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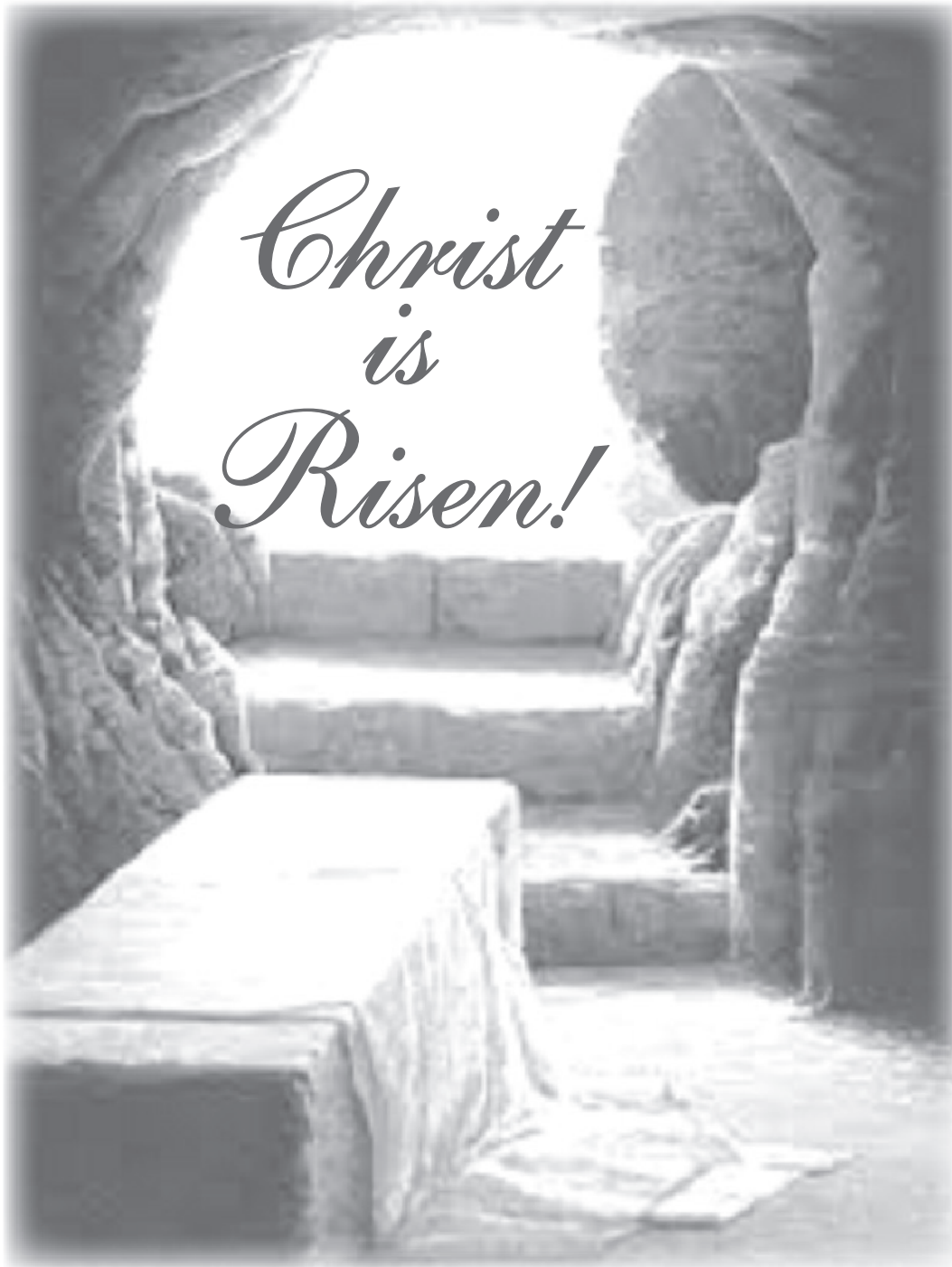
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EASTER SUNDAY

Meditate on
God's Word



<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Apr	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
10 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
11 Tues, 9am	Ennatha Carino +	Ducusin Family
12 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving – Claudette Wilson	Claudette Wilson
13 Thur, 9am	Vincent D'Souza +	D'Souza Family
14 Fri, 9am	Ronald Jacinto – 2 nd Death anniversary	Nerissa Jacinto
15 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rosa Marie Rivers + Norma Abratique Javier + Thanksgiving – Grace Mahia Thanksgiving – Monica Sigue Thanksgiving – Lolita Bayon Thanksgiving – Anthony Miranda 5pm Maria Pailanan Valdez + Nikola & Sharon Molines & Paderes Family Grace Mahia Mila Benedicto Lydia Salazar & Remy Simbulan Thelma Miranda Bonette Valdez
16 Sun, 9am	Clara Beltran +	Beltran Family
11 am	Edwards Luck +	Marlen Luck

