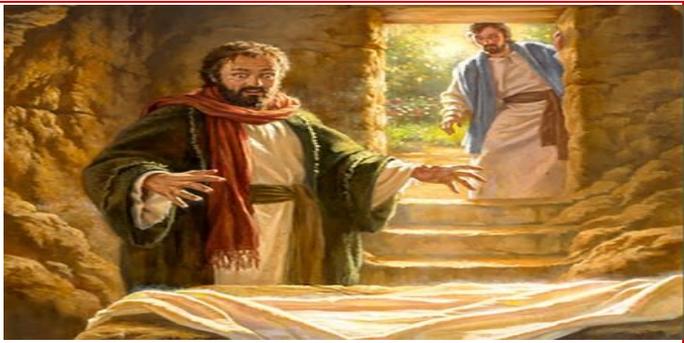


APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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."

DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER FOR THE BEREAVED

Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, ON L1X 1V4
Saturday, April 11, 2026, 9:15am - 5:00pm

*"Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?"
Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey.*

Facilitated by: Sr. Claire Marchal and Mary Hyland
Suggested Offering: \$75 per person (includes lunch)
Please contact: Mary Hyland - 905-441-0957



Saturday 7:00 PM **APRIL 4, 2026**
FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

Sunday 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM **APRIL 5, 2026**
FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

Monday 8:30 AM **APRIL 6, 2026**
INTENTIONS & THANKSGIVING OF RICK MALONZO

Monday 8:30 AM **APRIL 7, 2026**
MARILOU LOPEZ RESTITUTO (†)

Wednesday 8:30 AM **APRIL 8, 2026**
MARIO BARTHOLOMEO SILVEIRA (†)

Thursday 8:30 AM **APRIL 9, 2026**
INTENTIONS & THANKSGIVING OF AMELIA SEVILLA

Friday 8:30 AM **APRIL 10, 2026**
-ALEJANDRO CAOITAN (†)
-FULL RECOVERY OF MAVERICK MCEWEN
-SOULS IN PURGATORY ESP. THE MOST ABANDONED (†)



May 10 – Building Fund
May 17 – Pope's Pastoral Works
May 31 – ShareLife

We kindly ask that you ensure your donation reaches the parish within one month of the collection date. Your generosity is vital, as 100% of the special collection contributions will be sent directly to the Archdiocese of Toronto within that timeframe. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in our community.



The parish will be participating in the Knights of Columbus Annual Garage Sale in July, and we are asking for your support through donations.

If you have household items, plants, or gently used clothing that you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate your generosity. Your donations will directly support our parish, as all proceeds from the sale will go towards our soon-to-be parish hall.

Donations may be dropped off at the parish office during office hours.

Please note that we are unable to accept large items such as furniture or appliances, as we do not have storage space for them.

Drop-off times:
Tuesday to Friday
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

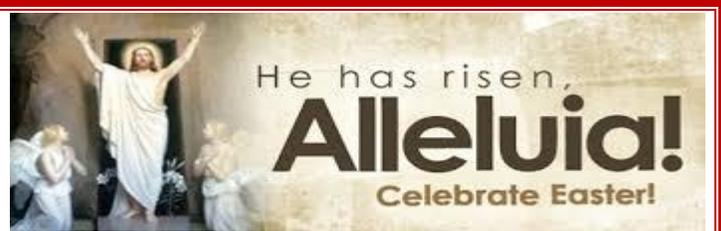
Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our parish community.

Volunteer Appreciation Week
APRIL 19 - 25, 2026



IGNITE VOLUNTEERISM

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"
ISAIAH 6:8



EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

I wish you and your families a blessed and joyful Easter!

Every year the prayers and scriptures of the Easter liturgy remind us of the ways that the Death and Resurrection of our Lord is the climax of salvation history. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is a triumph over death. It unlocks for us the path to eternity. It is a moment in history with eternal consequences, and it offers us hope, a promise of eternal life, and victory over sin and death. A new age has begun, and the Holy Spirit is now the presence and power that guides and energizes our lives and our faith.

All four Gospels agree that, on that very first Easter morning, those who went to the tomb of the Lord Jesus found it empty [Matthew 28:1-10]. The Gospel of Matthew provides the account of the empty tomb at the Easter morn, and the evangelist tells us that those visiting the tomb were told: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen" and concludes, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, "**Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.**"

"**THE LORD IS RISEN, INDEED**" became a traditional Easter greeting, and, down through the ages, it has been part of the Paschal greeting exchanged among those believe in paschal mystery.

From the very first Easter, down through the centuries, up to the present day, Christians have witnessed to our Lord's Resurrection with similar concise confessions. Even today, we engage in these brief but substantial confessional statements in the memorial acclamation at Mass- as we proclaim the mystery of our faith, "**We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.**" The proclamation of the good news of Christ's Resurrection takes place not only at Easter but also at every day of our lives and especially when we come together at Mass.

Let us draw from the writings and reflections of Saint Paul "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory" (Colossians 3:1-4).

More than simply an isolated moment in history, Christ's resurrection has inaugurated a communion and mission in which we a community that belongs to Christ have become participants. We are not meant to be mere spectators or contemplators of Christ's resurrection. By virtue of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are called and enabled to be personally committed. Saint Paul makes it clear that we are already living our lives with the Risen Lord, and we are called to live our lives- in the here and now- reminds us all of who we are and what we share in and with the Risen Christ.

Let us join our prayers as we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May our joyful proclamation continue to ring out: **JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN! THE LORD IS RISEN, INDEED!**

An Easter Prayer

Dear Lord, during this wonderful Easter season, let us not forget the pain you endured for our redemption. May we always carry gratitude in our hearts for your amazing sacrifice. We praise you, because you are our Light and Salvation. Amen.

KofC Family Movie Day – April 19th, 2026

Bring the whole family for a fun **afternoon of entertainment** hosted by the Knights of Columbus! After the **11:15 AM Mass**, join us at **1:00 PM** to watch "**The Wild Robot**".

This **free event** will be led by Brother Knights. Don't miss this chance to relax, enjoy a great movie, and spend quality time with your loved ones.

Please & THANK YOU

For coin donations, please ensure your envelopes are securely sealed to prevent spills. The amount recorded for your tax receipt will be based on the total found inside the envelope when it is opened by the counters.

Despite our best efforts, minor oversights may occur – nobody is perfect. We ask for your understanding and invite everyone to stay focused on what truly matters: our faith, our community, and our shared mission. -EFS