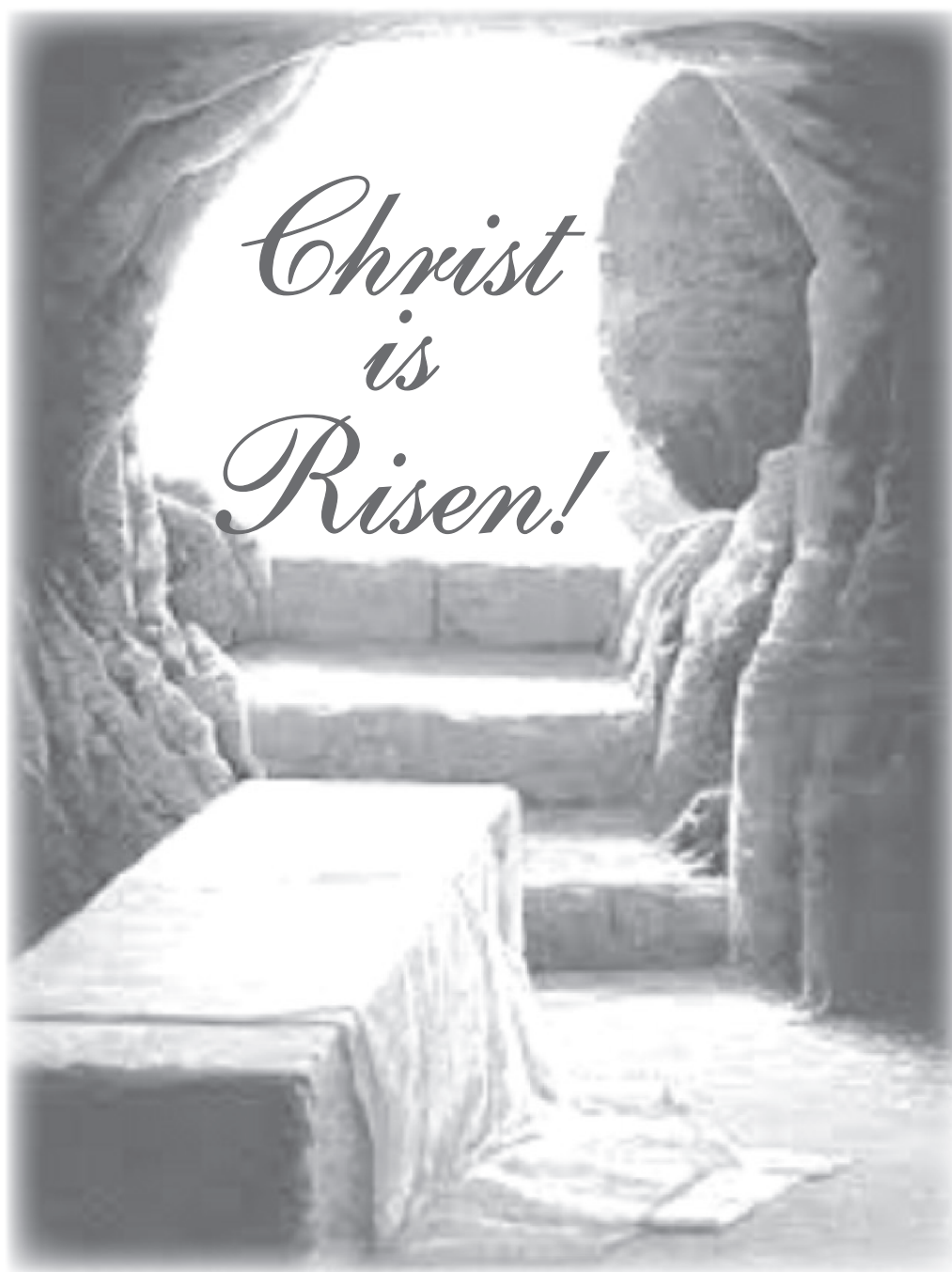
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**My Dear Parishioners in Christ,**

Rejoice in the Lord always!

I would like to take the opportunity to express my best wishes to my family Parish Community of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Lent is a time of grace and love. Easter is a time of rejoicing and new beginnings. It is the most important and the greatest feast.

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 – thank you so much. Million of thanks to all who have worked hard to make our liturgies truly wonderful. Very big thanks to those who are decorating our church and setting up for various liturgies during this season and throughout the liturgical year.

Moreover, thank you Fr. Michael Corpus, Vice-Rector, St. Augustine’s Seminary, for a beautiful Lenten Retreat and inspiring reflections. May God Bless you Father.

A very special thanks to our office staff. They are our backbone to our parish always.

My only prayer today is that you, your family and homes be filled with the Blessings of Peace, Joy and Love.

Rejoice in the Lord! Happy Easter with love to you all!

