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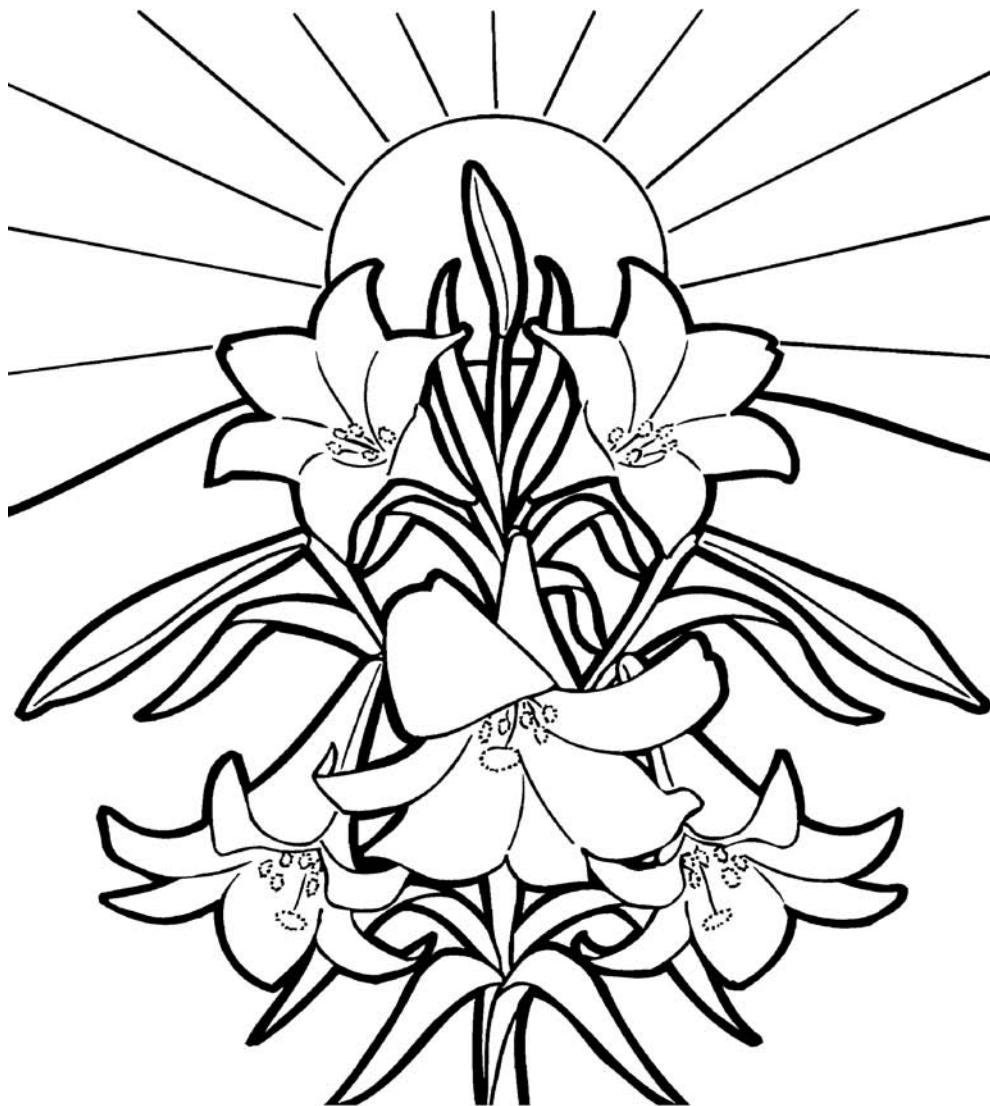
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**The Lord has Risen,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 5

- 8:30 pm (Easter Vigil) - People of the Parish
9:00 am + Agnes & Danny Gomes
10:30 am + Austin Slemmerman
12:15 pm Theresa Bapora & Family (Thanksgiving)

Monday, April 6

No Mass

Tuesday, April 7

8:00 am Magdalena Aguada

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 pm OCDS Community

Thursday, April 9

8:00 am + Gloria Mesina

Friday, April 10

8:00 am Carmelo Villardo

Saturday, April 11

9:00 am + Jose De Lima

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

I have called you by name.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." — John 20:1-9

At the Easter Vigil we heard the passage from Matthew's Gospel describing how Mary Magdalene 'and the other Mary' went early on Sunday morning to see the tomb. Mark tells us that, on the way, they were worried about 'who will roll away the stone for us?' Luke tells us that, when they arrived, an angel told them, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen.'

Each of the Gospel writers emphasizes different aspects of the events of that morning, but they all put a spotlight on Mary Magdalene; St. John does not even mention 'the other women' at all. Clearly, the 'living voice' of Magdalene's personal testimony continued to have a profound importance for the Christian community for many years after the resurrection.

