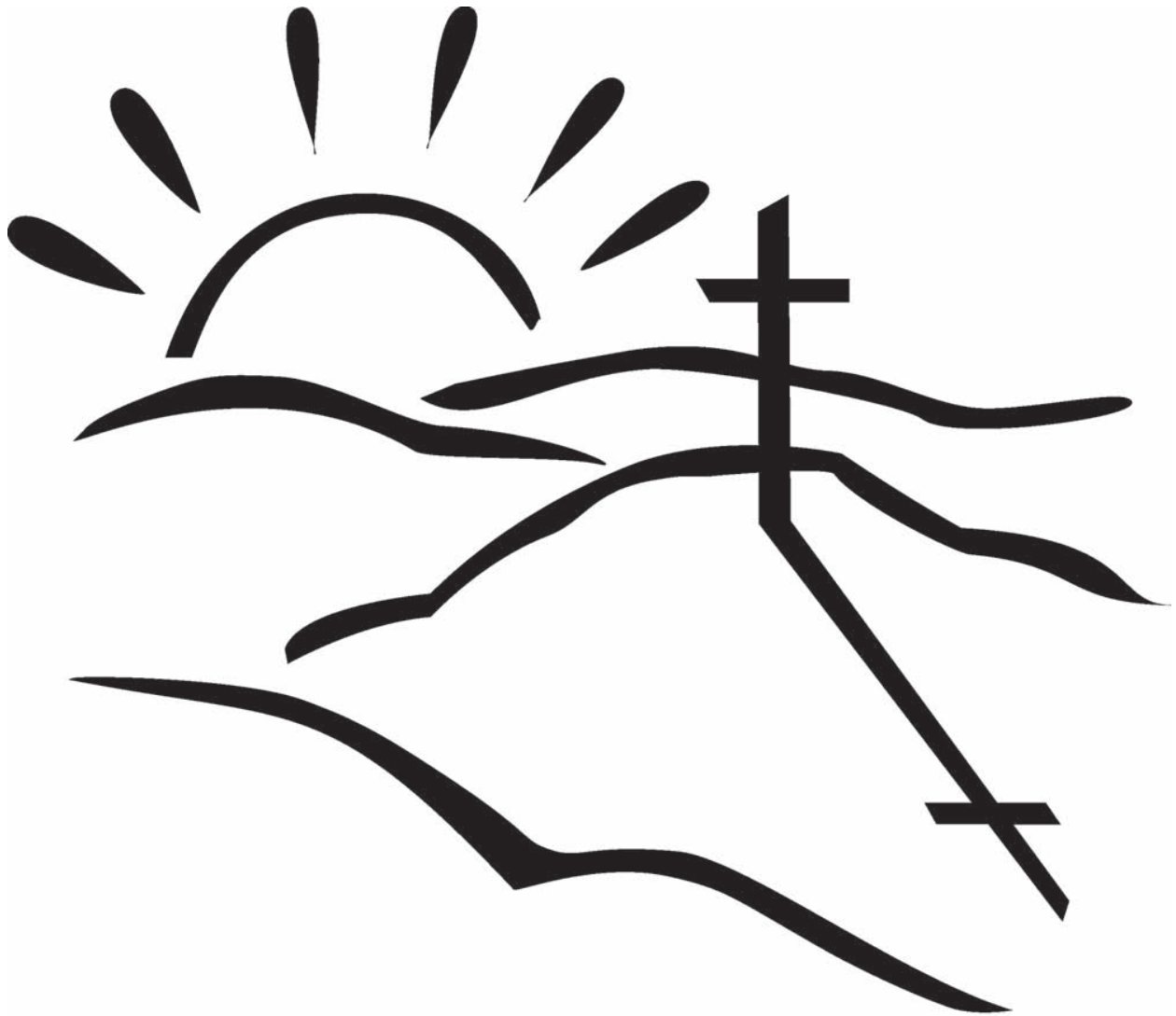


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Rejoice!

