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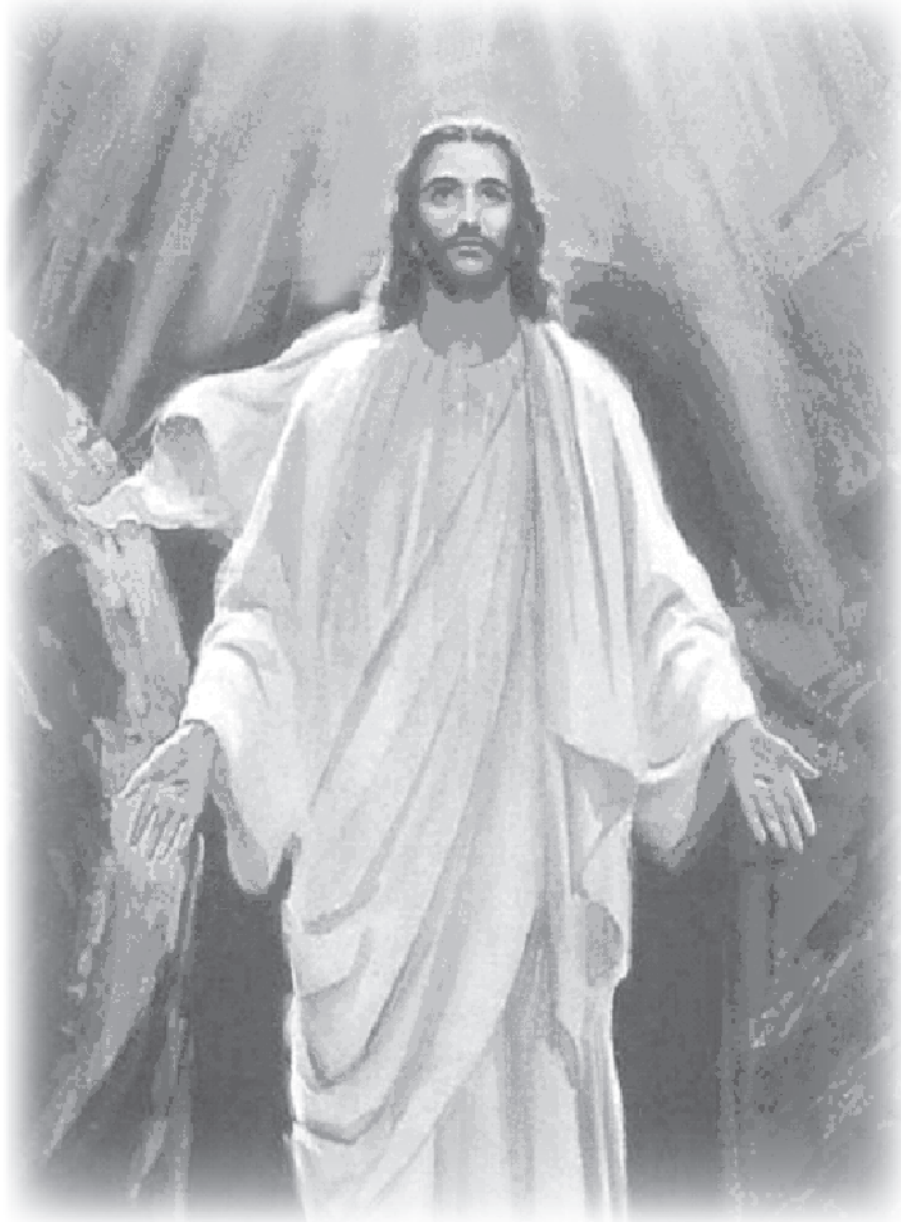
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Christ is Risen!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate Easter Sunday. We are very joyful today because we can receive fullness of life from the spirit of the Risen Christ. The First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, presents the first announcement of St. Peter of the Death and Resurrection of Christ. God has appointed Christ to come and offer His life for our salvation. All through His public ministry, Christ announced the Good News and healed people. St. Peter proclaims that Christ was crucified, died, and was buried, but after three days, He was raised from the dead. The apostles were eyewitnesses of the Resurrection of the Lord and they announced with their lives His victory over death. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians, offers us a teaching from St. Paul on how we can live in our daily lives sharing in the Resurrection of Christ. He gives us the opportunity to participate on His victory over death and we can set our minds in the things of Heaven. It means we can live full of peace and joy and that even any suffering does not take away our peace. Let us place our trust in the Lord so that He may make us partakers of the Risen life and already taste the kingdom of heaven here on earth. The Gospel, from St. Mark, gives us the account of the Resurrection of Christ. The women who had accompanied Jesus in the last moments of His life and have seeing Him died, went early in the morning to anoint Jesus' body. To their surprise and astonishment, they discovered the stone that sealed the tomb, was rolled back. A young man announced to them that Christ was and is risen, and He is not anymore in the place of the dead, He is victorious over death. They were told to share with Jesus' disciples this great news that Christ is Risen. Like the women, we are called to see in our lives that the huge stone of death in our lives has been removed and we can be partakers of the Risen Lord. Whatever difficult situation we may be facing, with Christ we can find in Him peace and hope. With Christ we can face any difficulty remaining always at peace. Let us be witnesses of the Risen Christ in our daily lives so that we can bring this amazing and joyful experience to all those around us!

