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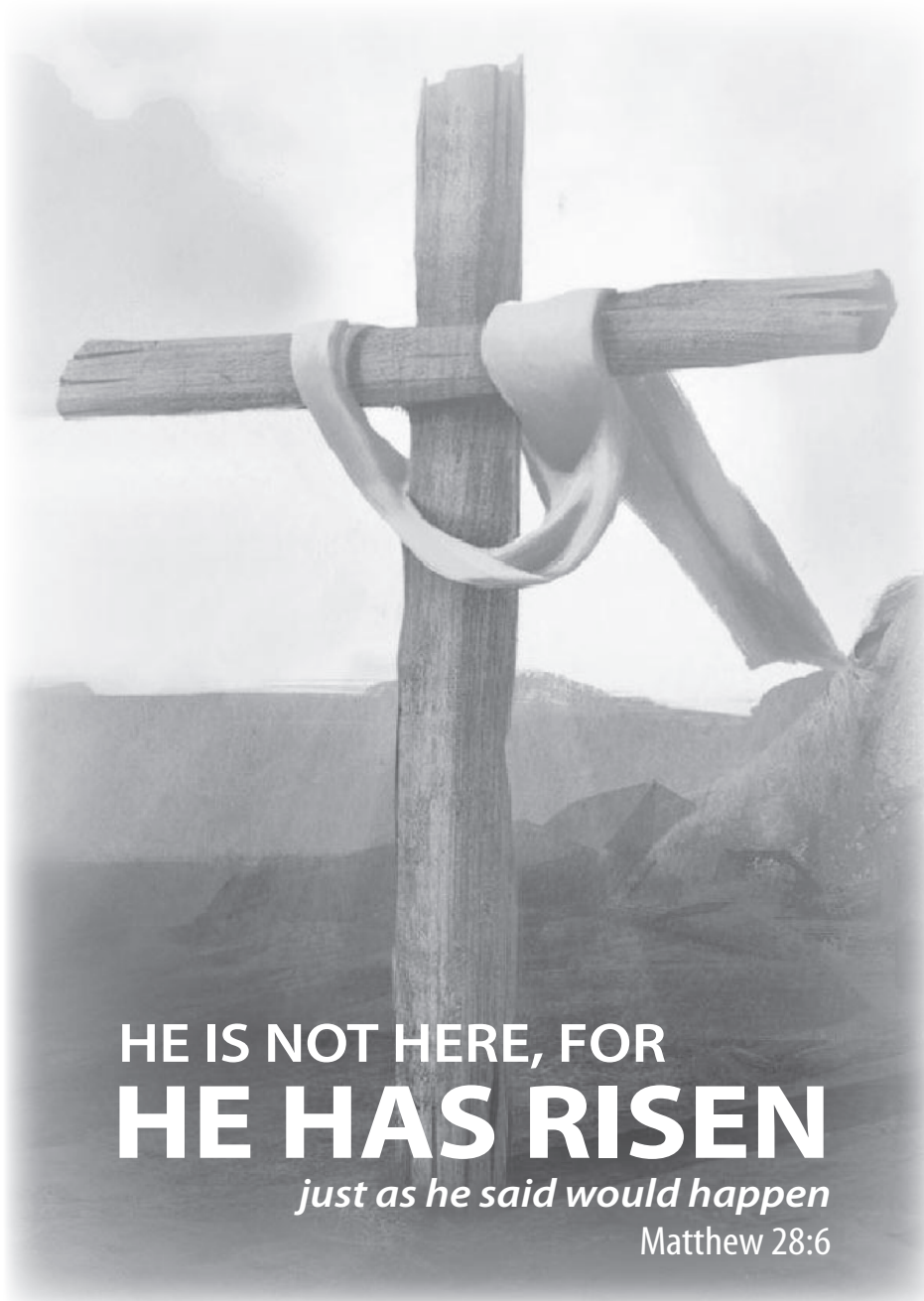
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HE IS NOT HERE, FOR
HE HAS RISEN

just as he said would happen

Matthew 28:6

Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, April 11th, 8:15 a.m.

