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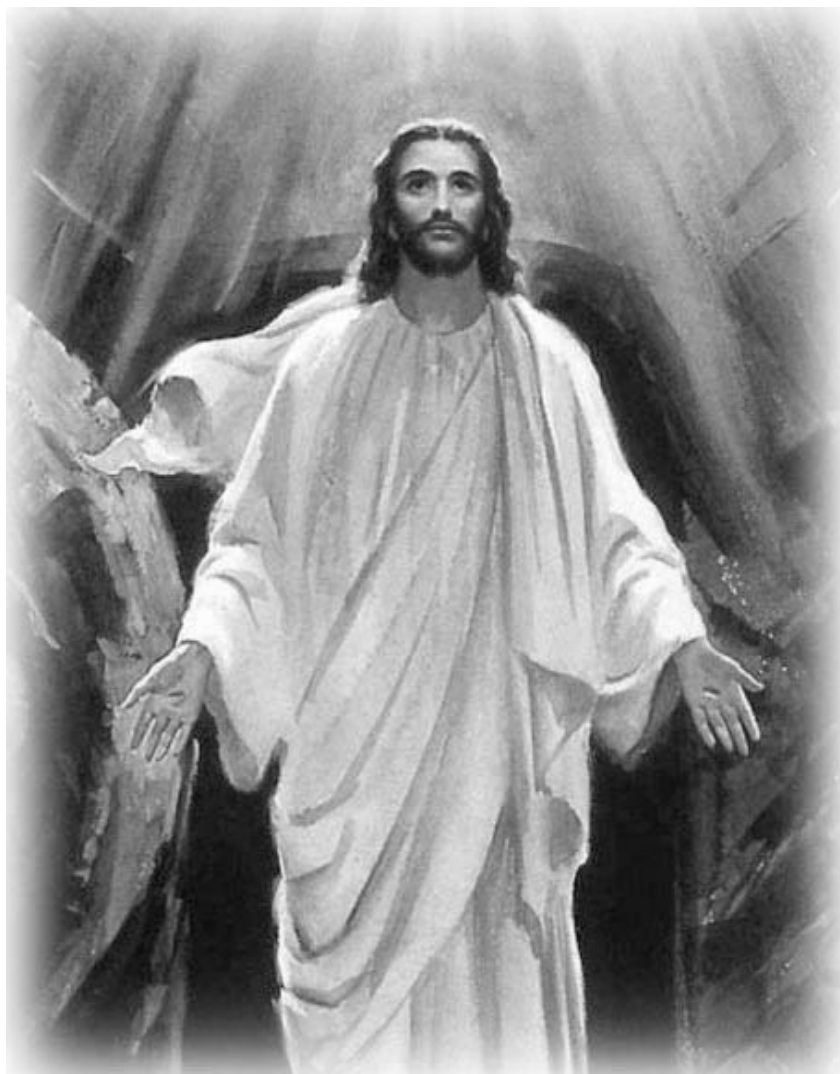
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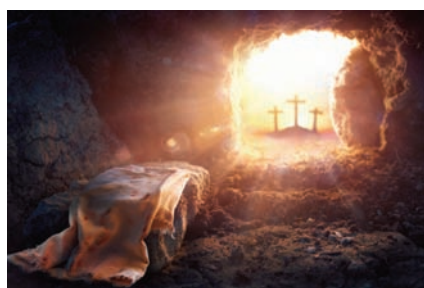
Rejoice!
For the Lord is truly risen!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 6	9:00 a.m.	† Sam Arrigo
Tuesday, April 7	12:10 p.m.	† Margie Padfield
Wednesday, April 8	12:10 p.m.	† Kelly Bettencourt
Thursday, April 9	12:10 p.m.	† Martin Foley
Friday, April 10	12:10 p.m.	† Salvador Badali
Saturday, April 11	9:00 a.m.	† Maria Lai Khien
		† Peter Dao
		† All Souls
		† Kevin Krelove
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Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



For 50 days we celebrate the great feast of Easter! In our parish and homes, we continue to praise our God and celebrate Jesus' victory over death. Alleluia! As your family gathers for meals throughout the season of Easter you are invited to begin by lighting a candle and then praying together.

**God, source of life,
Pour in our hearts the joy of Easter, and grant us to live the new life that Christ has gained for us through his resurrection, for he reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.**

(adapted from Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family, © Concacan Inc., 2004)



If you or a family member is sick please let us know and we shall add their name to our prayer list which is posted in the gathering space of the church. If you have asked for someone to be added to the list please consult the list and let us know if the person has recovered so they may be removed.

Rest in Peace

We remember in pray those who have died recently including **Jacqueline Brimicombe.**



IN THE HOSPITAL Visiting the Hospital: if you or a family member are admitted to RVH please let them know you are Catholic and call the parish office to inform us. If you wish to receive Holy Communion please let the parish office know and one of our pastoral visitors will come to see you.

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 12th, 2026



All are invited to a holy hour on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, and was established by St. John Paul II centered on the revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska. A Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday. Pamphlets are available in the church.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed on Rosary beads with a different set of prayers. During the holy hour, there will be Adoration, confessions and the sung Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. There are special graces that our Lord promised for those who pray on Divine Mercy Sunday and can only be received for oneself, through reception of Holy Communion in a state of grace. A plenary indulgence, however, can be offered for oneself, or for souls suffering in purgatory.