Sunday Gospel Reflection
Gospel: John 20.1-18++ – The Resurrection of Jesus

Christ is Risen Christ is Risen!
Truly, He is Risen! On this glorious Easter morning, the Sunday of Sundays, the Solemnity of Solemnities, we are filled with the joy of the risen Lord. On this great day, death and sin was defeated as the Lord triumphed over all evil, leading us to the joy and love of eternal life. As stewards of Christ we should always have the identity of an Easter people. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that stewardship “reflects the core of the Easter message of the earliest Christian community: ‘We have seen the Lord!’ (Jn 20:25). Stewardship always starts with the personal experience of the Risen Christ in our midst and in our hearts.” We must first encounter Christ before we can share Christ. The early disciples witnessed the risen Lord on Easter morning and from there went on to spread the good news of His resurrection to the ends of the earth. They received the gift of Easter, the same gift we receive today. As good stewards we should not keep this gift for ourselves but seek to share it generously with our parish community. One concrete practice we can adopt is to share our Easter joy with our family, friends and fellow parishioners by spreading the news of Christ’s resurrection to those who do not yet fully believe. Let us share the joy of the Gospel as we strive to become better stewards.

Summary
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<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Tuesday to Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 10:00**

a.m. in the Church ***except on holidays.***



Let us pray for the sick

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the “forgotten members” in our community.

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*



Fr. Godofredo "Freddie" Claudio

EASTER MESSAGE 2023

"Why are you frightened and why are you weeping?" The Risen Lord offers the same questions to us as a "Family of Faith" at Holy Cross Parish today! This question of Jesus leads us to our hearts so we could reflect, explore and find meaning. When we panic, when we worry, when we are angry, we need to pause and reflect and meditate on why God died and rose again! This question of the Risen Lord should make us pause and look at what we are doing right now. And in our reflection and meditation, let us listen to Jesus.

To the disciples who are still unable to believe that He was indeed alive and standing before them, He asked: "Have you anything here to eat?" The Lord comes to us through our humble, simple, poor and suffering brothers and sisters. Even while possessing all authority and power, He deems it worthy to reside among the lowly, those who lack the necessities of life. He invites us not to allow worries and doubts to blind us to the needs of the poor among us. Let us behold the Risen Jesus in every needy person in our parish community.

May we promptly respond to the Risen Lord's greeting "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, so I send you!" Let us all go to all the corners of the world as missionaries of God's love and peace! **HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!**



Saint Vincent de Paul Canned Food Drive

This Lent please help our neighbors in need. Please donate canned fish or meat, fruit, veggies, soups or pasta sauce. Please place items in our bin at

the back of the church. We will watch for your donation throughout Lent and the month of April.



Join the Kolbe 'KNOW YOUR FAITH' series for 4 Tuesdays: 7 – 9 p.m. on **May 9, 16, 23, and 30th**, as we continue our study on "**SALVATION HISTORY: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW: Part V**". Through prayer, study and informative DVDs, enhance your understanding and knowledge of the New Testament and deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own life. See the flyer on the Parish bulletin board or visit www.kolbeapostolate.com for more information.



Six Gifts of the Resurrection

1. We Are Forgiven for Our Sins

First, from verse 17, instead of saying negatively that we are not still in our sins, we can say positively that because of the resurrection we are forgiven for our sins. Everybody in this room this

morning needs forgiveness, and deep inside, even when we don't think about it, we long for it. We long to be accepted by God. We fear the alienation of our guilt. But Paul says, because Christ rose from the dead, we are no longer in our sins. This is the first and most basic longing of our hearts.

2. Our Faith Is Well-Founded

Second from verse 14, instead of saying negatively that our faith is not in vain, we can say positively that because of the resurrection our faith is well-founded. Or, to put it more personally, because of the resurrection of Jesus there is someone we can trust absolutely. Deep in the heart of every person is a longing for someone that you can count on through thick and thin. Someone who is absolutely trustworthy. Someone who, if you put your faith in him, it won't be in vain. He won't let you down. He will always be there. We want it because we were made for it. God put man and woman in the Garden of Eden to glorify God by trusting him for everything they needed.

3. The Apostles Preach What Is True

Third, from verse 15, instead of saying negatively that the apostles are not false witnesses about the work of God, we can say positively that because of the resurrection the apostles preach what is true. They are not false witnesses about God. They are true.

4/5. We Are to Be Envied

Fourth and fifth, from verse 19, envied. Our preaching is not in vain—it is full, meaningful, valid, valuable, significant. There is in every one of us the longing that our lives be well spent—that our lives count for something, that they have significance and usefulness, that we don't come to the end of our days and say, it was all in vain, empty, pointless, useless, insignificant—pitiable.

6. Those Who Have Fallen Asleep Are Alive

Finally, there is the longing that we shall live forever in joy. That we not come to an empty end after a full and valuable life. That we not become a zero, or worse, damned. And so Paul says in verse 18 that because Christ is raised those who have fallen asleep in him—those who have died in faith—have not perished. Or positively, they are alive. They will live forever. They live the way Christ lives. They will enter into the joy of their Master.

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