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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, April 20

9:00 a.m. Barit Family (I) Thanksgiving

10:30 a.m. +Irenio Echavarre 12:15 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, April 21

No Mass

Tuesday, April 22

8:00 a.m. +Joseph & Bridget Findlay & Deceased Mem.

Wednesday, April 23

7:00 p.m. +Perlita Rivera

Thursday, April 24

8:00 a.m. +Salud Laspona

Friday, April 25

8:00 a.m. Nalini Persaud (I) Healing

Saturday, April 26

9:00 a.m. Cecilia Kernan (I)4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

### Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025



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 Rev. Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, and Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 email

vocations@archtoronto.org <u>www.vocationstoronto.ca</u> or call Fr. Alan Glass at 416-757-2806 or email <u>olfatimasc@archtoronto.org</u> for information.

#### **Next Week Readings**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Learning from Doubting Thomas
1st Reading: Acts 5.12-16
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Gospel: John 20.19-31

Jesus Appears to the Disciples Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).

#### FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Christos anesti! Christ has risen!

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back. — Mark 16:1-4

In the beautiful Sequence for Easter Sunday, *Victinae Paschali Laudes*, we sing: "Dic nobis, Maria, quid vidisti in via? Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the way? Sepulcrum Christi viventis et gloriam vidi resurgentis. I saw the tomb of Christ and the glory of his rising."

When Jesus' body was laid in the tomb late on Friday afternoon there was no time to properly prepare the body for burial because the Sabbath was starting at sundown when no work could be done. The faithful women anxiously waited until first light on Sunday morning to perform this last service for their Lord. They did not comprehend Jesus' teaching that 'on the third day he would rise again.' Mary Magdalene, seeing the empty tomb and a man whom she mistook for a gardener, pleaded, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him." When he tenderly spoke her name, she recognized him and embraced him. He then commanded her to go tell the other disciples.

St. Augustine finds meaning in the fact that Jesus first appeared to Magdalene rather than to one of the Apostles. "We have to reflect on the goodness of the Lord's arrangements. Since mankind fell through the female sex (Eve), therefore mankind was restored through the female sex. A virgin gave birth to Christ and a woman proclaimed that he had risen again."

We may also reflect on Magdalene's special relationship with Jesus. She was freed by him of seven demons. She ministered to him on his travels. She stood at the foot of the cross. She hurried to the tomb after the Sabbath. Like St. John, she was a 'beloved' disciple. It is easy to account for this. As St. Bernard says, "The sole purpose of Jesus' love is to be loved, in the knowledge that those who love him are made happy by their love of him." Jesus love for Magdalene mirrored, and exceeded, her love for him.

The Gospels are a love story. 'For God so loved the world ...' Jesus does not love 'the world' as a mass of humanity. He loves each person individually. Jesus did not die on the cross for humanity. He died for you. Jesus did not rise from the dead for the sake of humanity. He rose, as St. Paul says, to 'give life to *your* mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwells in you." Like Mary Magdalene, let us love to the extent that we wish to be loved.

Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!







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and all Visitors
a very happy and
blessed Easter!
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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES &



CHILDREN'S LITURGY No class this Sunday, April

No class this Sunday, April 20, 2025 will resume April 27 in the church hall at 10:30 am. Lessons will continue on Eucharist review.

Parents and children are encouraged to participate in all the Masses.

#### **CONFIRMATION 2024-2025**

Classes will continue on Saturday, April 26 at 1:15 pm. Candidates are also asked to partake in all Masses for Holy Week and Easter Services.

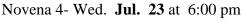


Attendance is **mandatory** for all the meetings listed in the class schedule given out to all with the application forms. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, at our parish or in another church, is also mandatory.

#### **INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2025-2026**

Novena 1- Wed. **Apr. 23** at 6:00 pm Novena 2- Wed. **May 28** at 6:00 pm

Novena 3- Wed. **Jun. 25** at 6:00 pm





The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague is celebrated on Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

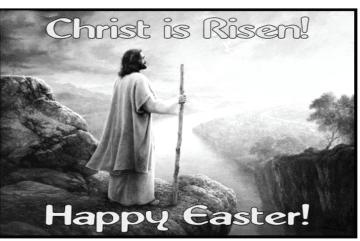
#### **ShareLife 2025**

#### Thank you for being a beacon of hope



On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in

the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. **Next Collection will be on May 03/04.** Please use the envelopes, from your box of donation envelopes, or pick a ShareLife envelope from the tables at church entrances.



"Blessed are you, O Mary, silent witness of Easter!
You, O Mother of the Crucified One now risen, who at
the hour of pain and death kept the flame of hope
burning, teach us also to be, amongst the incongruities
of passing time, convinced and joyful witnesses of the
eternal message of life and love brought to the world by
the Risen Redeemer." Pope John Paul II

### March for Life - Thurs. May 8, 2025



The *annual National March for Life* will take place in our Nation's Capital on **May 08, 2025**. The rally begins on Parliament Hill at 12:00 noon. The theme: **Protection at Conception** is a motto we encourage all Canadians to live by. The theme brings to light the reality that

everyone faces hard and difficult choices in their lives, and when they do, they should let life win! For info visit: www.marchforlife.ca or call: 1-800-730-5358.

#### 2025 Neophyte Mass

Cardinal Leo will preside at the annual Neophyte Mass to celebrate with all those in the archdiocese who have been newly initiated, fully initiated or received into the Church at Easter. *The* 



Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 11 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto. This Mass is open to all, but reserved seating is available only for Neophytes and up to five guests. Reserved seating will be designated by parish. Registration closes Monday, May 5. Seating is limited, so please register early. All other attendees will be seated in non-reserved sections on a first come, first served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream: https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/. REGISTER: https://bit.ly/NeophyteMass-RegisterMay2025 CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org.

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