Cecilia Buraglia

Requested by Ines Escallon and Family

Wednesday, April 12th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Stack Family

Requested by Theresa Ryan

Thursday, April 13th, 8:15 a.m.

Fred Kirvan

Requested by the Family

Friday, April 14th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Ford, Moore, Dyer and Ashmeade Families

Requested by Barbara Ford and Family

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A blessed Easter to you all!

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VOCATIONS

"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.

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

Good Shepherd casseroles for Group "B" will be collected NEXT Saturday, April 15th from 4:00-5:00pm in the church parking lot. Thank you to our casserole chefs and volunteers!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – 11:00am

Children in the parish who are currently in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 1 are invited to join our volunteers for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the beginning of the 11:00 Mass.

They will be accompanied to the parish hall, complete a fun activity related to the weekend's Gospel message and return to join their family in the church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please note, this is not Sunday School or sacramental preparation and is not a drop-off. No registration is required.

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP FRANCIS LEO

The installation of Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto took place on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the central region on **Tuesday, April 11th at BLESSED TRINITY CHURCH (3220 Bayview Ave.) at 7:00pm.** A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.



EASTER SUNDAY!

Acts 10:34a,37-43

Psalm:118

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

EASTER JOY!



Christ is risen! Alleluia! These are the victorious words we shout with gusto on this greatest of all feast days. But, in order to fully appreciate them, we need to go way back in time to the people who first discovered this

reality. We need to put ourselves inside their skin and see with their eyes.

All throughout his public ministry, Jesus had so impacted the lives of a group of people that they had become radically changed. These disciples of Jesus were the very same ones who had walked and talked with him, who were present when his many healings took place, who listened to him discourse about a God of mercy beyond their farthest imagining. For these early followers of Jesus, life had taken on a whole new meaning. In him, they believed they had found the Messiah the prophets had promised. They believed that things



could finally be different: the hungry would be fed; the poor would be recognized; the sinful made whole. Easter is initially the story, though, of how these same faith-filled people then became devastated to the point

that their hope turned to despair, and their dream of a glorious future became a nightmare.

Jesus was crucified. He was executed in perhaps the most gruesome way that anyone could die at that time in human history. The story of those hope-filled people now became a very dark one. It became instead a story of betrayal and abandonment. And then came the Gospel account we read today — an account that begins with words that reflect that gloom: “On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark.” In the Gospel of John, darkness implies a lack of faith. It tells us

that at that time, Mary had no faith, no hope. She was in a place of numbness. And then she finds the tomb is empty! She’s startled. She’s bewildered. She doesn’t know what to do. And so she runs. She runs to get Simon Peter and the other disciple Jesus loved. And together they run — right into that very same empty tomb.

The Easter story now begins to unfold in an entirely new direction. The darkness gives way to the bright light brought on by a sense of victory. Little by little, the earliest followers of Jesus begin to realize that what truly happened is something never heard of before in all of human history: God has raised Jesus from the dead! He is alive! He is risen! The wondrous ending to the Easter story is what all four of the Gospels and St. Paul tell us repeatedly: Jesus is not only alive, but he is still here, still present, still among us. Only now he is with us in a whole new way. That’s what the really good news for each of us is: we are not alone. The Spirit Jesus promised us is alive in the scriptures we read; alive in the Eucharist we celebrate; alive in the hungry whom we feed; alive in the gathering of two or more in his name. “They have taken the Lord from the tomb and we don’t know where they have put him,” Mary of Magdala sadly tells us in today’s Gospel. The ecstasy of this day is that we now know exactly “where they have put him”: inside each one of us; in our hearts; in our values; in our prayers; in our reaching out to the “least of these.”

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Once again, we have celebrated The Triduum, that most solemn celebration of our church year. We have heard our story, the story of salvation, we have washed feet, adored the cross, shouted out the words of Glory to God in the Highest, and visited the empty tomb. We will celebrate Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist during this coming Easter Season. We have heard the good news! Jesus is Risen and is among us even now. May the new life of Easter enter into every heart and bring us joy. May God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Happy Easter to each and every one of you from the priests and deacon who celebrate with you and the staff who serve all of us so that we can all celebrate together. .

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