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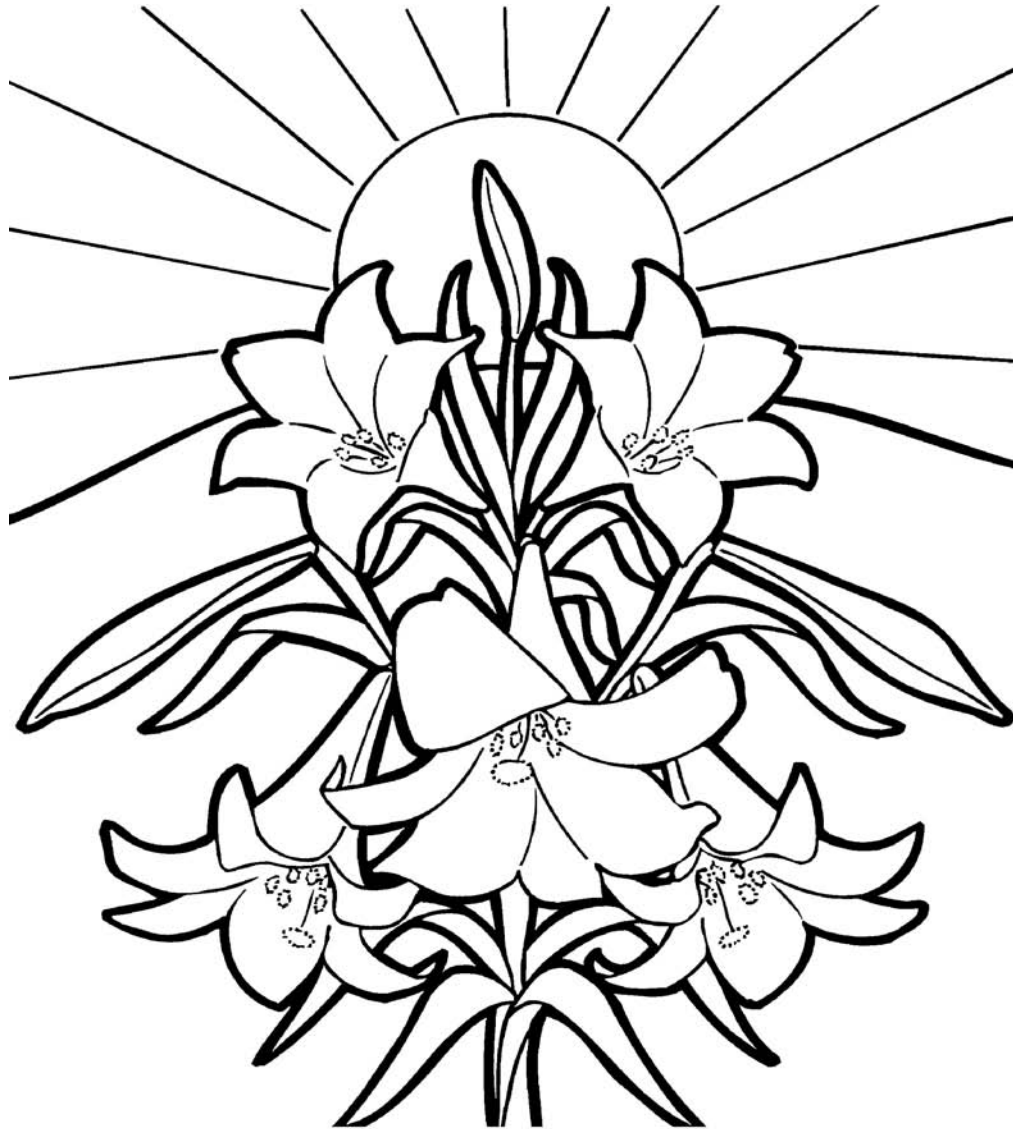
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**The Lord has Risen,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**



How wonderful is the power of the Resurrection of our Lord! Timid and fearful followers become evangelizers who no longer fear anything. Those who felt that they must have been duped by Jesus now come to accept that God was working in Jesus and bringing all of us salvation.

We, no matter at what stage we find ourselves in our faith, can allow today's reading to draw us closer to Christ, to believe more deeply in the Resurrection and to empower us with the strength and joy of the Holy Spirit.

Christ is risen! Our lives are changed forever. Let us rejoice and be glad!



