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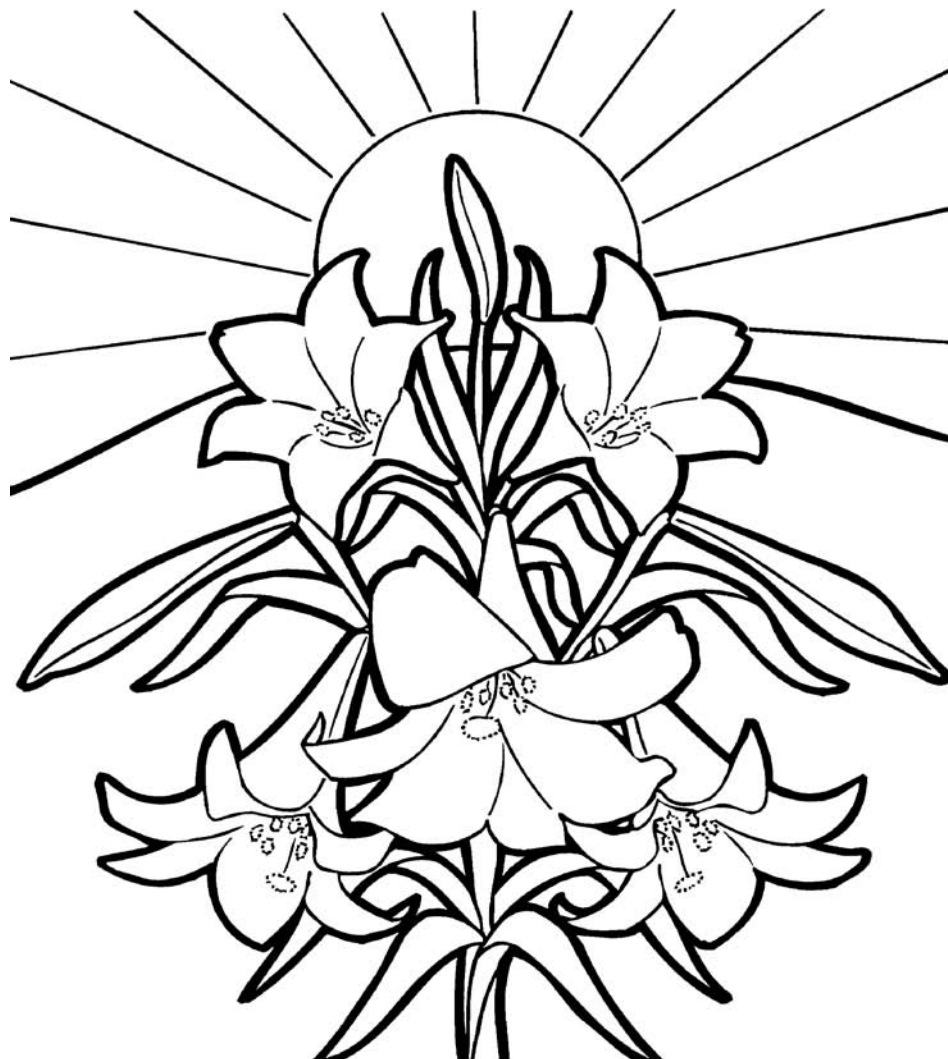
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**The Lord has Risen,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Pastor's Corner

Dear friends of Christ, today the universal Church rejoices with one voice as it celebrates the greatest miracle of our Lord Jesus Christ, that is, His Resurrection from the dead. *Christ is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!* The belief in the Resurrection of Christ is one of the central tenets of our Catholic Faith. The Catechism reminds us that, "The Resurrection constitutes above all the confirmation of all that Christ Himself did and taught. All truths, even the most inaccessible to human reason, find their justification in Christ by rising again has given the definitive proof which He had promised, of His divine authority" (cf. CCC651-653). Our belief in the Resurrection comes from the many witness accounts of the earliest followers and friends of Jesus Christ. St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians succinctly sums this up with the words: "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born" (1 Cor. 15:38).

Jesus' Resurrection from the dead gives anyone who believes in Him a solid footing for hope. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said: "But once Christ is risen, the gravitational pull of love is stronger than that of hatred; the force of gravity of life is stronger than that of death. Perhaps this is actually the situation of the Church in every age, perhaps it is our situation? It always seems as if she ought to be sinking, and yet she is always already saved. Saint Paul illustrated this situation with the words: 'We are as dying, and behold we live' (2 Cor 6:9). The Lord's saving hand holds us up, and thus we can already sing the song of the saved, the new song of the risen ones: Alleluia!" Let us rejoice because our Lord, Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

On behalf of the parish pastoral team, we would like to wish you and your family members a Holy and Blessed Easter.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday: April 2nd

8:30am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm - NO MASS

Tuesday: April 3rd

8:00am - †Sheila D'Souza
7:00pm - †Carmine DeVuono

Wednesday: April 4th

8:00am - †Antonio & Maria Vella
7:00pm - †Mary Manuelpillai;
†Richard Creado

Thursday: April 5th

8:00am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm - †Lorenzo Iorio

Friday: April 6th

8:00am - †All Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm - †Aleykuty Devasia

Saturday: April 7th

8:30am - †Joseph Ben Rodrigo;
Healing Intention for the
Gaskin-Paulsen Family
5:00pm - †Agnes Braganza

Sunday: April 8th

9:00am - For the People of Our Parish
10:30am - †Giovanni Fanizza
12:00pm - †Mary Deneshia Fernando

Let us pray!

