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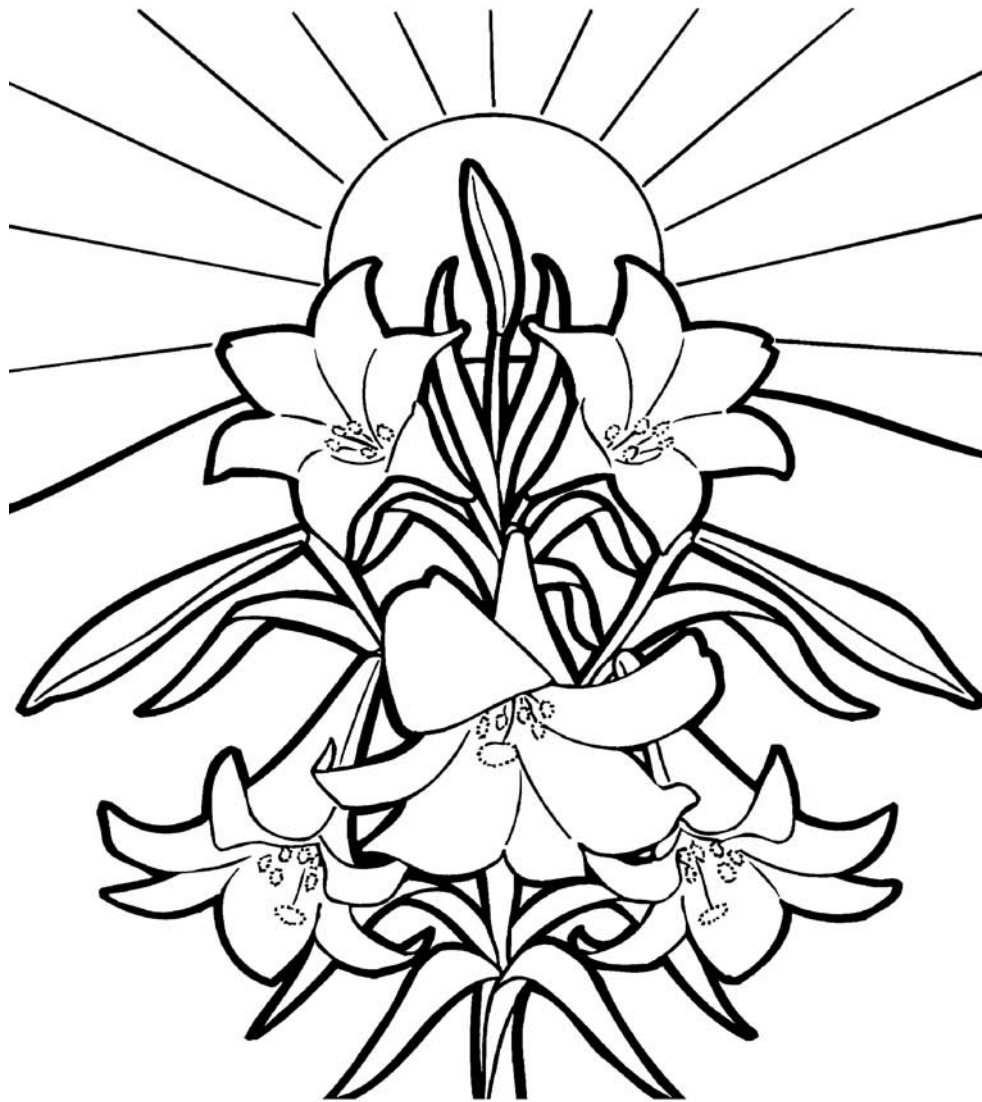
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**The Lord has Risen,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**



IN TODAY'S WORLD we equate mystery with a puzzle to be solved: follow the clues and the solution becomes obvious. But John's account of the first Easter morning reveals a more profound understanding of mystery. Mystery is an experience into which we enter. It may lead to an encounter with the transcendent God.

John's Gospel for Easter morning is rich with emotion. Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter and the other disciple (probably the evangelist himself) each respond differently to the enigma of the empty tomb. When the two male disciples see the burial cloths, they turn around and run back home. While the unnamed disciple, who sees and believes, seems to solve the mystery of the empty tomb, he misses a critical component of the experience – meeting the resurrected Lord.

