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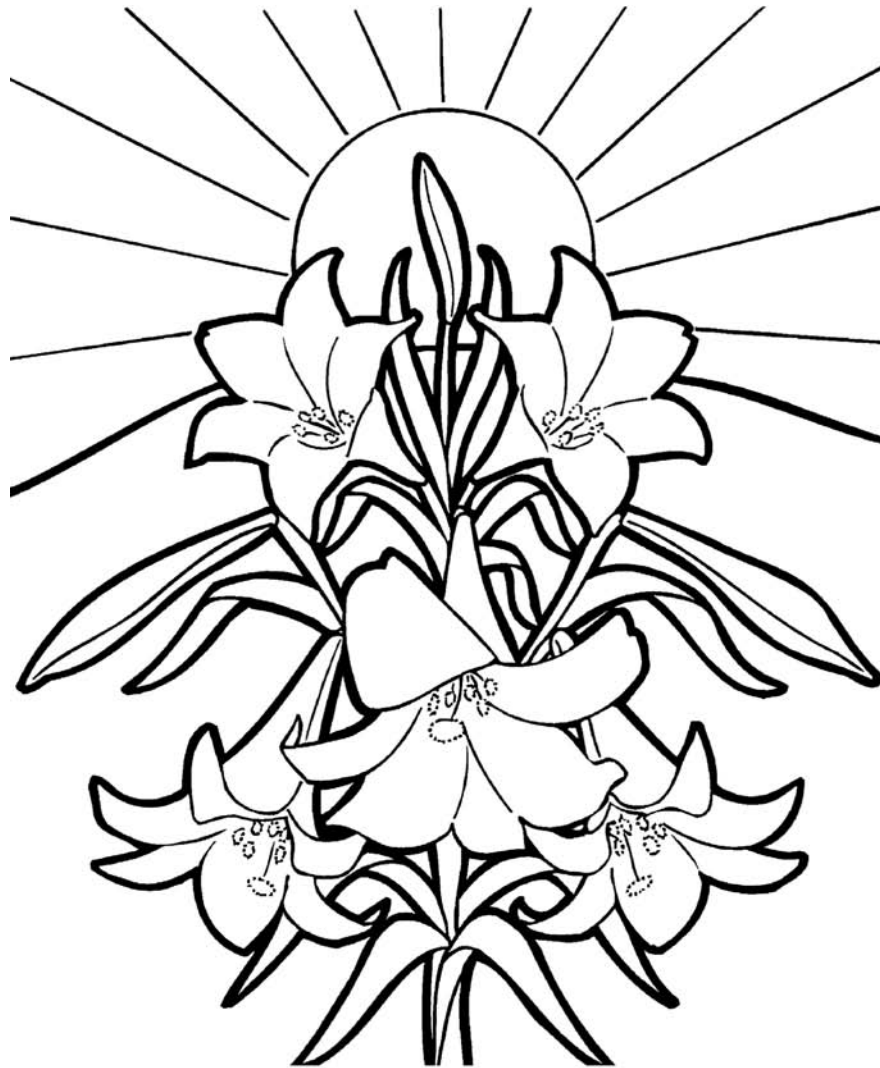
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**The Lord has Risen,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**



Easter is a remarkable day. It is a time of new life and is a celebration of God’s love that brings light into darkness, hope into despair and peace into our souls. Like the three women, we are invited to joyfully proclaim that Jesus is risen from the dead and told to share this good news of the resurrection with others. The message of the Risen Christ, which is the source of the great happiness in our hearts, has to be announced to the whole world. Easter proclaims that nothing good shall perish, that death does not have the last word and that our lives will be changed. The message of Easter is that, just as Christ conquered all, so too can we, provided we place all our trust in him. Easter proclaims that our deepest human hungers can be satisfied for there is a purpose to our living and more to life than the wrappings and trappings of earthly existence. All we have to do is to open our hearts to the Risen power of Jesus.

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>	
Monday	Soul of Maria Carvalho
Tuesday	Soul of Americao Gorizzan Soul of Alcides Batista Soul of Julia Jacobs Soul of Kong Kui Yin
Wednesday	Soul of Lucretta Joseph
Thursday	Soul of José Montouto
Friday	Soul of Steven Huta

Please pray for the sick in our community, especially: Claude & Rebecca Hau, Stuart Wright, Benedict Pius, Lily Pinto, Filomena Santopolo, Jenny Pu, Daniel Chan, Gino Matrungola, M. J. Kurse and Dorothy Murack

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

This week, Easter Sunday, we only recently passed a year after the word “COVID-19” became part of our reality, something that has impacted each of us and to varying degrees, but has impacted all of us and seems to have changed the world forever.