Mary is such a common name in the Gospels that Mary Magdalene is often confused with Mary of Bethany. She is also commonly thought to be the woman caught in adultery. Luke identifies her as the one from whom Jesus cast out seven demons. Of Jesus' many disciples, she had an exceptional love for him, a love that brought her to the foot of the cross with Jesus' mother and John, and which brought her to the tomb on the morning after the Sabbath. The Gospel writers invite us to see the events of the morning of the resurrection through her eyes.

To say that she was distraught at the sight of the empty tomb is an understatement. In her distress, seeing someone whom she supposed to be the gardener she pleaded, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Then she hears that familiar voice tenderly saying just one word, "Mary!"

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. You are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you." How fittingly these words from the prophet Isaiah fit in with this encounter between Mary and the risen Lord. I have called you by name.

This Easter, each of us is called to a personal encounter with Christ. If only we could love the Lord with even a tiny fraction of the love that 'the beloved disciple' or Magdalene had for him! If only we too would hasten to the empty tomb to meet the risen Lord. He would call us too by name.

Christos anesti! Christ is risen!
Alithos anesti He is truly risen!!

Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord



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"He has been raised from the dead!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968-0997. Email:

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www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Rev. A. Glass at 416-727-2806 or email at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org.

Next Week Readings - 12 April 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy

1st Reading: Acts 2.42-47

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1.3-9

Gospel: John 20.19-31

Receiving and Sharing Merciful Love

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic

Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).

Welcome Home!

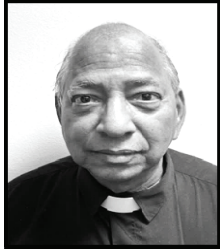
We welcome 5 RCIA candidates with great joy in our faith community the newly Baptised and Confirmed Catholics in full communion with us in the Lord and in the Catholic Church:



Congratulations ... Thanks be to God!



### Welcome Fr. Cecil Noronha



We are pleased to welcome Fr. Cecil Noronha of the Voluntas Dei Institute to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. Fr. Cecil was born in India on November 22, 1951. He completed his studies in philosophy and theology, along with his internship in various parts of India, and was ordained to the

priesthood on December 19, 1981 in Bombay. He served as principal of several schools in Bombay and Goa before coming to Canada in 1994, where he worked with the Toronto Catholic District School Board in various capacities.

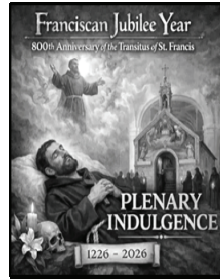
Now retired, Fr. Cecil resides in the parish and generously offers his service for pastoral ministry as assigned, in collaboration with Fr. Alan Glass and the pastoral community, as his health permits. Please join us in warmly welcoming Fr. Cecil. May God bless him and our parish community.

### Confirmation 2025-2026



The next class will be on **Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 1:15 p.m.** Candidates are strongly encouraged to participate in the **Holy Week services**—Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday—either at our parish or another church. Thank you.

### Year of St. Francis Jubilee Prayer 2026



*St. Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet sister death like a pacified man, intercede for us with the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give*

*us the courage to build bridges where the world erects borders, In this time afflicted by conflicts and divisions, intercede so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.*

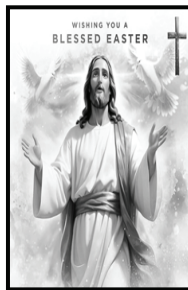
### World Day of Prayer 2026

Parishioners are warmly invited to celebrate the *World Day of Prayer on Saturday, April 25, from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish - reception in the church hall.* The



World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement celebrated annually in over 170 countries, bringing Christians of many traditions together in a spirit of prayer, reflection, and unity. Each year, the service is prepared by women from a different country, offering a unique opportunity to learn about their culture, faith, and daily struggles. This year's theme, *"I Will Give You Rest" (Matthew 11:28-30)*, has been prepared by the women of Nigeria. Through scripture, prayer, and song, we are invited to reflect on God's invitation to find rest and hope in Him, especially amid the challenges of life. The gathering will include a prayer service, reflections, and fellowship. All parishioners are encouraged to attend and take part in this meaningful celebration of faith and global Christian solidarity. All are welcome!

*Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Wishes all Parishioners and all Visitors a very happy and blessed Easter! Thank for your continuous support*



### BUNDLE UP time this weekend!

St. Vincent de Paul "Bundle UP" collection is on **Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19**

Spring cleaning in action! Help us to share with those in need from our community. Bring your gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, drapery, towels, new toys. Some of your donations left from the bazaar are already a great beginning. The truck/bin will be in the church parking lot and **open Saturday and Sunday before and after masses**. Volunteers will be present to help with the loading. Unfortunately, we cannot accept furniture, dishes, books, videos, CD. Thank you for your support and God Bless.

### First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy



Classes will resume on **Sunday April 12 in the church hall at 10:30 am.**

Parents are encouraged to bring the candidates and participate for Holy Week services. Thank you.



Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

*Happy*  
**EASTER**



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