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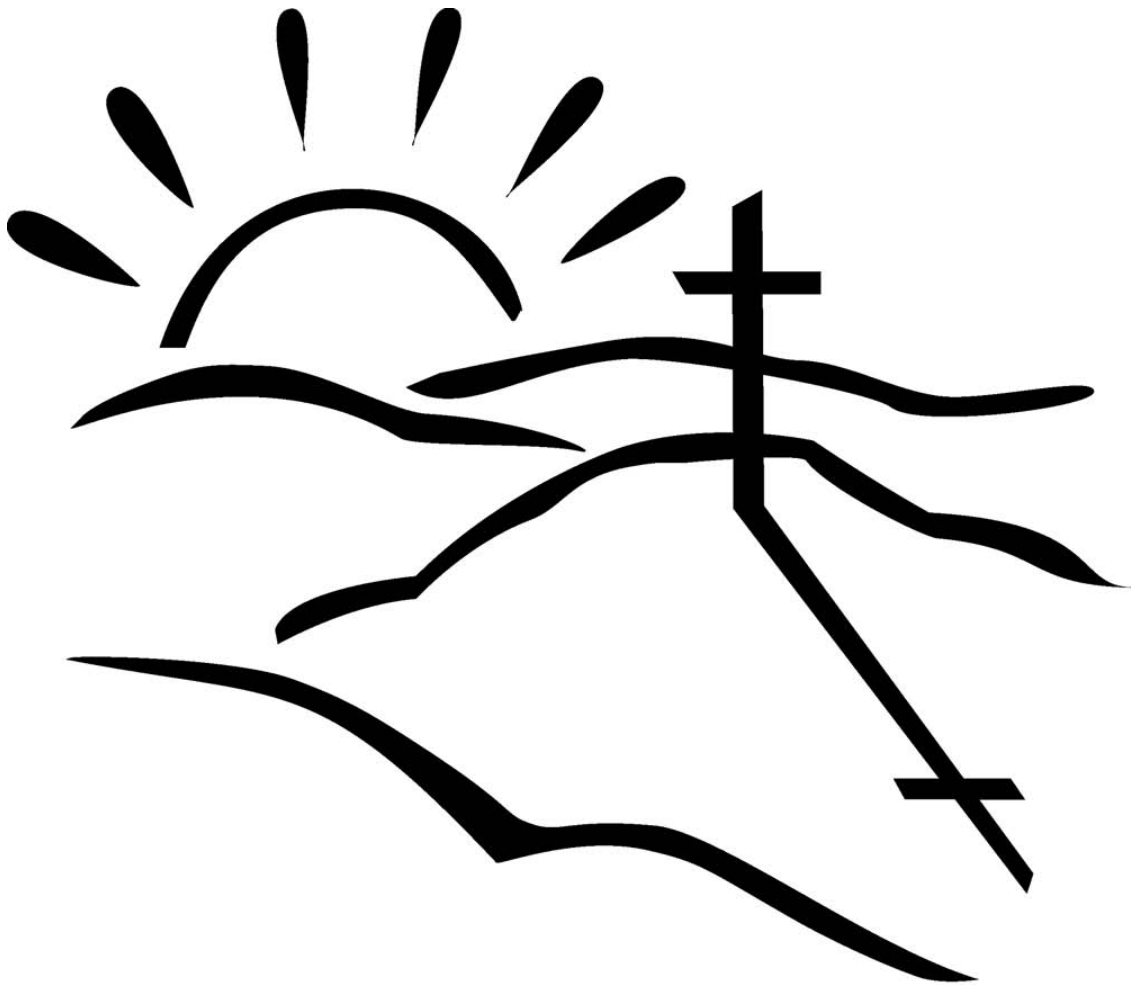
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*Rejoice!*

*For the Lord is truly risen!*

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD : MARCH 31, 2024



## From the Pastors' Desk *Easter Joy*

One of the greatest joys of Easter is that it gives us the ability to be joyful despite the fact that our lives may be immersed in darkness and in states of non-resolution. The fact that our faith is predicated on the resurrection of Jesus gives us ample reason to continue in our pursuit of love and righteousness and truth, even if these don't appear to be given any form of vindication whatsoever in our lives.

Why I say this is because on Calvary, as Jesus was left hanging on the ignominious cross, everything that Jesus stood for, and lived for, appeared to have been in vain. Abandoned by his disciples save one, he experienced deep betrayal and rejection, and heard the clamour of the crowds wanting to spare the life of a brigand instead of his. He was accused of blasphemy when he was merely speaking the truth, and he had no intention of seeking revenge on his abusers, and sought instead to forgive them. On the surface of things, it did seem that all that he believed in, lived for and stood for, made not a scintilla of difference.

But his greatest vindication was yet to come. His resurrection from the dead, leaving the tomb empty with just the grave cloths as its contents made all that he stood for truly worth it, even though at the time, it really did not make any sense. We need to take this truth for our faith and apply it each time when in our lives we want to pursue anything with faith, love, honesty, integrity, righteousness and with truth, especially when our efforts at staying the course makes little or no difference. To keep positive and to not give up and throw in the proverbial towel at such times can be so tempting.