As we complete this Lenten Season of 40 days, which has felt more like a whole year of Lent with COVID and enter into this Easter Season, I can’t help but feel that this season will also be a very different experience for all of us.

This past year feels as if we have all journeyed with Jesus into the wilderness and towards His passion and now, with great hope, because of Him, are being raised from death to a new life in Him.

Reading the Gospel today of the Resurrection of the Lord, and in light of our new reality, I think reflecting on 3 key lessons on the Resurrection from Bishop Robert Barron, will prepare us for this coming Easter Season:

1. **This world is not all there is.** The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead shows as definitively as possible that God is up to something greater than we had imagined. We don’t have to live as though death were our master and as though nihilism were the only coherent point of view. We can, in fact, begin to see this world as a place of gestation toward something higher, more permanent, more splendid.
2. **The tyrants know that their time is up.** Remember that the cross was Rome’s way of asserting its authority. But when Jesus was raised from the dead through the power of the Holy Spirit, the first Christians knew that Caesar’s days were, in point of fact, numbered. The faculty lounge interpretation of the Resurrection as a subjective event or a mere symbol is exactly what the tyrants of the world want, for it poses no real threat to them.
3. **The path of salvation has been opened to everyone.** Jesus went all the way down, journeying into pain, despair, alienation, even godforsakenness. He went as far as you can go away from the Father. Why? In order to reach all those who had wandered from God. In light of the Resurrection, the first Christians came to know that, even as we run as fast as we can away from the Father, we are running into the arms of the Son.

Allow these lessons to unnerve you, change you and set you on fire with the Holy Spirit.

Reflect: Why is the Resurrection really the startling “good news” of the Gospel? How does it give you hope to celebrate it today? Alan Lee Hoy, *Youth Minister*

April 4, 2021

MASS

We are excited to welcome you back to the parish for mass but if you are not ready yet to return, we will continue to livestream the Sunday 10:30 mass, which is available on our YouTube channel.

WEEKEND MASS REGISTRATION

There will be a limited number of registrations available for each weekend mass on line using the Event Brite link.

<https://stlukesthornhill.eventbrite.ca>

or you can find the link on our website at stlukesth@archtoronto.org under Parish Events

or you can access the link using MyParish App.

Registrations open at 9:00am Friday mornings.

Yes, you are required to register for each weekend. There is no opportunity to book weeks in advance.

No, you do not have to register for weekday masses.

Parishioners who register are required to be seated in the church at least 15 minutes before mass begins or the seat will be released to parishioners waiting in line.

We remain committed to the safety & well-being of our parishioners and staff. When entering the parish, please review the WorshipSafe protocols and follow the direction of parish staff & volunteers. **Masks must be worn** the entire time you are in the parish & must be worn correctly – fully covering the nose, mouth & chin. Thank you.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Council 4393 - St. Luke's

EASTER DRAWING
CONTEST 2021

The Knights of Columbus Council 4393 – St. Luke's is conducting its first children's Easter drawing contest to create awareness of this Christian celebration in our young population.

Entries must be original, in colour, drawn or painted on 8.5X11 paper and illustrate some aspect of Christ's Resurrection on the first Easter Morning.

The top entry in each of the 3 age categories will receive a \$50. gift card. The winning drawings will appear on the St. Luke's website!

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PRAY THE ROSARY WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – St. Luke's Council 4393

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join with them in praying the Rosary on the **first and third Tuesday** of each month via Zoom at 8:25pm. Use the following link <https://us04webzoom.us/j/75249064744?pwd=QU1rTmhQZ1Bud0o4QURtQU9kWjNRQT09> or **MEETING ID: 752 4906 4766** **PASSCODE: F0dLk** or contact Luis Santalla at: luis.Santalla.p@gmail.com for more information.

*"Prayer can truly change your life.
For it turns your attention
away from yourself and directs
your mind and heart toward the Lord."
- Saint John Paul II*

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ROSARY
PROGRAM

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