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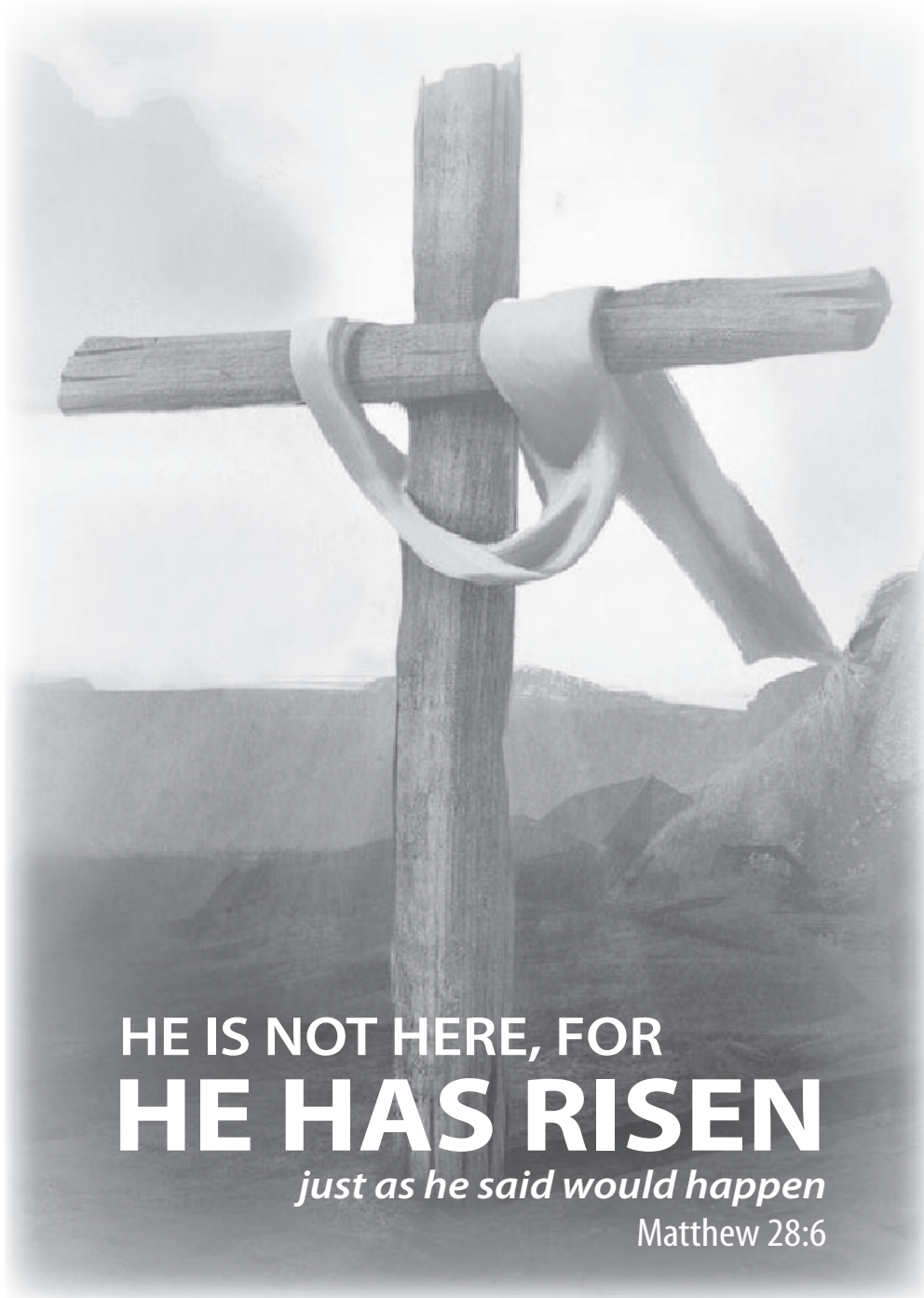
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HE IS NOT HERE, FOR
HE HAS RISEN

