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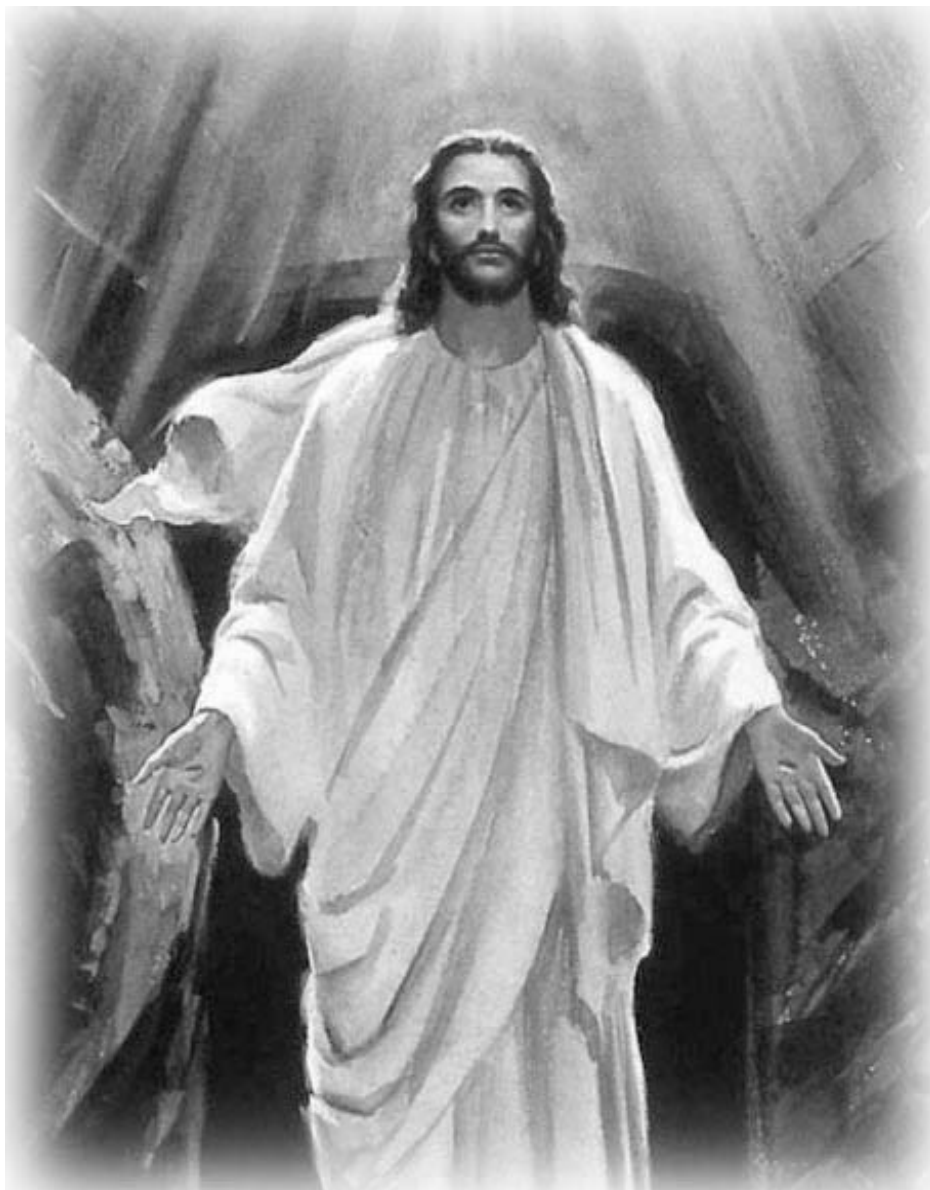
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Rejoice!
For the Lord is truly risen!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Apr	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
6 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
7 Tues, 9am	Canadian Martyrs	
8 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving – St Giuda Taddeo	Incoronata Ambrosini
9 Thurs, 9am	Canadian Martyrs	
10 Fri, 9am	Resty Foronda +	Ducusin Family
11 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Ofelia Villaluz + 5th death anniversary Ronald Jacinto + Pedro Bato + Angel Tablan + Ducusin Family Nerissa Jacinto Pat Boyer Evelyn Tablan & Family Incoronata Ambrosini
5pm	Thanksgiving – Our Mother of Sacred Heart Canadian Martyrs Thanksgiving – Rico Beltran	Yvette Beltran
12 Sun, 9am	Robert Kimball Adair +	Cecilia Orillanes & Family
11 am	Henry & Lucinda McErlean+	Joan Skura