In Christ,

*Fr. Charles*



**Mass Intentions for the week**

Monday <i>Octave of Easter</i>	Apr. 10	12:05 pm	
Tuesday <i>Octave of Easter</i>	Apr. 11	12:05 pm	
Wednesday <i>Octave of Easter</i>	Apr. 12	12:05 pm	† Fr. Peter Tammearu, requested by Alice & Brian Warford
<b>Thursday</b> <i>Octave of Easter</i>	Apr. 13	12:05 pm	† Edward Flood, requested by Mary
<b>Friday</b> <i>Octave of Easter</i>	Apr. 14	12:05 pm	
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Octave of Easter</i>	Apr. 15	9:00 am 5:00 pm	† Regiebor & Rogelio Agati, requested by Rogelyn Agati
<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>	Apr. 16	9:00 am 11:00 am	In thanksgiving and for the intentions of Maricel Nilo, requested by the Nilo family  For the People of the Parish

<b>DIVINE MERCY NOVENA SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>NINE DAYS OF PRAYER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
		<b>DIVINE MERCY NOVENA</b>
Day 3	Easter Sunday Apr. 9 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am
Day 4	Monday – Apr. 10 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm
Day 5	Tuesday - Apr. 11 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm
Day 6	Wednesday Apr. 12 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm
Day 7	Thursday Apr. 13 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm
Day 8	Friday - Apr. 14 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm
Day 9	Saturday -Apr. 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am
Divine Mercy Sunday	Sunday – Apr. 16 <sup>th</sup>	2:45 – 3:30 pm ♦ Confession ♦ Exposition & Benediction ♦ Blessing of candles & rosaries ♦ Light refreshments



**This week  
The Sanctuary Lamp  
is dedicated  
In thanksgiving & for the  
intentions of  
Meriam Jordan  
on her 61<sup>st</sup> birthday  
requested by  
The Jordan family**



## Christ is Risen

### The Resurrection of Jesus

John 20. 1-18

Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen! On this glorious Easter morning, the Sunday of Sundays, the Solemnity of Solemnities,



we are filled with the joy of the risen Lord. On this great day, death and sin was defeated as the Lord triumphed over all evil, leading us to the joy and love of eternal life. As

stewards of Christ we should always have the identity of an Easter people.

The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* says that stewardship “reflects the core of the Easter message of the earliest Christian community: ‘We have seen the Lord!’ (Jn 20:25). Stewardship always starts with the personal experience of the Risen Christ in our midst and in our hearts.” We must first encounter Christ before we can share Christ.

The early disciples witnessed the risen Lord on Easter morning and from there went on to spread the good news of His resurrection to the ends of the earth. They received the gift of Easter, the same gift we receive today. As good stewards we should not keep this gift for ourselves but seek to share it generously with our parish community. One concrete practice we can adopt is to share our Easter joy with our family, friends and fellow parishioners by spreading the news of Christ’s resurrection to those who do not yet fully believe. Let us share the joy of the Gospel as we strive to become better stewards.

#### Summary

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*~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~*

### ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO

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### THE BEST PROOF OF THE RESURRECTION

*The world has need of this people, today as yesterday, who will dedicate themselves with humility, courage and perseverance to the service of the Redemption and give concrete form, in good Christian conduct, to the regenerating power of Christ’s Resurrection.*

*~ St. John Paul II ~*

One of the interesting things about the Resurrection of Christ is that, apparently, no one actually saw it happen, except perhaps the Roman soldiers who were guarding the tomb, and they denied that it happened. Without the testimony of eye witnesses, then, why do we believe that Jesus rose from the dead?

Throughout the centuries, Scripture scholars have pointed to the empty tomb of Christ as a sure proof of the Resurrection. It’s not disputed that the tomb of Christ was empty on Easter morn. But where, then, was his body? Why haven’t the remains of Jesus ever been found? Surely the Roman and Jewish authorities would have produced the body of Christ if they wanted to debunk the preaching of Jesus’ followers and thus discredit this upstart religious sect.

In fact, the tomb of Jesus was empty, and the authorities couldn’t produce his body because he had been raised from the dead. He was alive. “Why do you seek the Living One among the dead?” the angels asked the women on Easter morn. (Lk 24:5)

But even more than the empty tomb, the surest proof of the Resurrection of Christ was the impact that the event had on his followers. It’s so clear that something happened to change their lives. Think of the fearless, excited testimony of the holy women who went to the tomb on Easter morning. Think of the experience of the many disciples who encountered Jesus in his remarkable post-Resurrection appearances. Think of the courageous witness of the Apostles and early martyrs who preached about the Resurrection of Christ in the face of their own imprisonment, suffering and death. Think of the dramatic conversion of St. Paul who encountered Christ, fully alive, on the road to Damascus.

St. John Paul said that we need people, today as yesterday, who will give witness of the “*regenerating power of Christ’s Resurrection.*” In other words, following the example of the first disciples, now it’s our turn to prove that Jesus is alive by the power of our faith, by the conduct of our lives.

**Something to think about: This week, do something good and positive to bear witness to Christ!**

*~ by Bishop Thomas J. Tobin ~*



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup>. Will reopen on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.



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