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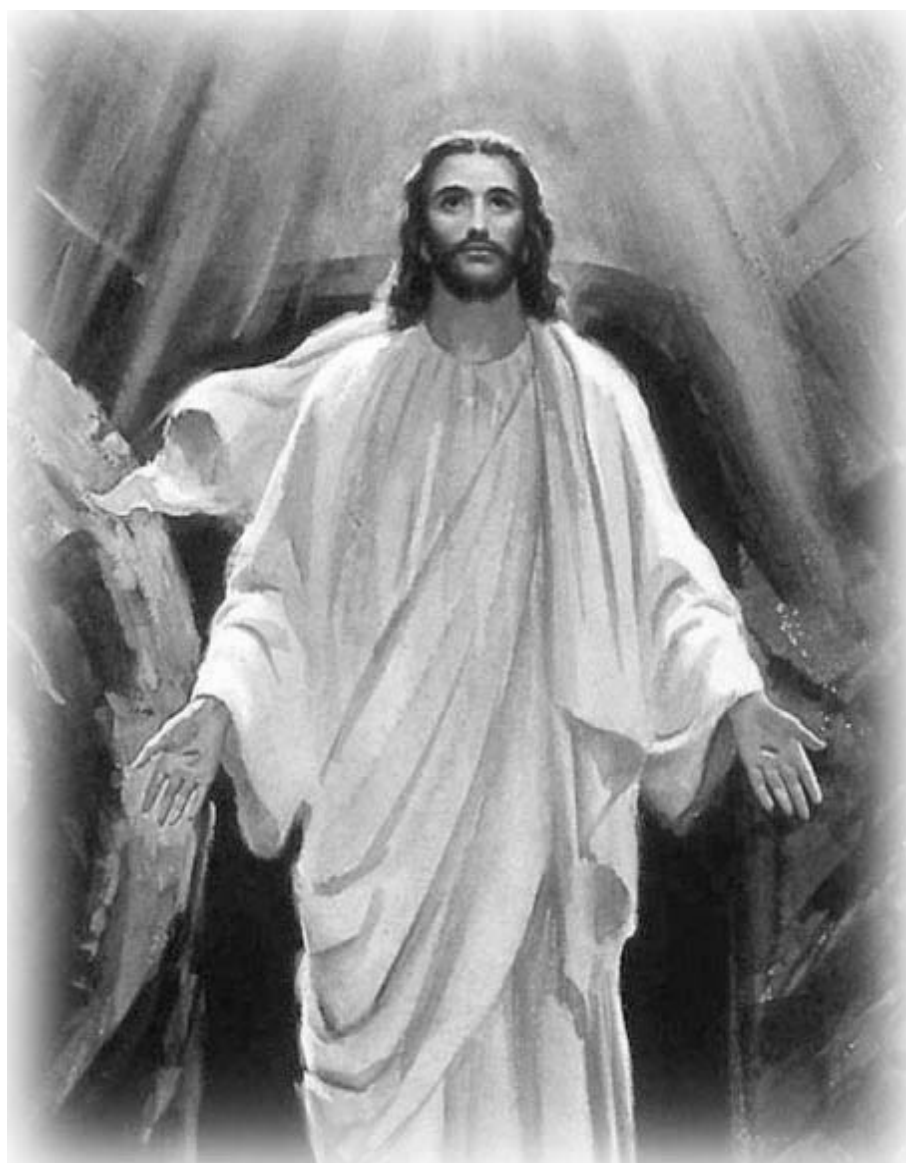
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Rejoice!
For the Lord is truly risen!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 6, 7:00PM-No Mass-Easter Monday

TUESDAY, April 7, 9:00AM +Generosa Paulos

*Special Intention for Mila Mongillo

WEDNESDAY, April 8, 7:00PM

+Maria Dolores Vigario +Americo Coelho

THURSDAY, April 9, 9:00AM

+Manuel Da Silva +Fernando Heleno

FRIDAY, April 10, 7:00PM +Joao Perna +Manuel

Marques & Maria Oliveira

SATURDAY, April 11, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

SATURDAY, April 11, 5:00PM +Manuel Marques &

Maria de Oliveira +Isabel Camacho & Manuel Feliciano

Coelho +Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Antonio Santana &

Maria Sousa +Vitorino Nazario & Olimpia Sousa +Helene

Victorine Ophelders +Isaura Lourenco & All Deceased

Family Members +Graciete Domingues +Virgilio

Domingues & Isaura Lorenzo +Terezinha Teixeira +John

Di Re +Lucia Balugas & Armindo Balugas +Stefan Hrin &

Rudolf Sutora +Virginia Correia +Santino Vincenzo

Guglietti & Maria La Rocca +All Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, April 12, 8:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, April 12, 10:00AM

+Generosa Paulos +Carlos Pais

SUNDAY, April 12, 12:00PM *Special Intentions of the

McEventue Family + All Deceased McEventue & Chavez

Family Members

SUNDAY, April 12, 2:00PM *ProPopulo

St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)

EASTER MONDAY

There will be NO MASS on Monday April 6, 2026, and the parish office will be closed.

FIRST CLASS RELIC VENERATION

Holy Martyrs of Japan will be hosting First Class Relic of Blessed Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. The Relic will be exposed for veneration on April 7th to April 9th in the Adoration Chapel between 9:30am & 4:30pm. There will be a Mass on Thursday April 9, at 7:00pm in the presence of Relic. All are welcome.