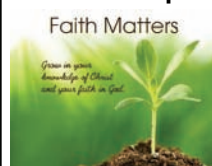
Wishing you a blessed Easter from ShareLife

This Easter Sunday, we hold gratitude for the Lord Jesus, our saviour; and for you who brings the hands of Christ to our brothers and sisters in need. We witness how you live the Gospel wholeheartedly, opening your heart to the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized. It is through your love that our family of faith is strengthened. We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful Easter, blooming with hope. The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is April 26th.



Our parish goal this year is \$150,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you!

You are Invited to Join Us for A Time of Faith Nourishment on Tuesday April 7th at 7:00 p.m. Topic: Easter Joy! Alleluia! Alleluia!



We will gather for a time of prayer, reflection, discussion and catechesis on the **Easter liturgies**. We gather for 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:30 p.m. Simple refreshments will be provided. All are welcome!

The Easter Season: Celebrating the 50 Days!

During the Easter Season we shall gather on Thursday mornings beginning **April 9th from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.** for **Lectio Divina**.

Lectio Divina is Latin and means Divine Reading or Holy Reading.

Our primary focus will be the Gospels of Easter.

Registration is not required. For more information please contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115). All are welcome.



All Adults 55+ - Ministry with Maturing Adults

All are welcome to attend the various sessions offered for those in the second half of life.

VON SMART (*Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together*) **Exercise Program** is held on Tuesday mornings. For details regarding registration please call: VON at **705 737 5044 ext. 8108**.



Christian Meditation an ancient form of contemplative prayer is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. We will meet on **Tuesday, April 7th at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom**. If you would like

information on Christian Meditation or to receive the link for the session please contact Catherine Ecker cecker@archoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

Alumni Writing Group: this is a gathering for those who have already completed the Life Story Writing program. The monthly meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on **Thursday, April 9th** in St. Joseph's Room.



Exploring our Christian Roots: A Trip into Rome

April 22, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Join us for a little trip into (the heart of) Rome to deepen our Easter joy and connection with our Christian roots through discussion,

fellowship and snacks from Italy. All are welcome!

Knights of Columbus - Fundraiser

You're invited to support fundraiser - **The Cabin Fever Band** on **Friday, April 24th** at the Knights Hall, 93 Berczy St., Barrie. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Concert at 7:00 p.m. Country/roots/folk music. \$30/pp in advance or \$35/pp at the door. Tickets – contact Edward Banville at Edward.banville@gmail.com or etransfer to financial.secretary@kofc1626 or call 705-795-8818.

Faithful Climate Conversations: From Concern to Action

Worried about climate change? Unsure what you can do about it? From Concern to Action is an opportunity for those who are worried about our changing climate to come together with others to talk about what we can do to address our concerns. It is brought to us by *For the Love of Creation*, a faith-based initiative for climate justice. This small group conversation will happen on **Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at Grace United Church. The conversation will be hosted by members of Simcoe County KAIROS. **Sign up by April 15th**, using this link: kairos.simcoecounty@gmail.com.

Spots are limited for this date. If there is more interest a second date may be added.

Please see our bulletin board for the **Easter Message from His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo** or visit www.archtoronto.org. It will be posted online on today!



CPR/AED Course Saturday, May 9th, 2026. Registration 8:30 a.m. Course runs 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Room. There is room for 12 participants. Register with Karen Boyle or text to 705-321-0898.

Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry

Welcome! We have something for everyone; babies to young adult! Please contact Shannon Barks at stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or call Shannon at (705) 229-7426 for further information.

PLAY GROUP: Inviting all Moms, Dads, Grandparents and Caregivers! Join us **Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** for playgroup, for babies and toddlers! Crafts, snacks and songs in the Youth Room.



M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth) is for youth grades Kindergarten to Grade 4. M.E.R.C.Y. runs once a month on a Friday night, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. where we explore our faith in a dynamic way through activities, games, crafts and music. Our next date is **Friday, April 10th**.

EDGE for youth Grades 5 -8, to come together once a month on a Friday night from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. For youth to encounter Christ in a safe, fun environment, where they will get answers to their questions about faith, and most importantly to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Our next date is **Friday, April 24th**.



LIFE TEEN for teens interested in diving deeper into their faith, relationship with Jesus, scripture, and each other.

Included are sports, music, and games to help strengthen the friendships made. Our next meeting is **Sunday, April 26th after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Topic is "He is Risen! Alleluia!"**

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:

Spiritus North a ministry for Catholic young adults (18-35) that gathers once a month for a time of Praise and Worship, Adoration, Speaker, followed by refreshments and a discussion. Our next gathering is **Friday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Worship and Adoration Night.**



EDGE CAMP 2026 – August 23rd to 27th at Camp White Pine with an EDGE stream for youth going into grades 5-9, and a teen stream for high school youth.

OVERNIGHT BICYCLE PILGRIMAGE: Calling all teens! We depart from the parish on **Fri., May 29th at 2:30 p.m.** The cyclists are picked up at Martyr's Shrine in the afternoon on Sat., May 30th. Families are invited to meet the cyclists and join us for Mass and a potluck dinner at the Shrine. Questions and to register, email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com



Classic Movies at St. Mary's Parish - Twice a month in the parish hall we offer great movies at no cost (free will offering). Snacks and drinks included!

All are welcome. No sign up. **Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.** Our next film is on **April 14th** and entitled "Lilies of The Field" starring Sidney Poitier. *If you have any questions on these programs, please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.*

Just Sing! - Join us on **Thursday, April 23rd at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's room for a laid back afternoon of song and fellowship as we come together to Just Sing!. Bring your voice whether you can sing or not! All are welcome! No sign up required. Snacks and refreshments!



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