



**FIRST READING: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES  
10:34A,37-43**

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

**SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4 OR 1  
CORINTHIANS 5:6B-8**

COLOSSIANS: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 CORINTHIANS: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9**

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

**FAMILY CONNECTION:**

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that He is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."



**Saturday** **APRIL 19, 2025**  
7:00 PM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF  
ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

**Sunday** **APRIL 20, 2025**  
9:30 AM & 11:15AM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF  
ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

**Monday** **APRIL 21, 2025**  
8:30AM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF  
ALL PASTORS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

**Tuesday** **APRIL 22, 2025**  
8:30am WILFREDA BERCASIO (†)

**Wednesday** **APRIL 23, 2025**  
8:30am KRISTOFFER BHAGWANDAT (†)

**Thursday** **APRIL 24, 2025**  
8:30am NAZARIO CONCINA (†)

**Friday** **APRIL 25, 2025**  
8:30am - ENGRACIA CAYABYAB (†)  
-SPEEDY RECOVERY OF NELSON LAM JR.

**BURNING THIS WEEK:**

**SANCTUARY LAMP:**

THANKSGIVING OF HERNANDEZ & RAMONES  
FAMILIES

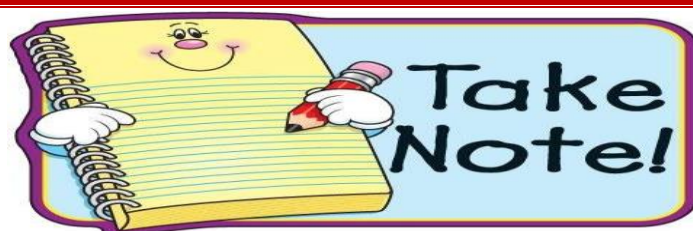


**May 4, 2025 – ShareLife**

**May 11, 2025 – Building Fund**

**May 25, 2025 – Papal Charities**

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for your generosity  
**YOUR SUPPORT HELPS SUSTAIN OUR PARISH!**



**In observance of the Lenten Season the parish office will be closed from Maundy Thursday (April 17, 2025) until Easter Monday (April 20, 2025).**

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Today we celebrate Easter! The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus reflects the highest truth of our faith - the Immortal One had taken on mortality when He became man; He reclaimed His immortality and ours when He crushed the gates of sin and death and rose gloriously from the tomb that first Easter Sunday.

The Easter Message of the Resurrection is an invitation to each one of us to encounter the empty tomb. As it was true about the first witnesses of the Resurrection, like the two Marys, John and Peter and others, so it is true about us. We are called to believe in the meaning of the Risen Lord and to be messengers of the Good News, to proclaim by the way we live that the Lord is Risen and we are the witnesses of this. Our lives today are not much different than those of the early disciples. As it was true back then, there were many who opposed the truth of the Resurrection and the message of Jesus all together, so is our experience today. Many attempt to prevent what is in their limited power from proclaiming the powerful story of the Resurrection.

What are the competing messages we are asked to share in our lives? What messages do we choose to share, through both our conversations and in how we live out our lives day to day? Whom do we share these messages with? Both Christ and society offer something to each one of us. Where society offers us money, pleasure, self-gratification, an illusion of freedom to do what we want, Christ offers His very self. In His Death and Resurrection, He shares Himself with us, which gives us fullness of love, a true and authentic sense of freedom, an opportunity to do what we ought, and as a result- a new and fulfilling life.

So, today with hearts filled and renewed with faith, hope, and peace, we make the message of the Risen One our own! May the encounter with the Risen Lord invite us to a deeper trust in God and to submit our lives to His Holy Will always - to be changed into the instruments of God so that He may transform the world through us.

It is with great joy that we are able to offer each family and visitors in our parish an Easter gift- a book "The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen". This book is a powerful collection of writings encouraging you to think differently about who you are, how your life is unfolding, what God is calling you to next, and what priorities lead you to the peace and purpose you desire.

On behalf of Deacon Gerry and staff, to all our parishioners, friends and guests who pray with us this Easter Sunday, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of you a blessed and holy Easter! May the gift of Easter renew your faith in the Risen Lord. May Our Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ fill your hearts with His peace on "this (very special) day the Lord has made", a day when we "rejoice and be glad!"

A Blessed Easter everybody!!!



## **ShareLife**

**May 4 & June 8, 2025**

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A BEACON OF HOPE**

On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## **Volunteer Appreciation Week: Volunteers Make Waves (April 27 to May 3, 2025)**



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