HELP NOT HARM: TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT

BILL C-218 Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to email your Member of Parliament and ask them to support Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act).

This bill would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition, which is scheduled to become legal in March 2027.

As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection to those who are suffering. Please visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

REFLECTION

The Book of Genesis states that God created the world in six days, resting on the seventh. Our first parents—Adam and Eve—were created in a state of Original Innocence, enjoying perfect harmony in the Garden of Eden. Had they remained faithful to God, that paradise would have remained our home. Death, disease, war, division, and sin would not exist. All of us would have enjoyed perfect peace and joy eternally, with God as our Ruler.

For humanity to freely love God and one another, God bestowed upon us a precious gift: free will. That gift permitted humans to shape their own destiny, choosing freely to embrace or reject God's love. We know the story. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, choosing to become like gods by eating from the Tree of Knowledge. God permitted them to do so and they quickly discovered that they were deceived, were not gods, and could not sustain themselves. Today, on Easter Sunday, we rejoice that God's creative activity did not stop on the sixth or seventh day. In Christ, the Eighth Day was inaugurated and will culminate with Christ's return in glory when the New Heaven and New Earth will be established. In the Book of Revelation, Saint John the Evangelist places these words on Christ's lips for that day when He completes the Eighth Day of creation: "Behold, I make all things new...I [am] the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God..." ([Revelation 21:5](#)). On that day, the new Paradise will be established, perfect peace will reign, death will be no more, and we will dwell with God, the saints, and angels forever.

This eternal perspective is easily forgotten. It's easy to live as if this life is the end, which is profound foolishness and a denial of the very meaning of the Resurrection. Note that in today's Gospel, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb on "the first day of the week." That "first day" alludes to the first day of the first creation, when God said, "Let there be light, and there was light" ([Genesis 1:3](#)). On Easter morning, the first day of the week became the Eighth Day of creation, or the first day of the New Creation, when God once again said, "Let there be light, and there was light." When Mary went to the tomb in the dark, Christ was no longer there. After the sun rose, He appeared to Mary in His newly glorified body. He is the New Creation. He is the Light that pierced the darkness. He is the answer to sin and death. He is the Victor in Whom we are invited to share every good thing forever.

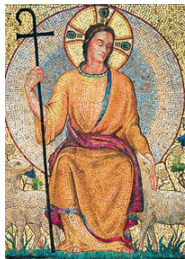
When Mary first saw the empty tomb, she did not yet understand that the Eighth Day of Creation had begun. She did not understand that the Light of the World would begin to dispel the darkness in her life and in the lives of all who believe and choose Him as their one God, remedying the disobedience of Adam and Eve. In that moment of the Resurrection, Christ became the New Adam, the new Father of All the Living. If we choose Him as our God, we will be His sons and daughters in His new creation forever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Sunday the Resurrection of the Lord
| April 5, 2026

This life is but a preparation for the next, when the Eighth Day of creation is complete. On this Resurrection Day, recommit yourself to using this life to prepare for the next, for both yourself and your loved ones. As Saint Paul said in our first reading, "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth" (Colossians 3:1-2). May Easter bring you the hope you need to drive you toward the new life and light that Jesus came to bestow. *My Catholic Life! 2026*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



World Day of Prayer for vocations will be observed on Sunday April 26, 2026, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38 Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

A PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



Bless our Confirmandi as they prepare to come to you with a sincere desire to know your ways, to experience your love and to walk with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Be with them on their journey and keep alive their desire to always please you. May they have an open mind and a willing heart to serve you as the day nears to receive and be sealed with the gifts of the spirit on their day of confirmation.

A PRAYER FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES



Please join us in praying for our grade two students who have been preparing and are going to be receiving their First Holy Communion at the end of the month into next month. May Jesus come to bless you on this most special of days as you are invited to the table to celebrate in the Holy Eucharist. May you feel His presence in a very special way and as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PARISH MEAL:

Saturday April 18 after the 5:00pm Mass



SUNDAY BREAKFAST:

Sunday April 26 after all morning Masses including the 12 Noon Mass.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday April 12, 2026, at 3:30pm (Livestream)

Holy Hour Adoration and the Chaplet *in Song*

"On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open, I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened.

Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.

My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."

-Diary of Saint Faustina, 699

UPCOMING "DAY WITH MARY"

Saturday May 30, 2026, at Villanova College Located at 2480 15th Sideroad King City. Registration begins April 8. The deadline to register is May 15. For more information visit www.archtoronto.org/mary

Doors open at 10:00am. The day will begin with Mass at 11am and end at 4:00pm. We will gather from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady. There will be music, food and fellowship.

If you are interested in joining the PARISH GROUP on a bus, please come to the parish office to register.

Registration starts April 8. The fee is \$20.00/person for the bus and \$10.00/person for food. Parishioners are asked to please bring cash, cheque or card (tap) to reserve your seat at the time of booking. Seating will be on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE basis. The deadline to book your seat on the bus is May 1, 2026.

From Holy Martyrs: Bus Boarding at 8:50am
Bus Departure: 9:00am Sharp
From Villanova College: Bus Boarding 4:00pm
Bus Departure: 4:15pm

YOUTH MINISTRY



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Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. *Next Edge Night: Date: April 10 - Welcome Home*



LIFE TEEN

Life Teen is for youth in grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm-9:00pm. All are welcome!

Next LifeTeen Night: April 17 - Story Telling

YOUNG ADULT GROUP AGES 18-39

Calling all young adults to join us every Sunday at 3:00 in the large meeting room.

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