Our Lady of the Airways Parish

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He Lives

Suia, Meluia!

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - EASTER SUNDAY

<u>READINGS for SUNDAY, April 20th</u> (EASTER SUNDAY - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD) 1st Reading - Acts 10.34a, 37 - 43 2nd Reading - Colossians 3.1 - 4 Gospel - John 20.1 - 18

"SEE": THE VERB OF FAITH

Galilee, the region of the Jews and Jerusalem constitute the spiritual geography that frames the mission and activity of Jesus. Even today they remain the places of his Word, of the Cross and of Easter. Inspired by the Jewish Passover with its images and symbols (the sacrificed lamb, the yeast, the unleavened bread), the apostle Paul invites all of us to immerse ourselves now in Jesus' Easter, where everything is new, everything is life, everything expresses the joy of salvation: «Cleanse out the old yeast, that you may be new dough». Immersed in this newness, it is easy for us to accept the life program of the resurrected: «Seek the things that are above... set your mind on the things that are above, not on those of the earth». In the Gospel of John, "seeing" is the verb of faith («he saw and believed»). Physical sight alone can be deceiving: seeing the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene thinks of the theft of Jesus' body. Seeing "in the spirit" instead guarantees that everything that the Scriptures have announced about Jesus has been fulfilled in his resurrection: "They did not vet understand the Scriptures, that he must rise from the dead."



"VEDERE": IL VERBO DELLA FEDE

La Galilea, la regione dei Giudei e Gerusalemme costituiscono la geografia spirituale che fa da cornice alla missione e all'attività di Gesù. Ancora oggi rimangono i luoghi della sua Parola, della Croce e della Pasqua. Ispirandosi alla Pasqua ebraica con le sue immagini e i suoi simboli (l'agnello immolato, il lievito, gli azzimi) l'apostolo Paolo invita tutti noi a immergerci ora nella Pasqua di Gesù, dove tutto è nuovo, tutto è vita, tutto esprime la gioia della salvezza: «Togliete via il lievito vecchio, per essere pasta nuova ». Immersi in questa novità, ci è facile accogliere il programma di vita proprio dei risorti: «Cercate le cose di lassù... rivolgete il pensiero alle cose di lassù, non a quelle della terra». Nel Vangelo di Giovanni il "vedere" è il verbo della fede («vide e credette»). Il solo vedere fisico può ingannare: vedendo il sepolcro vuoto Maria di Magdala pensa al trafugamento del corpo di Gesù. Il vedere "nello spirito" invece garantisce che tutto ciò che le Scritture hanno annunciato su Gesù si è realizzato nella sua risurrezione: «Non avevano ancora compreso le Scritture, che cioè egli doveva risorgere dai morti».



12:00pm: † Agostino & Salvatore Dibenedetto



VOCATION SEEDS EASTER SUNDAY

The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org

<u>READINGS for next SUNDAY, April 27th</u> (2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

1st Reading - Acts 5.12 - 16 2nd Reading - Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Gospel - John 20.19 - 31



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2025 Sacraments CELEBRATIONS

FIRST CONFESSION Saturday, April 26 at 10:00am 1st HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION Saturday, May 3rd @ 11am **CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION** Saturday, May 10th @ 11am

For more info., call 647-978-6513 or email olasacramentalpreparation20@gmail.com

SACRAMENTS GIFTS

Sacraments books and Rosaries for 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation are available for purchase at the office.





CELEBRATING MOTHER'S MARY ON MAY 31

The Parish is organizing a celebration for Mother Mary on Saturday May 31st. After the 5:00pm Mass, there will be a PROCESSION and outside food vendors market from 6pm to 9pm. If you wish to set up a table contact Geraldine at 647-328-7782 or Madhura at 647-895-7053.



TAP TO GIVE IS AVAILABLE AT OLA



We are happy to announce that we now have "Tap to Give" "Tip Tap Pay" available at our church for Parish Offertory. The donation amount is set at \$10.00, tap more than once for a higher amount. Debit/Credit cards only. For an end-of-year tax receipt of your "Tap Gifts" scan the QR Code and register. Feel free to contact the office with questions.

Trip to Montreal & Ouebec: Aug 2-3-4

Mark your calendars: coming up the long weekend in August join us for a trip to Montreal-St Joseph Oratory and Quebec City-St Anne. Departure on Saturday and return on Monday. More details to follow.



OLA Youth Ministry is back for kids between grades 5-7! Join the Adventure! Step into your Faith.



Important Dates: FRIDAY, May 9 and

June 13 from 6pm to 8pm in the church hall. Scan the QR code to register. For more info, email ourladyoftheairways@archtoronto.org we look forward to seeing you.



NEW BOILERS at OUR PARISH

This year's BIG project is to install NEW BOILERS and we need your help and generosity to proceed. You can donate for this via the envelopes dedicated for this at the church entrances or via the terminal at church. **NEW BOILERS FUND** IS AT \$ 19,451.32 (Incl. \$ 1,175.32 from this week) Tax Receipts will be issued. Thank You



HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19 8:00pm - Bilingual Mass of the Easter Vigil 11:00pm - Tamil Mass **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

9:00am - English/ 10:30am - Italian 12:00noon - English / NO 4:00pm Tamil Mass

WISHING YOU A HAPPY EASTER AUGURIAMO A TUTTI BUONA PASOUA உயிர்ப்புப் பெருவிழா நல்வாழ்த்துக்கள் FR. RUGGIERO DIBENEDETTO FR. CANISIUS, Don Francesco & Filomena



RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS We CONGRATULATE the NEW

CATHOLICS that received the Sacraments of Christian Initiation during Easter Vigil Mass.

EASTER COLLECTION

TODAY, we have an extra Sunday Offering. Your donation is an integral part to fulfilling our mission. All of this is only possible through your generous support.



ST. PADRE PIO Prayer Group

Without love for the Cross, we cannot make much profit in the Christian life. - St. Padre Pio

SAN PADRE PIO Gruppo di Preghiera

Senza amore per la Croce non possiamo trarre grande profitto dalla vita cristiana. - San Padre Pio

Give and live the Gospel by providing for those in need.



Your generous donations are greatly appreciated



NEW ITINERARY and NEW PRICE **JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE 2025** to FRANCE and ITALY

Under Spiritual Guidance of Fr.Ruggiero, our Pastor. September 11-23, 2025 / 13 days

\$5,490 (Taxes & Tips Incl.) for Toronto departure. Travel arrangements by QS Travel & Tours Tel. 905-412-2242 or 1-800-565-3619 www.gstours.com

We will also visit the Holy Shroud in Turin and pass through **NEW** itinerary and **NEW** price the Holy Door in Rome.



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