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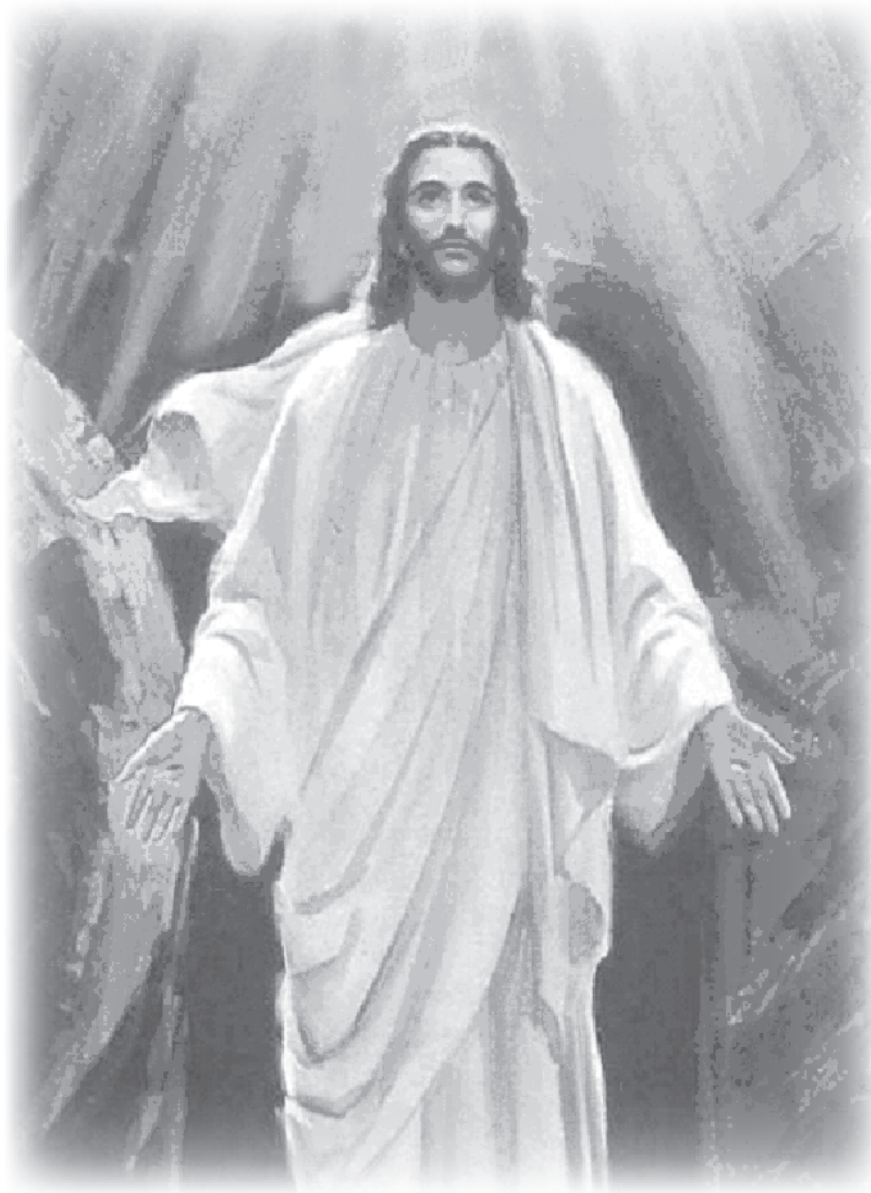
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Christ is Risen!

Mass for Intentions Week



Tuesday, April 2nd, 8:15 a.m.

Ann Brisbois

Requested by Ken & Lorraine Ware

Wednesday, April 3rd, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Loconte Family

Thursday, April 4th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Ford, Moore, Dyer and Ashmeade Families

Requested by Barbara

Friday, April 5th, 8:15 a.m.

Salvatore and Rosaria Buffa

Requested by the Family

“Dear Brothers and Sisters, Christ is risen! ... Today is Easter, the Pasch, a word that means “passage”, for in Jesus the decisive passage of humanity has been made: the passage from death to life, from sin to grace, from fear to confidence, from desolation to communion.”

Easter is a time when “our hopes no longer come up against the wall of death, for the Lord has built us a bridge to life.”

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis Easter April 08, 2023: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2023/documents/20230408>

In this time of unimaginable HOPE, a transformational relationship with the earth seems possible!

EcoAnselm understands the importance of maintaining a spirit of HOPE during times when we may feel insecure, even despairing. In keeping with the bountiful HOPE of Easter, all parishioners are invited to join EcoAnselm on Saturday, MAY 4th for an inspiring AFTERNOON RETREAT: “HOPE AND RESILIENCE”. Save the date and watch for details in April bulletins. EcoA wishes you a JOYOUS EASTER!



