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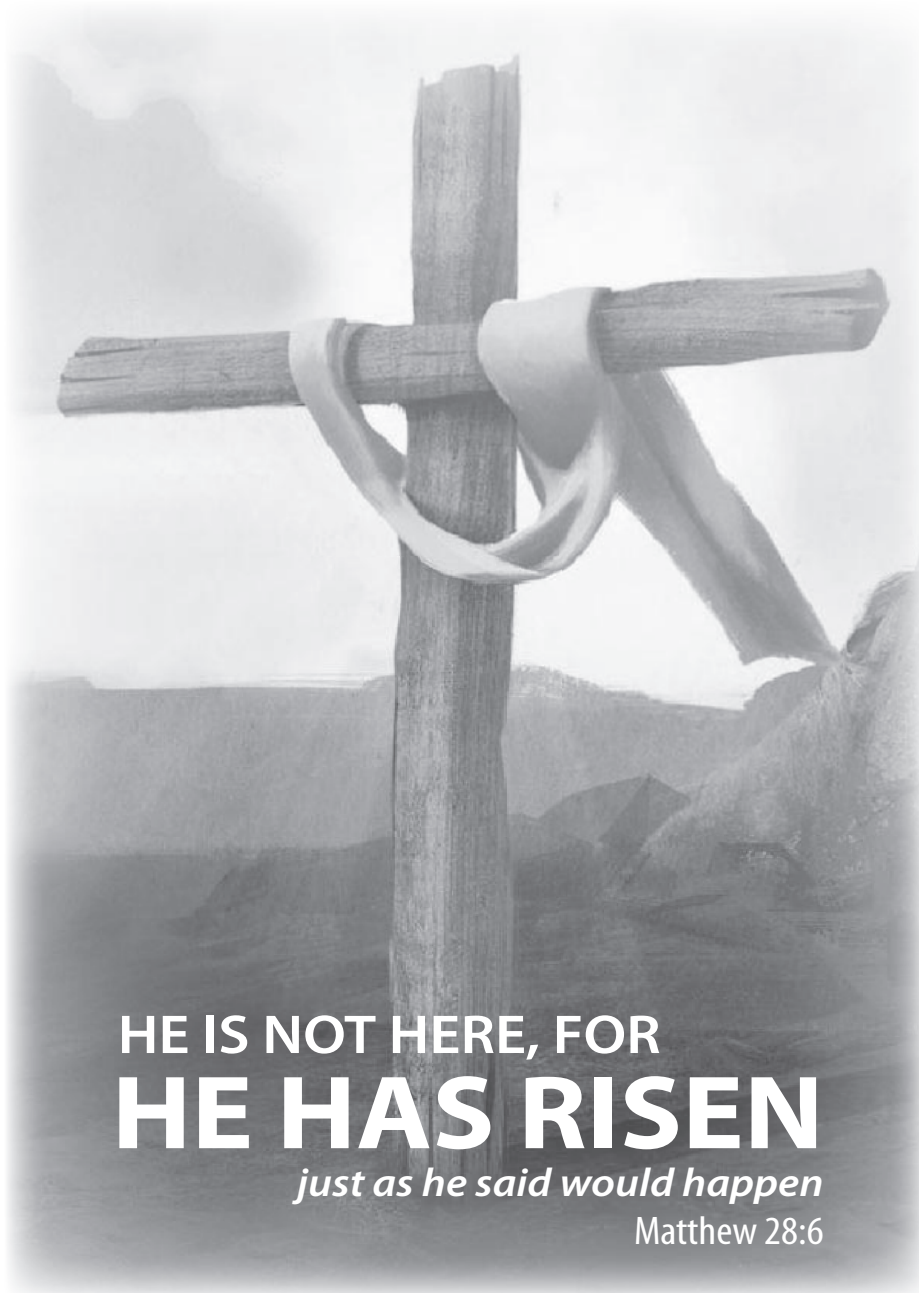
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HE IS NOT HERE, FOR  
**HE HAS RISEN**

*just as he said would happen*

Matthew 28:6

## GOSPEL REFLECTION: REJOICING IN JESUS' RESURRECTION

*He had to rise from the dead. (John 20:9)*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! And that changes everything.

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus "*had to rise from the dead*" (John 20:9, emphasis added). But why? Wasn't it enough that he became a man? Wasn't it enough that he died for us? Actually, no. As St. Paul wrote, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17).

By rising from the dead, Jesus proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that he has power over sin and death. Everything he said about himself is true. He is more than the victim of an unjust condemnation. He is more than an inspiring teacher or a philosopher or the founder of a new movement. He is more, even, than a healer and wonder-worker. He is the Son of God, the One whom death could not hold in its grasp (Romans 1:4).

By rising, Jesus did more than just vindicate himself. He also opened the way into new life for each one of us. He overcame the sin that was keeping us separated from our Father in heaven! Because of that, we who believe in him and are baptized can now "live in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). Now we can hope in our own resurrection. We can experience power over sin and freedom from the fear of death that so often binds us up. We can count ourselves "dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus" (6:11). We now know, beyond a shadow of doubt, that love is stronger than death.