For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.



Living the Gospel by evangelizing our faith in the greater world...



Gia Lao Parish resides in the mountainous Diocese of Xuan Loc in Vietnam. Its parishioners, mostly poor, work on the hillside farms. The Pastoral Mission Fund, with the support of ShareLife, provided a one-time grant so the parish could acquire resources it could not otherwise provide. This includes bibles and hymnals, along with training for 60 catechists, who lead marriage preparation and catechism classes. With your support, Gia Lao Church is bringing faith to a community in the greater world.

April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Vocations Corner... The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or deacon,



call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,**
Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

Eucharistic Adoration



Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Friday from 8:30am to 7pm. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Last Week's Collection \$8,210.00
Share Life \$2,550.00

Thank You For Your Generosity



One of the recommended Responsorial Psalms on this glorious Easter Sunday is Psalm 118, including this from verse 24: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." In truth Easter is all about rejoicing. It is the day of Resurrection which provides hope to all of us.

Throughout our diocese thousands of people are at Mass today who may not normally attend. Recent studies have shown that as many as 40 percent of those who do not regularly attend may not have been at Mass since Christmas.

That is another reason for us to rejoice and say "Welcome home." We miss you and we love you. Christ's love for us is at the foundation of our celebration today. St. Augustine once wrote, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." We ask God's blessings on all those who have passed our amazing religion to you. Clearly you do remember your devotion and are here to honor it.

Our Catholic Church considers today to be the holiest day of the year. For us as Catholics this celebrates one of the greatest days in history — when Jesus, the Son of God, defeated death and rose from the grave giving us all hope for eternal life. St. Pope John Paul II may have put it best several years ago when he proclaimed, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

Che cos'è che fa correre l'apostolo Giovanni al sepolcro? Egli ha vissuto per intero il dramma della Pasqua, essendo molto vicino al suo maestro. Ci sembra perciò inammissibile un'affermazione del genere: "Non avevano infatti ancora compreso la Scrittura". Eppure era proprio così: non meravigliamoci allora di constatare l'ignoranza attuale, per molti versi simile. Il mondo di Dio, i progetti di Dio sono così diversi che ancor oggi succede che anche chi è più vicino a Dio non capisca e si stupisca degli avvenimenti.

"Vide e credette". Bastava un sepolcro vuoto perché tutto si risolvesse? Credo che non fu così facile. Anche nel momento delle sofferenze più dure, Giovanni rimane vicino al suo maestro. La ragione non comprende, ma l'amore aiuta il cuore ad aprirsi e a vedere. È l'intuizione dell'amore che permette a Giovanni di vedere e di credere prima di tutti gli altri. La gioia di Pasqua matura solo sul terreno di un amore fedele. Un'amicizia che niente e nessuno potrebbe spezzare. È possibile? Io credo che la vita ci abbia insegnato che soltanto Dio può procurarci ciò. È la testimonianza che ci danno tutti i gulag dell'Europa dell'Est e che riecheggia nella gioia pasquale alla fine del nostro millennio.

Women of the Word Toronto

**9th Annual Forum ~ Sunday, April 15
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Women of the Word invites you to their 9th Annual Forum titled "*Daring to Reflect My True Image.*"

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Divine Mercy Sunday

**April 8th at 2:30pm
Speaker: Fr. Terrence McKenna**

Exposition, Adoration,
Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Scripture Reading, Homily,
Benediction & Reposition

Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the parish hall.
Please bring deserts to share.

**Retrouvaille Weekend:
Help for Troubled Marriages**

April 20th at 6pm ~ Mississauga



If you are thinking of separation or divorce or you are already separated, but want to try again then Retrouvaille can help. If you and your spouse want your marriage to work and are willing to put in a full weekend of hard work and your best effort, then you are invited to attend a Retrouvaille Weekend.

Retrouvaille is a program to help married couples through difficult times in their marriage relationships. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover one another and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

Although Retrouvaille follows the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, couples of other faith expressions are also welcome. **Phone: 416-281-6007.**

**Email: www.torontoretrovaille.com
Web: <http://www.torontoretrovaille.com>**

OLA Youth



EDGE *Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?*

All students in **grade 6 - 8** are welcome to our next **EDGE Night** on **Friday, April 13th**, from 7pm - 9pm.

All grades 9 - 12 are invited! **LIFE TEEN**

All Teens in grade 9 - 12 are welcome to our next **Life Night** on **Saturday, April 7th.**

'Life Teen' begins with the **5:00pm Mass**
6:00pm: Dinner (in the parish hall)
6:30pm - 8:30pm: Life Night

Follow us on Instagram: [ourladyairwaysyouth](https://www.instagram.com/ourladyairwaysyouth)

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