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He Lives!



Alleluia, Alleluia!!

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday April 21 12:10 p.m.

+Gerard Baena
(D'Souza Family)

Monday April 21 7:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Jefferson Tse
(Family)

Tuesday April 22 12:10 p.m.

+Mary Holland
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Tuesday April 22 7:00 p.m.

MARONITE MASS

Wednesday April 23 12:10 p.m.

+Eva Ho Koon
(Family)

Wednesday April 23 7:00 p.m.

+Richard Livara
(Family)

Thursday April 24 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Colin Seck
(Family)

Thursday April 24 7:00 p.m.

Special Intentions of Fidelis

Friday April 25 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of
Matthew Bettrano and Family

Friday April 25 7:00 p.m.

+Agatha Moon Choy
(Family)

Saturday April 26 9:00 a.m.

+Carmen Tiongson
(Family)

Saturday April 26 5:00 p.m.

Intentions of
Joyce Dinglasan-Panlilio
(Allan Dinglasan)

Sunday April 27 8:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving and graces received for
Chong Ye and Chiu Jung Lin and Family
(Teresa Lin)

Sunday April 27 10:00 a.m.

+Anna Starkiewicz
(Family)

Sunday April 27 12:00 p.m.

For the People of the Parish

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY APRIL 20, 2025

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kelvin Ramoutar, Nicholas Marshall, Kevin Caleb, Agnes Yuen, Jessica Kong, Dorine Couture, Wai Wong, Maria Francisco, Ronald Persaud, Ronald Chung, Lynn Demers, Grace Li, William Lee Ah-Chong, Rowena Poon, Jim Coutts, Fanny Chow, Alison Wong, Chris Yeung, William Yung, Jonrick Carlos Bautista, Fitzroy James, Anna Azimi, Colin Pereira, Deacon Everis Munroe, Linda Sanguinetti, and Pope Francis.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Chit Szeto, Sebastiano and Giuseppina Mizzi, Corrado and Sebastiana, Raeli, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



HAPPY EASTER

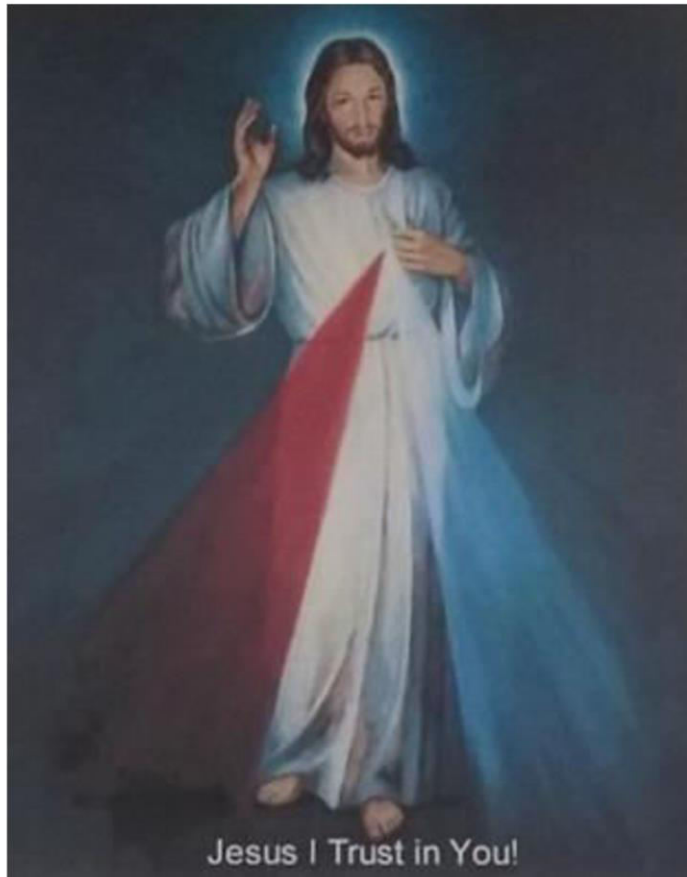
to all our parishioners and visitors at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. May our celebration of the Paschal Mystery inspire us to live our faith in the Resurrection of the Lord, provide us with hope in times of suffering and bring us closer to God. May our faith strengthen us to bear witness to God's love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



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses).

We received: \$8,338.94 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Good Friday, April 18	11:30 a.m.
Holy Saturday, April 19	11:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday, April 20	9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 21	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 22	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 24	6:30 p.m.
Friday, April 25	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 26	9:30 a.m.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA MONDAY TO FRIDAY 6:30 P.M. AND SATURDAY 9:30 A.M.



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.***



EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

The Glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. **If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



**CONFIRMATION WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SUNDAY, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY,
AT THE 5:00 P.M. AND 12:00 NOON MASSES**



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.



EASTER VIGIL – CYCLE C

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12

***The women go to the tomb to anoint Jesus' Body and
are greeted by two men who announce that Jesus has risen.***

Each of the Four Gospels reports the discovery of the empty tomb after Jesus' death. At the Easter Vigil each year, we read from one of the Synoptic Gospels. This year we are in Lectionary Cycle C, and we read from the Gospel of Luke. On Easter Sunday, the Gospel reading is always taken from the Gospel of John.

In each of the four Gospels, we learn that it was the female followers of Jesus who first went to the tomb. Luke reports that the women from Galilee go to the tomb to anoint Jesus' Body, bringing with them the spices they had prepared. Luke names three women who found the tomb empty: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary, the mother of James.

Upon arriving at the tomb, the women find that the stone has been rolled away from the entrance. They enter the tomb but do not see the body of Jesus. Before the women have drawn any conclusions about this, they see two men dressed in dazzling garments. The women are said to be terrified. When these men speak to the women, they announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead. As if to prove their announcement, the men recall Jesus' own words to them. The women leave the tomb and report to the others what they have seen and heard.

These women disciples were faithful followers of Jesus who had probably served Jesus in many ways during His journeys. Luke tells us that they remained present with Jesus on His way to the Crucifixion site and witnessed His death. They came to the tomb that morning expecting to serve Jesus once again by anointing His Body. Instead, they were sent to minister in a different way, as messengers to Peter and the Apostles.

Yet the apostles do not believe the women. Luke reports that the women's story seemed like nonsense. It is odd that Peter goes to the tomb at all. Perhaps Peter knew these women well enough to give their story credence. Perhaps he remembered something that Jesus had said that led him to hope that the women's story was more than nonsense. Without explaining why, Luke tells us that Peter goes to the tomb to investigate the women's story. He looks into the tomb, sees the burial cloths alone, and then goes home amazed.

We see in Luke's Gospel that the Twelve (who now number eleven because of Judas' betrayal) are identified as separate from the other disciples. These men were identified as Jesus' inner circle; they had a position of authority in the community of disciples. At the start of his ministry, Luke tells us that Jesus chose the Twelve and named them Apostles (Luke 6:12-16). The word Apostle means "one who is sent." During His lifetime, Jesus prepared these apostles to be His witnesses by sending them to heal the sick, to exorcise demons, and to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

Peter is singled out from among the Twelve. The authority of Peter and the other Apostles will continue to be described in the Acts of the Apostles, which was written by the author of the Gospel of Luke. We can trace our faith in Jesus' Resurrection to these witnesses. Their teaching, their ministry, and their bold proclamation of Christ's saving Death and Resurrection are the beginning of the Church's witness to salvation through Christ.

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