BUNDLE UP – APRIL 6 & 7

The St. Vincent de Paul Society’s semi-annual Bundle Up collection is NEXT WEEKEND!

The truck will be in our church parking lot on April 6 and 7 to accept gently used clothing, footwear and household linens.

A complete list of what can and cannot be collected is on the bulletin board in the lobby of the church. Please note – books, electronics, furniture, kitchenware (dishes, pots/pans, china, etc.) cannot be accepted.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES GROUP B

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd will be collected on **Saturday, April 19th** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. Should you have any questions about joining the casserole program, please contact the parish office. We provide the pan and lid each month, and the recipe is an easy-to-follow one that calls for staple ingredients. Each casserole feeds TEN hungry individuals at the Good Shepherd - our casserole chefs participate in a multi-parish program that is an invaluable part of the Good Shepherd mission. Your commitment would be to prepare, freeze and deliver (to the church) one casserole every other month. Thank you to our current casserole ministry supporters!

Thank You

...to our choir, readers, altar servers and greeters who participated in our Palm Sunday, Triduum and Easter celebrations this week. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

Interested in joining one of our parish ministries? We would love to have you! Please call the parish office.

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OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

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.**

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

An Easter Reflection **THE BONDS OF LOVE**



When asked to describe the mystery of Easter, author Carl Knudsen responded with the following story. Years ago, an old municipal lamplighter, engaged in putting out the streetlamps one by one, was met by a reporter who asked him if he ever grew weary of his work.

After all, it was a lonely job

and the night was cold and damp. "Never am I cheerless," said the old man, "for there is always a light ahead of me to lead me on." "But what do you have to cheer you when you have put out the last light?" asked the news writer. "Then comes the dawn," said the lamplighter. What if the same question were put to Jesus? One light after another did he put out: the lamp of popular acclaim, the lamp of patriotic approval, the lamp of ecclesiastical conformity — all for the sake of God's love, which burned in his heart and showed him the way. At last, even the light of his life was to flicker out on the hill called Calvary. What then? We hear his voice: "Into your hands, I commend my spirit." And then came the dawn. (Cited in *A Treasury of Quips, Quotes and Anecdotes*, Anthony Castle, ed., Twenty-Third Publications, Mystic, Conn.: 1998). Because all did not end at Calvary, because the cross was but a passage to everlasting life, today we celebrate the Christ who lives and by whose rising a new day has dawned for all of humankind. The promise of all ages has now been fulfilled in the Resurrection, and we rejoice. We sing by faith and trust about Jesus rising again. We say to one another what I now say

to you. Happy Easter! Happy, happy Easter! Even so, we have to wait for our slow selves to take it all in. We must bide our time. The very length of the Vigil Service on Holy Saturday evening makes us wait and wait. There are so many readings, together with a candle lighting ceremony ("Light of Christ"), and Baptisms and Confirmations and First Communions. Patience is the name of the game, maybe for the same reason Jesus made Mary and Martha wait and makes our souls wait to believe. So very long, our tired backs say. But salvation history is long too. The readings in sequence tell it, in the dark of Easter Vigil, how God created us and blessed us, how he called on and counted on Abraham, how he rescued the Hebrew people as they ran from their captors in the desert journey (and ran from God too), how for a "brief moment" God lost patience and turned away but then "with enduring love" took his people back, offering water to the thirsty and grain to the poor. Are you able to trust this? How much? "Be my people and I will be your God," he keeps saying. At last, the Gospel proclamation! *Empty tomb!* Maybe each of us, man or woman, has cried out to God, "You could get rid of all this waiting if you wanted to. Why five weeks of Lenten delay? Why the eons of your seeming absence through history? How does an Easter celebration make up for all that?" Peace. Remember how Jesus was so casual when he heard that his friend Lazarus was dying, in a place not far away? He stayed away for four days, or, in other words, "forever" in emotional time. Mary and Martha, his close friends, did without him as they buried their brother and grieved. When at last he arrived, each sister cried words of laceration to him, "You could have saved our brother!" Jesus wept. And then he replied, "I am the resurrection and the life." Today we concentrate on that statement of his. We give ourselves quiet time, maybe years of it, maybe a lifetime, to let the meaning of Easter Resurrection sink in. What about you? Do you believe Jesus is risen from the dead? If not, how much further do you have to go? The greatest of all Easter truths is this: God's love is stronger than life itself, stronger than death. The Resurrection is molded out of love. If you know that, blessed are you as you come to believe.

Happy Easter. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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