This is when Easter's resurrection and the empty tomb holds the greatest promise for us. We need to remember that all the fruits of what Jesus stood for in terms of love and truth and fidelity to the Father's will were not tasted on Calvary. The sweetness of their fruit only came at the resurrection.

Indeed, Easter's great joy, celebrated so intensely each year, is a reminder to all of us to never give up hope despite all that may be against us. Alleluia needs to be our war cry when we battle the forces of evil in life.

***A Blessed Easter to all. Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC***



## REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH,

### Making a charitable Bequest:

Having a properly made will is one of the best gifts anyone can leave their

loved ones in the event of their passing. It also ensures that charities and causes closest to their hearts will be sustained.

By putting the parish in their will, parishioners can help the Church faithfully carry out the pastoral mission entrusted to her by our Lord, for generations to come.

For more information, please call the Parish office of

St. Joseph Church. Contact: 416 466 7815 or 416 518 0276

### The Week Ahead :

Mar 31: Easter Sunday

Apr 01: Monday within the Octave Easter

Apr 02: Tuesday within the Octave Easter

Apr 03: Wednesday within the Octave Easter

Apr 04: Thursday within the Octave Easter

Apr 05: Friday within the Octave of Easter

Apr 06: Saturday within the Octave of Easter



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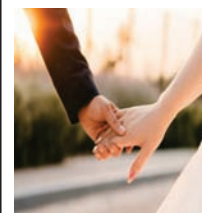
### Is Failure An Option?

Friday, April 12, 2024 07:00 PM - Sunday, April 14, 2024 01:30 PM at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre Pickering.

Men & Women Ignatian Silent Retreat - facilitated by Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ. – "Is Failure An Option? Failure is not an option!" was the supposed mantra of the engineers who built the Apollo Moon rockets. But in fact, science progresses precisely by failing. What insights to ourselves and our faith can we derive from how science learns from its mistakes? This silent weekend retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$275 per person which includes 2 night's accommodation with meals, spiritual direction and retreat program.

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### Marriage Preparation Course:



Monday, April 8 to Monday, May 13,  
2024 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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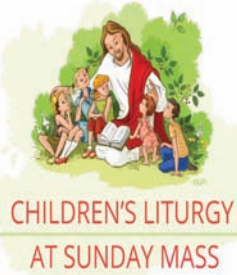
## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For APRIL 2024:

### For the Role of Women:

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination and that they experience in different parts of the world.

## CHILDRENS' LITURGY:



The Liturgy of the Word with Children during the Sunday 10:00 am mass each week. This ministry is for school-children 4 years old and up. Special thanks to coordinators and volunteers who are dedicated to this important ministry for our children. Our trained leaders help the children to understand the readings of the day through prayers, discussions and activities.



### Confirmation Input Sessions: All the candidates are requested to attend Sunday 10:00 am Mass.

All the sessions will be shortly after the Sunday 10:00 am Mass.

Parent's Meeting - April 6, 2024 at 10:00 am  
Next confirmation session is on April 7, 2024.

Confession & Practice Session on April 13, 2024 at 10:00 am Saturday.  
Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation April 20, 2024 Saturday at 10:30 am.



### First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Sessions.

During the Childrens' Liturgy at every Sunday 10:00 am Mass.



### WEEKEND COLLECTION:

March 23-24, 2024: \$1,605.35

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# † MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, March 31:

10:00 am : † Sharon Nicolas

Req. Andrea & Salvador Cornista

† Agapio Almedilla

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

## Monday, April 01: NO MASS

## Tuesday, April 02:

9:00 am : † Cornelio Hatulan

Req. Nerie Bernal Family

## Wednesday, April 03:

7:00 pm : †

Req.

## Thursday, April 04:

9:00 pm : † Jose Arruda

Req. Family

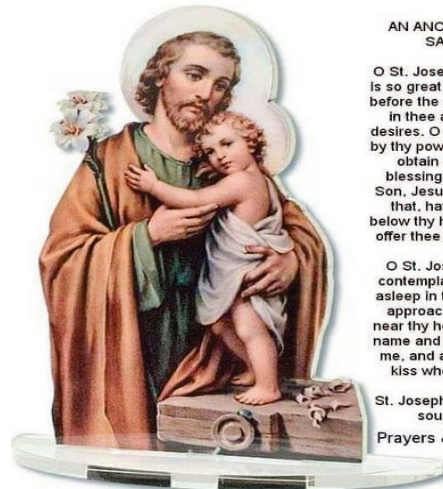
## Friday, April 05:

7:00 pm Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life

Req. Lourdes Elliott

## Saturday, April 05:

5:00 pm : For the Intentions of St. Joseph Parish Community



### AN ANCIENT PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in thee all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, assist me by thy powerful intercession and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through thy foster Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, so that, having engaged here below thy heavenly power, I may offer thee my thanksgiving and homage.

O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating thee and Jesus asleep in thine arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near thy heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me.

Prayers & Blessings

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