It's easy to understand why Jesus' resurrection was always front and center when the apostles proclaimed the good news. You can see it in Peter's sermon from today's first reading. And you'll see it throughout the Book of Acts this Easter season. The apostles' preaching hinged on the resurrection of Jesus. Because the resurrection changes everything!

*"Jesus, risen Lord, I rejoice in you!"*

## MASS READINGS

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34,37-43

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-14

**Gospel:** John 20:1-18

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 9 April, 9:00 AM (Italian)**

For all Parishioners

**Sunday 9 April, 10:30 AM**

For all Parishioners

**Sunday 9 April, 12:00 PM**

For all Parishioners

**Monday 10 April, 9:00 AM**

For all Parishioners

**Tuesday 11 April, 9:00 AM**

+ John Ferreira

**Wednesday 12 April, 7:00 PM**

+ Virginia de la Cruz & Loved Ones

**Thursday 13 April, 9:00 AM**

+ Ennatha Carino

**Friday 14 April, 7:00 PM**

+ Benilde & Augusto Nalli

+ Luigi Martini, + Pasquina Ricci

+ Giuseppina & Angelo Ricci,

+ Fiorella & Enzo Quattrini,

+ Julieta & Felisa de los Santos

**Saturday 15 April, 9:00 AM**

Special Intentions of Page Casmiro

**Saturday 15 April, 5:00 PM**

For all Parishioners

## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Let us seek the mercy of God by participating in the Divine Mercy Novena and celebration. It will start from April 7th (Good Friday) till April 16th (the Divine Mercy Sunday). On the Divine Mercy Sunday, we shall have the celebration at 3pm, followed by a simple procession around our block, and end with a communal sharing of cookies, tea and coffee in the hall. Participants will also have the opportunity to use the time to visit the Carlos Acutis Eucharistic Exhibition which will still be on display all around the hall that afternoon.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes will resume on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. First Holy Communion classes will be held from 10 AM to 11:30 AM while Confirmation classes will be held from 3 PM to 5 PM.

## STREET PATROL

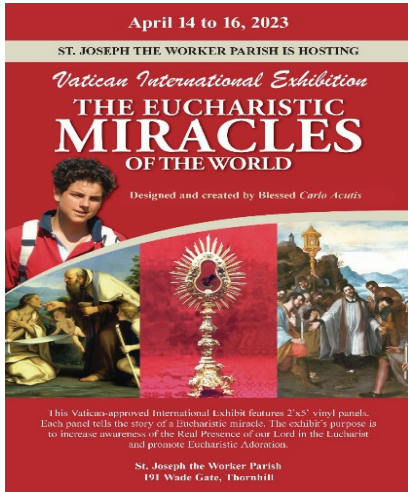
Street Patrol is a walk through Toronto's downtown core, offering food and friendship to the homeless. Our upcoming trip to Street Patrol is on **Saturday, April 15, 2022**. We will meet downstairs in the Church Kitchen at 9:30am to make meal packages before we head downtown.

In the days leading up to our deliveries to the needy individuals downtown, we welcome the following donations, which can be dropped off at the Church Office:

- **Food items** such as sliced bread, deli meat, sliced cheese, juice boxes and peanut-free granola bars.
- **Gift Cards** to shop at Walmart, No Frills, McDonalds and Tim Hortons.

### VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

This is a Vatican-approved international exhibit, featuring panels which tell various stories of Eucharistic miracles. Its purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration. The parish will be hosting the exhibit from April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.



### MASS OF CELEBRATION TO WELCOME ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO

On Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Frank Leo has been installed as the new Archbishop of Toronto. Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the central region on Tuesday April 11, 2023, 7:00 pm at Blessed Trinity Parish Toronto. A reception will follow the 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.

### 50/50 DRAW

As part of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, another initiative we are holding is a very exciting 50/50 draw! Individual tickets are sold for \$10 however we encourage you to purchase a book of 10 for \$100 and either sell or distribute. We will be holding two early bird draws of \$500 each. The grand prize draw of the final 50/50 pot will be at our gala. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office.

## EASTER MESSAGE FROM FR. VICTOR

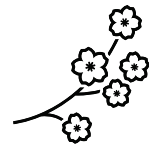
My dear parishioners and friends,

Happy Easter 2023!

The passion, death and resurrection of Christ is a whole school for humankind. It is a lesson that God never abandons his people, and no situation is beyond his power. Even death and the netherworld feel His command and Lordship. As Saint Paul reminds us, death has been vanquished, stripped of its power. All through the cross of Jesus the Christ, who for our sins was stripped, beaten and crucified, and now raised to glory by the Father.

May Jesus continually be the focus of our lives and the strength of our days. At this special Easter, the 40th of the existence of St. Joseph the Worker Thornhill, may all of you parishioners and all your families and friends experience the fullness of the grace of God who loves us so much that He gives us His Son as our salvation.

Fr. Victor Amole



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