Mary Magdalene, however, is willing to sit with her confusion and grief. She remains in the dark, weeping and unknowing. She allows mystery to enfold her and thus she encounters the Risen Jesus. Empowered through her experience, she is the herald of the resurrection, announcing, "I have seen the Lord."

As we participate in this Easter Sunday liturgy, we are full of gratitude for the mystery of the Eucharist wherein we encounter the Risen Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia, alleluia! *(Reflection of Louise McEwan of Living with Christ)*

**EDGE**

The EDGE program for **grades 6, 7, and 8** students is a weekly program where youth get to grow in faith and fellowship. It is held every Friday from 7-9 PM in the parish hall. Join us as we learn more about Catholic teachings, pray, have discussions, and play fun games! If you have any questions about the ministry, please feel free to email us at [stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

**Reserve the Date!**  
**Totus Tuus – Summer Camp**

Totus Tuus is a summer camp for youth entering any grade 1-12. This year St. Edward's parish is hosting it from **Sunday, July 16 - Friday, July 21**. The summer camp is led by four young-adult missionaries and allows the youth to learn about the Catholic faith in a fun, fresh, and creative environment! Announcements and registration for the camp will be released soon.

Monday, April 10, 2023

8:30 a.m. + August Lerch

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Ching-Yock & Ho-Leung Lo  
+ Ulpiano Ligsay Sr.  
+ Leorida Ligsay

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

8:30 a.m. + Susana Kim

Thursday, April 13, 2023 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Lim-Pai Tsu  
+ Francisco Moraes

Friday, April 14, 2023

8:30 a.m. + Dolores Medina

Saturday, April 15, 2023

9:00 a.m. + Isidro, Hipolito & Juan Chin  
Birthday Wishes for Jack Sheedy

4:30 p.m. + James Hutchinson

Sunday, April 16, 2023

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Yuan Yung Fu & Maria Cheung Kee Sau  
9:30 a.m. + Pope Benedict  
11:00 a.m. Protection of the Unborn Children

**Divine Mercy Schedule**

Come and pray the 9 Day Novena of the Divine Mercy, from Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Prayer cards will be available at the front of the Church.

*Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>  
After the 11:00 a.m. Mass*

*Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>  
After each morning Mass*

*Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
After the 9:00 a.m. Mass*

*Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>  
After the 11:00 a.m. morning Mass*

### *Easter Prayer*

*Lord, the resurrection of Your Son  
has given us new life and renewed hope.*

*Help us to live as new people  
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.*

*Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,  
the will to want to do it,  
the courage to undertake it,  
the perseverance to continue to do it,  
and the strength to complete it.*

*(New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book)*

*On behalf of our Pastor, Msgr. Pat O'Dea, Fr. Dave Warren (retired), Deacon David Quail, Seminarian Alvin Joys, R.C.I.A. Director, Sr. Eva Janning, custodian Aldrin Fernandes, and our parish secretaries, Josie Paladino and Jeswyn Devas, we wish everyone a Happy, Holy and Blessed Easter.*

### ShareLife

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### Regional Mass of Welcome for Archbishop Francis Leo

Central Region – Tuesday, April 11, 2023 –  
Blessed Trinity Parish, Toronto – 7 p.m.

Northern Region – Monday, April 17, 2023 –  
St. Mary's Parish, Barrie – 7 p.m.

Eastern Region – Wednesday, April 26, 2023 –  
St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Pickering – 7 p.m.

Western Region – Wednesday, May 3, 2023 –  
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga – 7 p.m.

St. Edward's parishioners are invited to attend Mass of Welcome in the Central Region on **Tuesday, April 11, 2023 – Blessed Trinity Parish, Toronto – 7 p.m.**

A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

### Vocations

“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 **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

**Email:** [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

A reminder that the casseroles for Good Shepherd Ministries are due every second weekend of the month. Thank you for providing a hot nourishing meal for the homeless people at Good Shepherd Centre.

### **“What are Spiritual Direction and Discernment?”**

#### **Prayer and Reflection Retreat**

**Saturday, April 22 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

St. Peter's Church

840 Bathurst St, Toronto (meet in the hall)

*CENTRAL REGION PRESENTED BY SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH TORONTO, VOCATIONS OFFICE, AND THE OFFICE OF CATHOLIC YOUTH.*

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**CONTACT:** Julie Cachia / Amanda Onilla

**PHONE:** 437-900-1683 **EMAIL:** [cachia@csj-to.ca](mailto:cachia@csj-to.ca)

### 55+ Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our meetings, every Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the parish hall. New members always welcome.



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