I would like to wish to all the parishioners and their families a Blessed Easter and to share in the joy of the Resurrection!

Thanks to all the people who have helped during Holy Week, especially the staff of

the parish, the ladies who have decorated the Church, our choir, and musicians, our RCIA team, our social committee, our altar servers, our ushers, communion ministers, lectors and so many people who worked very hard during these days. May God bless you immensely with His peace!

I would like to encourage you to come to the announcement of the Good News that is starting on Monday, April 15th at 7:30pm in the Church and it will be every Monday and Thursday at the same time. Come and experience how much God loves you and want to give you fullness of life!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis Homily for Easter Vigil (April 3, 2021)

The women thought they would find a body to anoint; instead they found an empty tomb. They went to mourn the dead; instead they heard a proclamation of life. For this reason, the Gospel tells us, the women "were seized with trembling and amazement" (Mk 16:8); they were filled with trembling, fear and amazement. Amazement. A fear mingled with joy that took their hearts by surprise when they saw the great stone before the tomb rolled away and inside a young man in a white robe. Wonder at hearing the words: "Do not be afraid! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen" (v. 6). And a message: "He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him" (v. 7). May we too accept this message, the message of Easter. Let us go to Galilee, where the Risen Lord has gone ahead of us. Yet what does it mean "to go to Galilee"?

To go to Galilee means, first, to begin anew. For the disciples it meant going back to the place where the Lord first sought them out and called them to follow him. The place of their first encounter and the place of their first love. From that moment on, leaving their nets behind, they followed Jesus, listening to his preaching and witnessing the miracles he performed. Yet, though they were always with him, they did not fully understand him. Frequently they misunderstood his words and in the face of the cross they abandoned him and fled. Even so, the Risen Lord once more appears as the one who goes ahead of them to Galilee. He precedes them. He stands before them and constantly calls them to follow him. He says to them: "Let us start over from where we began. Let us begin anew. I

want you to be with me again, in spite of everything". In this Galilee, we learn to be amazed by the Lord's infinite love, which opens new trails along the path of our defeats. This is how the Lord is: he creates new paths on the road of our defeats. This is how he is; and he invites us to Galilee to do this.

This is the first Easter message that I would offer you: it is always possible to begin anew, because there is always a new life that God can awaken in us in spite of all our failures. From the rubble of our hearts – and each one of us knows the rubble of our hearts – God can create a work of art; from the ruined remnants of our humanity, God can prepare a new history. He never ceases to go ahead of us: in the cross of suffering, desolation and death, and in the glory of a life that rises again, a history that changes, a hope that is reborn. In these dark months of the pandemic, let us listen to the Risen Lord as he invites us to begin anew and never lose hope.