For the Lord is truly risen!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION



Masses For The Week

Sat Mar 30	7 pm	"EASTER VIGIL MASS" (PRO POPULO)
Easter Sunday Mar 31	8:30 am	† Biagio & Bruno Forte (Civita Forte & Family)
	10 am	† Ana Gornik (Son Tony Gornik)
	11:30 am	† Jack Korpela (Rita Patterson)
Mon Apr 1	8 am	† Bridget Martha Nusca
Tue Apr 2	8 am	† Anna Manzo (Civita Forte & Family)
Wed Apr 3	7pm	† Martin Lustic Sr. (Granddaughter Lori)
Thu Apr 4	8 am	All Souls of Purgatory (Maria Coelho)
Fri Apr 5	8 am	† Sandi Hatulan (Rosalo & Lourdes Senador)
Sat Apr 6	8 am	† Gabriel Coelho (Maria Coelho)
	5 pm	† Jack Korpela (Gayle Weiler & Dave Tyrrell)
Sun Apr 7	8:30 am	In Thanksgiving (Marie Paul)
	10 am	† Eduardo Pontes (The Family)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

Old Yeast

Ancient people depended on natural yeast to give bread its light consistency. Yeast is a microscopic plant that is in the air all around us. It will take root in a mixture of flour and water. This is commonly known as "sour dough". Since it can take several days to mature, bread-makers would save a small amount as a starter batch. This speeded up the yeast-making process. Eventually the starter batch might become corrupt. Jewish women would throw out all yeast in the spring. Until new yeast could be grown they would eat unleavened (or yeast less) bread.



(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

Easter Blessings

Easter is a joyful, and peace filled time of coming together to celebrate the mystery of our faith with family and friends. It allows us to reflect on the great mystery of human suffering and how it has destroyed our enemies of sin, death, and Satan. Through Our Blessed Lord's



suffering and death on the cross He has given us Victory over our enemies. He has given us an opportunity to take part in His sufferings; and through it, we shall bear in His fruits which lead us to life eternal. By choosing to conform our way of life to Christ's, we are reminded to, "lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1-2). For Christ has shared His Life with us and through His Resurrection from the dead points to the resurrection of all humanity. Suffering, then, allows us to be united to His oblation and become co-redeemers along with Him. As we celebrate this joyous time, let us set our minds and hearts on the Risen Lord, because, "you have been raised up with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not what is on earth" (Col 3:1-2). Our future lies with Him, for Christ is Risen, Alleluia!!!
A blessed Easter and may our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you united in His Love.

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month April 5, 2024

Following the 8 am Mass

Rosary at 7:30am.

Adoration concludes with Holy Mass

Saturday morning Saturday April 6, @ 8 am

Come. See. Hear. Encounter.

Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

First Eucharist & Confirmation at St. Leo's Church

Our children are preparing to receive First Eucharist and Confirmation. They will celebrate with family and friends at the 11:30 am Mass on the following times: Sunday April 14th Sunday April 21st & Sunday April 28th always at the 11:30 am Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday May 12th and Sunday May 19th also at the 11:30 am Mass. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their upcoming Sacraments.



Serra Vocation

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 calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org

ShareLife: Embrace Jesus' love and compassion through giving

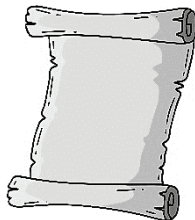
Jesus' love and example inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. ShareLife agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions. Thus far we have raised [6,515.00] toward our goal of [30,000.00]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

New to the Parish?

If you are new to this parish, we wish to welcome you and hope that you find this to be a warm and caring community. Should you wish to register in our parish please complete the registration form available on the front page of our bulletin and place it in the collection basket. Pick up a new box of envelopes in the entrance of the church for your offering.

"EXULTET"

The Exultet is a liturgical hymn of the Catholic Church that is sung on Easter night at the solemn Easter Vigil by a deacon or cantor. It proclaims the victory of light over darkness, symbolized by the paschal candle that is lit, and announces the resurrection of Christ and invites the whole assembly to rejoice at the fulfilment of the prophecy of the Paschal Mystery. It is also called praeconium paschale or laus cerei. The Exultet was written on a long scroll of parchment that the deacon-cantor slid down from the pulpit as he narrated its contents.



Life-Giving Wounds:

A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, April 28 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$290 per person (\$190 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. If cost is of concern, please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me; limited subsidies are available. <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2024>.

The Choral Ensemble Byrdsonge Presents:
"Surrexit Christus Hodie"

a celebration of the Resurrection.

An a cappella concert of sacred music by composers of the Renaissance on Saturday April 6th @ 7 pm in St. Leo's Church.
Free will offering.

Please pray for the sick of our Parish
And for the souls of the deceased:

Communion for the homebound upon request, anointing of the sick with the seriously ill, or those undergoing surgery.
Please call the parish office

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