just as he said would happen

Matthew 28:6

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,
It is with heartfelt gratitude that I take this opportunity to wish each of you a Happy Easter, full of joy, and full of accomplishments after a long period of Lent. Easter, in the original meaning, is to pass from death to resurrection, and so this 2023 Easter is a time in which we passed from the former administration of the parish to a new administration. Let us take this opportunity to feel renewed and strengthened by the resurrection of the Lord and for us to continue building the Kingdom of God, present within Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish. Let us come together in a superior level of commitment, dedication and presence in all of the activities in our church community so that we can be present and continue to be pilgrims. Fr. Carlos Sierra Tobon

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Fathers on the Resurrection of Christ - "Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him; yesterday I died with Him; today I am quickened with Him; yesterday I was buried with Him; today I rise with Him. But let us offer to Him who suffered and rose again for us — you will think perhaps that I am going to say gold, or silver, or woven work or transparent and costly stones, the mere passing material of earth, that remains here below, and is for the most part always possessed by bad men, slaves of the world and of the Prince of the world. Let us offer ourselves, the possession most precious to God, and most fitting; let us give back to the Image what is made after the Image. Let us recognize our Dignity; let us honour our Archetype; let us know the power of the Mystery, and for what Christ died."

(St. Gregory the Theologian - Homily on Pascha)

PRAY FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

- Luisa Carlucci
- Joseph Capobianco,
- Charles Kelly



WEDDING BANNES

THERE IS A PROMISE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN:

- Gianna Soncina
- Calogero Galipo



TORONTO SERRA CLUBS - VOCATION

"He has been raised from the dead!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. E: vocations@archtoronto.org W: www.vocationstoronto.ca

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Special Mass & Adoration

All are welcome to join us for a special celebration at 3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet / Sunday, April 16th, 2023 / Holy Mass

"SPIRITUAL WALK-IN CLINIC"

Our parish is honoured with an opportunity to have an adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours/day, 7 days/week exposed in our chapel for the last 20 years. If you would like to commit one hour a week or be a "backup" to fill in for the hour that adorers on a regular basis cannot do, please leave your name and contact number in the parish office. All are welcome to come and pray.

A GIFT TO THE LORD

From Sunday, April 30th and thereafter, we are going to have a half hour of adoration, prayer and meditation after the 7:00 pm Mass. All are welcome to join us for adoration as this will help us to start a new week with God's blessing.



RCIC PROGRAM

This program is a Baptism Class for older children (*also known as a Rescue Course*) comprising of several lessons. Children enrolled in this program are expected to join the Sunday 10:30 am Mass followed by a lesson at 11:30 am in the Upper Hall. The three remaining dates of the RCIC lessons are: April 16th, April 23rd & April 30th.

2023 SHARELIFE COLLECTION DATE

April 30 / June 4

Show your love by giving to ShareLife

Jesus' love for us invites us to give to others, especially those most in need. ShareLife agencies continue to support the most vulnerable in our community through services that are only possible through your kind and generous donations. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. A blessed Easter to you all!

CHAPEL HOURS

The chapel has closed at 7:00 pm on Holy Thursday, April 6th and will re-open on Easter Monday, April 10th at 10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday April 10th and reopen the following day on Tuesday, April 11th

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PARISH

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish community.

You may register by completing a parish registration form found on our website and returning it to the Parish Office via email or in person.

THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Most urgently needed are individually packaged snacks, e.g. chips/cookies/granola bars, juices, bottled water, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, men's new underwear, socks, jeans, Advil, Ensure/Boost, art supplies, blank notebooks, sports or event tickets. Items can be placed in the blue bin located at the reception area of the parish office.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

We are inviting all young adults between the ages of 18 – 30 to join the young adults of the parish for a monthly social event. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and enjoy some fellowship with your fellow parishioners. For more details, please contact George at 647.833.1348.

MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

La Risurrezione di Gesu - Le donne furono più fedeli degli uomini. Furono le prime a credere nella Buona Novella della risurrezione (Mt 28,9-10; Mc 16,9-10; Lc 24, 4-11; Gv 20, 11-18). Dinanzi alla notizia della Maddalena che vede il sepolcro vuoto, Pietro ed il Discepolo Amato si recano al sepolcro. Il vangelo riporta la strana notizia secondo cui "l'altro discepolo" correva più rapidamente di Pietro e giunse per primo al sepolcro, ma non entrò. Guardò solo dentro e vide le bende per terra. Dopo essere entrato vide anche il sudario piegato, da una parte. Ed il vangelo dice: "Vide e credette!" Ma nulla ci dice come fu la reazione di Pietro che era entrato per primo nel sepolcro vuoto. Ed alla fine, il vangelo aggiunge questa frase: "Non avevano infatti ancora compreso la Scrittura, che egli cioè doveva risuscitare dai morti" (Gv 20,9). Ciò significa che l'Antico Testamento da solo non comunica la comprensione totale di ciò che contiene. La luce per capire il vero senso dell'Antico Testamento si vede nel preciso momento in cui il Discepolo Amato "vide e credette". La sua esperienza della risurrezione fu come una luce che entrò negli occhi dei discepoli e delle discepole e svelò loro il senso totale e pieno dell'A.T. Ed è la luce negli occhi che libera il senso delle parole dell'Antico Testamento. (a cura dei Carmelitani)

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

Sunday April 9	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am	† Patricia Longo, † Alex Risavy
10:30 am	† Charles Kelly
12:00 pm	† Luisa Carlucci, † Joseph Capobianco, † Charles Kelly
3:00 pm	Mass at Parkland
7:00 pm	A Special Blessing for Paul Jensen
Monday April 10	Monday within the Octave of Easter
9:30 am	In Thanksgiving for Graces & Blessings Received
Tuesday April 11	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
9:30 am	† Joseph Cutajar
7:00 pm	Tour of the Church (Confirmation Group)
Wednesday April 12	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
9:30 am	† Giuseppina Rizzo, † Domenico Parisi, A Special Blessing for Teresa D'Urzo, A Special Blessing for Zachary, Isabella & Noah on their 18 th Birthday
Thursday April 13	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
9:30 am	† Barbara Sellner, † Salunzinho & Vlademir Pinto, Living & Deceased Members of the Pinto & Sequeira Families, † Erminia, Renato & Bruno Marcoccia
1:00 pm	Mass at St. Marcellus School Gymnasium
Friday April 14	Friday within the Octave of Easter
9:30 am	A Special Blessing for Lamberta Abilay, In Thanksgiving & Special Blessing for Frank & Madalane Turpin, For a Successful Surgery for Zachary
10:30 am	Mass for Transfiguration of Our Lord School
Saturday April 15	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
9:30 am	† Ada Micelotta
3:30 pm	Mass at Parkland
4:30 pm	Confession
5:30 pm	† Zuzana & Stanislaw Guzik, † Helena Giermanska
Sunday April 16	Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am	† Antonio Virdo, † Lucia Tomassi, † Deceased Members of the Valenza Family, † Danilo Reffo, † Anna, Vince, Vincenzo & Stella Trelle, † Enrico Filangi, † Giovanni Tari, † Joe Andrade
10:30 am	Souls in Purgatory, Deceased Members of the Carnovale, McGrath, Galati Families
12:00 pm	† John, Rosario, Lina Colosimo, † Ciriaco, † Vito, Antonio Grieco, † Mario Bellisario, † Domenico D'Urzo, † Josefina Davila
1:30 pm	IGBO Mass
3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Holy Mass
7:00 pm	† Valente, Maria, & Luigino Filippozzi



Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Theresa Burns, Sonja Schryer, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas, Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco, Dana McGrath, Roman Joe Zakrajse, Enzo, Domenica, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone, Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Karen Radeczy, Paul Jensen, Carla Chiulli, Gianfranco, Maria Bellissimo, Jose Vaz, Sergio Rea

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