Going to Galilee also means setting out on new paths. It means walking away from the tomb. The women were looking for Jesus in the tomb; they went to recall what they had experienced with him, which was now gone forever. They went to indulge in their grief. There is a kind of faith that can become the memory of something once beautiful, now simply to be recalled. Many people – including us – experience such a "faith of memories", as if Jesus were someone from the past, an old friend from their youth who is now far distant, an event that took place long ago, when they attended catechism as a child. A faith made up of habits, things from the past, lovely childhood memories, but no longer a faith that moves me, or challenges me. Going to Galilee, on the other hand, means realizing that faith, if it is to be alive, must get back on the road. It must daily renew the first steps of the journey, the amazement of the first encounter. And it must continue to trust, not thinking it already knows everything, but embracing the humility of those who let themselves be surprised by God's ways.

Banns for Ordination

Daniel Humphries is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the **Archdiocese of Toronto on May 25, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral**. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

MARCH 31, 2024

The Good News

"I have come so that they may have life in abundance." John 10:10



Where is your life going? What is the meaning of your life? Do you feel lonely? Would you like to be happy? Would you like to strengthen your faith?

Come and discover the love that God has for you!

Starting April 15, 2024

Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30pm

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION/PRACTICE

Saturday April 6th

One Parent and child to attend

11am – 12:00pm

Children celebrating on April 28th or May 5th

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Children celebrating on April 14th or April 21st



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Totus Tuus Summer Camp!
DAY CAMP (for students going into grade 1-6 in the fall) - \$80 for the week

Monday, July 8th to Friday, July 14th,
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

EVENING PROGRAM (for students going into grade 7-12 in the fall) - \$40 for the week

Sunday, July 7th to Thursday, July 11th, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The deadline to register for the camp is June 14th, 2024. The deadline to apply to volunteer is May 31st, 2024. For more information about registration or volunteering to help with this program, please contact Cassandra at cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org or visit our parish website.

Redemptoris Mater Missionary
Seminary Dinner

April 19, 2024, @ 6:00pm

222 Rowntree Dairy Road, Vaughan
Join us for the Annual Gala Dinner.

This dinner is meant to raise funds necessary to continue the mission the Lord has entrusted to us.
Tickets \$150 per person

St. John's Ladies Golf League

Are you interested in playing golf or learning to play golf, then consider joining our league. We play Tuesday evenings 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Deer Creek Practice and Performance Centre (formerly Salem Ridge), an executive 9-hole course. We have lots of fun and we do improve our game. If you are interested in joining us, please come to our general meeting on Tuesday, April 16th at 7:30 p.m. in room 2 of the Parish Centre for our kick-off meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905-431-6582 or lchilderhouse@hotmail.com.

Novena for Divine Mercy
Sunday Mar 31 @8:45am
Mon Apr 1 9:30am
Tue Apr 2 9:00am
Wed Apr 3 6:45pm
Thu Apr 4 9am
Fri Apr 5 9am
Sat Apr 6 4:45pm



Masses For The Week

**Sat Mar 30– 8:00pm
NO INTENTION**

**Easter Mon Apr 1 – 9:00am
+Laurence Rivest
*req. by His Family***

**Tues Apr 2 – 8:20am
+Margaret Mackrell
*req. by The Fitzpatrick Family***

**Wed Apr 3 – 7:00pm
+Fortunato Fernandes
req. by Melvin, Margaret & Adrian
+Francisco Macedo
*req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family***

**Thur Apr 4– 8:20am
+ All Souls in Purgatory
*req. by Joe & Joy Broderick***

**Fri Apr 5 – 8:20am
+Don Legault
*req. by Denise Dugas***

**Sat Apr 6 – 5:00pm
+Ivanka Grgic
*req. by Paul & Geni D'Aurelio***

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