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
Easter Sunday
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 were 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 takes place every Wednesday and Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass from 9:30am 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.*




Happy Easter!
 Wishing everyone a joyful and peaceful Easter!
 May your day be filled with hope,

happiness, and time spent with the people who matter most.

Easter Reflection

Easter reminds us that hope is stronger than fear, and light is stronger than darkness. It invites us to pause, breathe, and remember that new beginnings are always possible. As we reflect on this day, may we carry forward gratitude, kindness, and renewed faith— trusting that even after seasons of hardship, new life awaits. "Lord, thank You for the hope and new life Easter brings. Bless us with peace, joy, and love today and always. Amen."

Special Devotion Candles Mar 31 to Apr 7	
We are pleased to offer two Special Devotion Candles (Sanctuary Lamps near the Tabernacle) available to burn for your intentions for one week. The cost is \$20.00 per candle.	
	<p>In Loving Memory of Gerry Boudreau Requested by: Karin Doumouras & Family "In loving memory of a beautiful soul. Forever in our hearts."</p>
	<p>For all Intentions This Sanctuary Lamp Devotion Candle is being offered for all the intentions of Holy Cross Parish Community, living, sick and deceased.</p>



2026 SSVP Lenten/Easter Food Drive – March/April 2026

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding a Lenten/Easter Food Drive in order to replenish the food cupboard. Interested parishioners are asked to bring in non-perishable food items and place them in the SSVP container located in the front foyer of the Church. We are in need of the following: **(1) Canned meat/fish (2) Spaghetti pasta and Sauce (3) Peanut butter/Breakfast cereals and pancake mixes.** Thank you.
 "We are called to give, driven by our love for God and neighbor." For more information, contact Bibi Berger at 647 - 517-2871.



Pastor's Easter Message
Fr. Godofredo "Freddy" Claudio

EASTER MESSAGE 2026

As we celebrate Christ's Resurrection, let us focus on the true meaning of Easter. Let us reflect how in this disordered, chaotic world, Easter can be our permanent guide that leads us to hope and peace and joy.

Wars, violence and misunderstanding are experienced in most parts of the world. These are due to selfishness, pride and greed. These wars and violence have affected millions of people and caused their suffering. One may wonder, when will PEACE, real peace, happen in our world? When will the people's suffering end? Does God see our pain? If God truly cares, why is He allowing all this to happen?

But we should not lose hope. Let us, first of all, anchor our faith in God's promises. The first letter of St. Peter tells us: "God, the giver of all grace, has called you to share in Christ's eternal Glory, and after you have suffered a little, He will bring you to perfection. He will confirm, strengthen and establish you forever." (1 Peter 5:10). Therefore, whether we are in the middle of a personal or global crisis, the risen Christ is the source of our hope. He knows our struggles and He understands our challenges. We may feel hopeless and afraid, but let us take heart, for our assurance comes from the reality that Jesus has risen and will lead us to peace and joy in His kingdom. Hope and trust in the Lord Jesus will bring us lasting peace and joy.

Jesus is RISEN! He is as real today as He was two thousand years ago. The trials and challenges and sufferings we are facing are a way for us to experience how He suffered for us all. But after all these trials, come the joy of sharing in His Resurrection. We may not see it with our own eyes, but God's power is at work in the world, even in times of war and violence. He still sits on the throne. Let the miracle of Easter, the blessed resurrection of Jesus Christ be our beacon of hope, of joy and peace!

Happy Easter to all of you!

Clergy Changes

It is with sadness and a heavy heart that we prepare to say goodbye to Fr. Fred on June 24, the effective date of the clergy changes. We are deeply grateful for his service and the care he has given our community. We will also be welcoming our new pastor, Rev. Efren Alvarez Pelayo, and look forward to supporting him as he begins his ministry with us.

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