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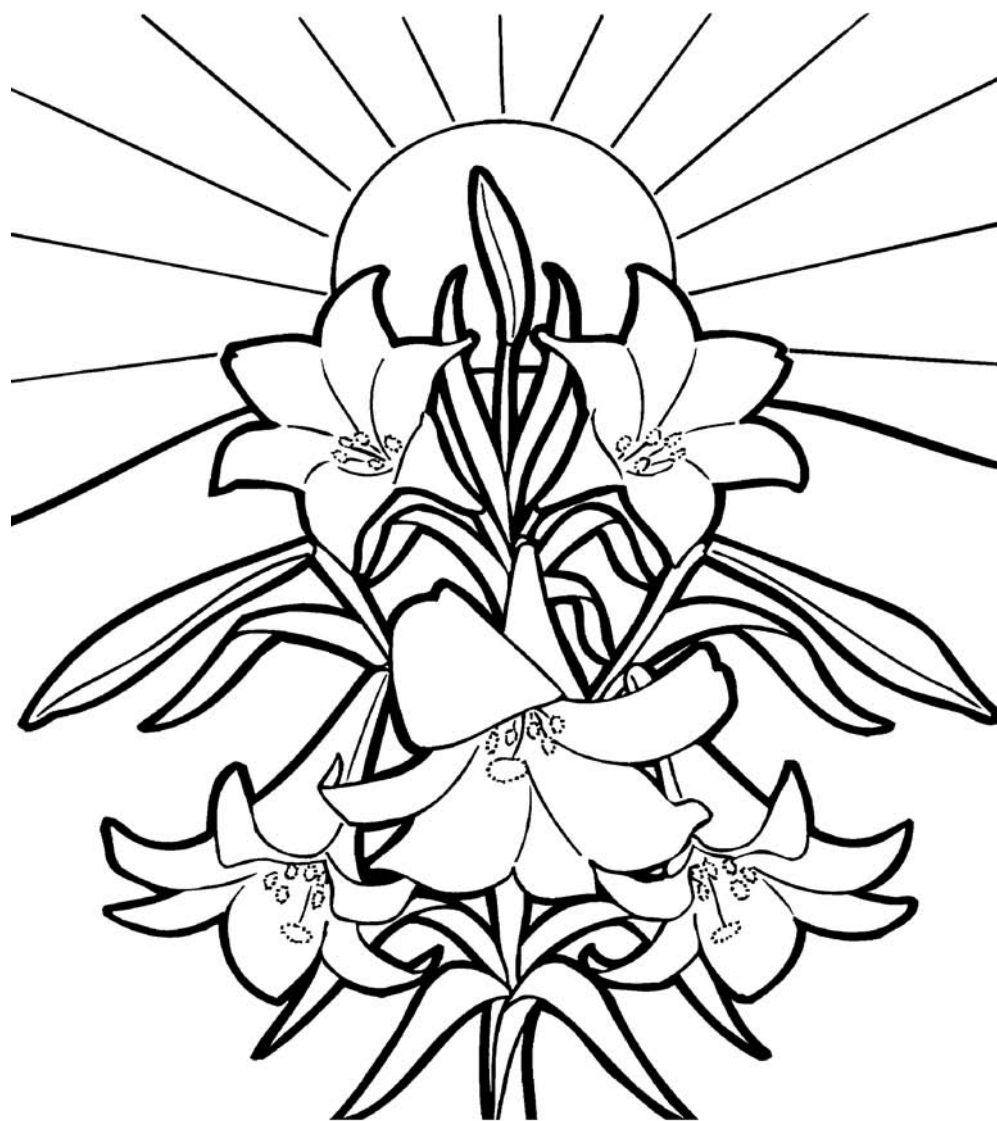
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**The Lord has Risen,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Mass for the Intentions Week

- Monday April 10** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Edward Ho
(Eda Ho)
- Monday April 10** 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory
- Tuesday April 11** 12:10 p.m.
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family
(Family)
- Tuesday April 11** 7:00 p.m.
+Janet Ying
(Family)
- Wednesday April 12** 12:10 p.m.
+Vivian and Glenda Lobo
(Family)
- Wednesday April 12** 7:00 p.m.
+Lawrence Fernandes
(Mark Pereira and Family)
- Thursday April 13** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions for
Melissa D'Souza and Family
- Thursday April 13** 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory
- Friday April 14** 12:10 p.m.
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim,
Jin Imm Tan
(Tan Family)
- Friday April 14** 7:00 p.m.
+Walter Young
(Bernadine Cheung)
- Saturday April 15** 9:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving Mass for
Gabriella Ann Mendoza
(Family)
- Saturday April 15** 5:00 p.m.
+Warren and Theresa Mak
(Patricia Chong-Ah-Yan)
- Sunday April 16** 8:00 a.m.
+Rolly Papa
(Family)
- Sunday April 16** 10:00 a.m.
+David Cloutier
(Family)
- Sunday April 16** 12:00 p.m.
For the People of the Parish

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2023

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, Margaret Carter, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, Tony Romero, Al Jacob, Bruce Crepe, Romana Pena, Godofredo Pena Jr., Priscilla Lumanlan, Paul Giallonardo, Liza Chan, William Lee Ah-Chong, Amy Tsang, Grace Chan, Mary Foo, Lynn Demers, Edwin Quiambao, Mary Josephine Albert, Betty Chan and William Yung

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: for those who have no one to pray for them.

HAPPY EASTER to all our parishioners and visitors at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. May our celebration of the Paschal Mystery inspire us to live our faith in the Resurrection of the Lord, provide us with hope in times of suffering and bring us closer to God. May our faith strengthen us to bear witness to God's love for all His children.

LET US PRAY FOR ALL NEWLY BAPTIZED and those who were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. May the Lord who has given them the grace of the sacraments help them to grow in faith, hope and charity. *Thanks to all catechists and sponsors who accompanied them through the Rite of Christian Initiation.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Monday – Friday – After the 7:00 p.m. Mass
Saturday – 4:00 p.m. before the 5:00 p.m. Mass

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 9, 2023

“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 priest, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you, contact Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The KOC continue to fundraise by collecting EMPTIES, such as the following: Beer cans or bottles, wine bottles, spirits such as (vodka, rum or whiskey, etc. **Drop off location for empties, downstairs by the washrooms.** All proceeds will go to St. Thomas the Apostle and the Charities of the KOC.

CONFIRMATION WILL TAKE PLACE
NEXT SUNDAY AT THE 12:00 NOON MASS.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE SPONSORING
A PARISH YARD SALE TO BE HELD
IN THE LARGE HALL ON APRIL 30TH

Table rental \$20.00 per table (100% goes to the Parish). What is not sold on your table must be taken back home. Contact Neil Ishmail if you need more information: 905-477-1329

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)

We received: \$8,780.23 April 2, 2023

(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD BE REGISTERED and are asked to support the parish and the needs of the Church by using Sunday Offertory Envelopes and making up for any absence during vacation. New parishioners are asked to register in the parish office.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Gospel Reading – John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and His Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes Him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our Liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus – in His appearances and in His gift of the Holy Spirit.

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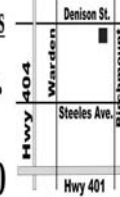
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