On behalf of Fr. Wen, Fr. John and all the parish staff, we wish you and your families a very blessed & joyous Easter Season.

*God Bless,
Fr. Mark*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Stephen Y. L. Chua
Tuesday	Soul of Victorine Vieira
	Intentions of Jessie Schmoll
	Souls of Rajpat & Rookmin Teresa Kwall
	Soul of Philip Yogendra
	Soul of Sister Shanti Lobo
Wednesday	Soul of Joe Hong
Thursday	Soul of Rosalina Bustamante
Friday	Soul of Osbert D'Sylva

Please pray for the sick in our community.

Especially: Maria DiRienzo, Maria McCarron, Rosaria Lee, Magdalene Ki, Tita Mateo, Marie Ceolin, Janice Abramowitz, Nelia Pablico Dela Vega, Don Bownes, Monsignor John Weber, Noli Reyes, Lucia Won, Dolores Trinidad, Bill Lemke and Leslie Albert

The Resurrection

"...he had to rise from the dead."

So why did Jesus have to suffer and die?

I mean, couldn't God have done all this — won our salvation for us — some other, less gruesome, less painful way? Why did Christ have to endure suffering unto death? Why the thorns? Why the disfigured body and all the blood loss? Why the tomb and the darkness and the tears? Why did God have to die?

And why are we focusing on these themes, yet again, on Easter when we are supposed to be rejoicing? Why would the first reading recount what happened prior to the Resurrection? Why does the second reading then shift gears and tell us to look ahead and not back?

The answer is in the Gospel: "For as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead" (John 20:9). Sin is death. We broke the covenant. God had to hatch a plan to cover the consequence of sin without losing us. So God became the plan. If He had merely dismissed it without consequence, God's Word would not be trustworthy, His plan would have been imperfect, and justice would not have been served.

Instead, God used death to defeat death and ensure our life. Suffering often comes with sin but ultimately reveals authentic love. The thorns of Good Friday make the roses of the garden tomb that much sweeter. The disfigured body gives way to our transfigured bodies in glory. The reason Easter Sunday is so sweet is precisely because Good Friday is so bitter. Jesus had to rise from the dead to pay our ransom and secure our salvation. **THIS** is not just good news; it is great news and deserves an Alleluia only after we realize the magnitude of this reality. Praise be to God!

Reflect:

Take a minute to look back on Lent. How well did you prepare for the coming of Christ this year? In what areas did you do well? In what areas do you need to work on to be more prepared next year?

Challenge of the Week:

Easter is a time of feasting, not fasting. Do something this week that makes you truly joyful. Whether that is reading a book in a windowsill or being with family, do something that makes you thrive. Glorify God in whatever you do by thanking Him for the peace and joy you experience.

-Alan Lee Hoy



WELCOME Archbishop Francis Leo

His Grace Francis Leo was installed as Archbishop of Toronto March 25, 2023. To allow the faithful an opportunity to meet the new Archbishop, there will be a Central Region Mass on **Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00 pm at Blessed Trinity Parish** and a Northern Region Mass on **Monday, April 17th at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Parish in Barrie**. All are welcome. No pre-registration required. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

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St. Luke's Youth Ministry

Join us every Thursday evening beginning April 13th from 6-8pm for **Family Pray & Play Night**. All are welcome. Any questions? Contact Alan – ahoy@archtoronto.org



DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

Next Sunday, Catholic Churches throughout the world will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

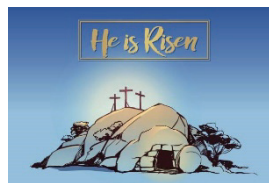
Come join us – everyone is welcome!

The celebration will begin at 2:45 and consists of prayers, the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration and Benediction.

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy pamphlets are available in the narthex for those who wish to pray the Novena.

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Knights of Columbus St. Luke's Council 4393 **2023 Children's Easter **Drawing Contest****

The deadline is quickly approaching for the 3rd Annual Children's Easter Drawing contest. Submission deadline is noon Saturday, April 22, 2023. Entries must be original and illustrate some aspect of **Christ's Resurrection on the first Easter Morning**. Pickup an entry form with more information in the narthex and share your expressions of our faith. The chosen entries in the three categories will appear on our website & in our bulletin.

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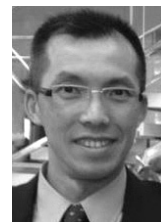
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