

St. Joseph Parish

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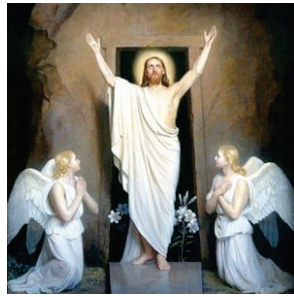
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He Lives!



Alleluia, Alleluia!!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD : APRIL 20, 2025



As we begin again, every year at the Easter Vigil a new spark is struck from the flint to light a new candle. New holy water is blessed, and new hosts are consecrated. We are beginning all over again, making all things new. Our Lord's death and resurrection were the turning points in the history of creation: it made all things new. The resurrection is a pledge that one day every tomb, like the tomb of Christ, will be empty. That life will not die with death. Jesus is alive. That is what brings us to church at Easter.

But Jesus did not burst from the tomb for His own sake. His whole life was unique. He preached a twin message everyone could understand: Love God above all else; love your sister and brother as much as you love yourself.

He put compassion above traditions, love above law, and people above things. He claimed a relationship with the Father so intimate that the scandalized took up stones to cast at Him for blasphemy. He proved His divinity by not only dying for us, but also rising for us. He came alive to give us life, and to share in God's own life. Not only in the hereafter, but also in the here and now. That is important: it is not enough to have life, even God's life, you must live it, feel it, and open up to it.

Jesus made it quite plain when He said, "I come that you might have life and have it abundantly." Some of us are not concerned with the question of is there life after death, because they have not realized that there is life after birth. St. Paul tells us we are a new creation. We are radically different from what we would have been if Christ had not come, had not carried His cross to Calvary. Because of Christ, our life should be different.

Begin again! Make anew your relationship with Christ, and your life will also begin again, and you will be the new light in darkness.

And so I wish you a happy and blessed Easter. St. Paul reminds us: For us, life is Christ, and He has risen. The tomb is empty!" We praise You, O God, and we bless You. Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world. Amen.

May God shower you with blessings, love, and peace this Easter.

Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC



REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH,
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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, Contact:
St. Joseph Church: 416 466 7815 / 416 518 0276.



Archdiocese of Toronto

Jubilee of Hope 2025:

Portuguese Day of Prayer in Toronto

On Saturday, May 03, 2025 08:30 AM - Saturday, May 03, 2025 04:00 PM St. Helen's Parish, 1678 Dundas St. W., Toronto. "Jubilee of Hope 2025: Portuguese Day of Prayer in Toronto" presented by the Portuguese Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Join us as we celebrate the Jubilee of Hope with a Day of Prayer; Holy Mass, Adoration, Praise & Worship and anointed talks. Entrance is free; please bring your lunch. CONTACT: Portuguese Catholic Charismatic Renewal PHONE:416-531-8188, EMAIL: rccptoronto@gmail.com

Day of Reflection for Women
Obstacles to Discernment

Saturday, May 03, 2025 09:30 AM - 04:00 PM

Achieving Clarity Through the Gift of Reason. Facilitator: Veronica Ljubicic. Further details may be found on our website: manresa-canada.ca. Please see flyer for this special day. The suggested offering is \$65 for the day and includes coffee, tea and muffin break, lunch and the program. For more information and to register, please contact Veronica at boutiquecoachingconnections@gmail.com.

CONTACT: Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

ST. ANN PARISH: Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha at St. Ann's Parish, Toronto, on April 27, 2025.

Dinner and Dance: Once again, we invite you to a night of celebration. St. Ann Parish and the Native People's Mission are hosting a dinner and dance titled "Ticket to the 80s and 90s" on May 31, 2025, at 6.00 p.m. Mass. The ticket \$ 25.00.

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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For April 2025:

For the use of the technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person & will help us face the crises of our times.



Be an ALTAR Server: St. Joseph's Church provides young Catholics in grades 4 through 12 (ages 10 and up) with the opportunity to grow stronger in their faith and become more active in the celebration of the Mass by altar serving. There will be training for both new and returning altar servers and is required prior to being scheduled for Sunday Masses.



Children's Liturgy during every Sunday at 10:00 am Mass: Children's Liturgy is designed to give children a better understanding of the Mass. It provides a foundation for learning and participation that will remain with them.



First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Sessions: Every Sunday at 10:00 am. For us as Catholics, there is nothing greater than to receive Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist at Mass.



Sacrament of Confirmation:

In Confirmation the Christian becomes more closely united with Christ. With the strengthening of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit the Christian is able to accept new responsibilities for witnessing Jesus to the world.

Session for the candidates: April 27.

Easter Basket: April 20, 2025

Mother's Day Basket: May 11, 2025

Father's Day BBQ : June 15, 2025

Karaoke Night: July 19, 2025

Volunteers Appreciation:

August 24, 2025



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

April 12-13, 2025 : \$1,356.60

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A Big thanks to Knights of Columbus, Council 9079.



† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 20:

10:00 am : † **Joe Arruda**

Req. Fatima Arruda

† **Sofia Salvador**

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life

Req. Marilene Casballido

Thanksgiving : Virgie Sisson

Monday, April 21: NO MASS

Tuesday, April 22:

9:00 am : † **Sofia Salvador**

Req. Jocelyn Salvador

† **Joana & Armenio Cordero**

Req. Fatima Arruda

Wednesday, April 23:

7:00 pm : † **Sofia Salvador**

Req. Mirasol & Rosie Adel

Thursday, April 24:

8:00 pm : † **Sofia Salvador**

Req. Mirasol & Rosie Adel

For Health & Happiness - Sharon Fryer

Req. Barbara

Friday, April 25:

3:00 pm: † **Sofia Salvador**

Req. Mirasol & Rosie Adel

Saturday, April 26:

7:00 pm : **St. Joseph Parish Community**

† **Sofia Salvador**

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