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He Lives!



Alleluia, Alleluia!!

MASS INTENTION

MONDAY (April 21)

9:00 AM For the intentions of Fr. Mark

TUESDAY (April 22)

7:30 AM Open

WEDNESDAY (April 23)

7:00 PM +Lydia DeSouza

THURSDAY (April 24)

7:30 AM Thanksgivibng of Maya and Ethan Pereira

FRIDAY (April 25)

7:00 PM Open

SATURDAY (April 26)

9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM +Rosario Lopez, +Rosie D'Mello, Departed members of D'Mello Family, +Peter Paul D'Mello, +Joseph D'Mello



Christ has died, Christ is risen! This is the story we often tell every year during the Holy Week. We never tire of telling the story, not because the story will change or end differently, but because our own life story continues to evolve and our understanding and appreciation of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus also evolve with it.

Our daily experiences of being up or down, our web of relationships, our conflicts and struggles, and the worries of life, these and a thousand others are the stories we carry. They are stories of change, fear, loss, and death. These are the stories that took the women to the tomb on Easter morning. They found the tomb empty, not that God has gone forever and He is no more, rather because He is forever present with us.

We no longer have to look at the past and say "if only." We do not have to look to the future and say "What if?" His ever present with us make us truly an Easter people and Alleluia is our song every day.

We thank everyone who has joined us to celebrate Jesus' death and rising!

We thank all our volunteers. Your kindness and generosity of spirit keep our parish community alive and vibrant!

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 6,190.90
Building Fund	\$ 1,443.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 305.00
Liturgical Offering	\$ 135.80
Candle Offering	\$ 330.00
Flower	\$ 140.00
ShareLife	\$ 800.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 20.00
Humanitarian Relief	\$ 100.00
Indonesian	\$ 3,185.00
Shepherds' Trust	\$ 5.00
Good Friday	\$ 40.00
Easter	\$ 80.00
Total	\$ 13,374.70

SUPPORTING THE PARISH

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and an increased support of various archdiocesan charities such as your Parish, ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary and many others. For further information, contact the Development Office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561 or send an email to development@archtoronto.org.

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Please bring your food donation to the church this Easter weekend to be delivered to Eden Food Bank.

The Knights of Columbus in our parish will bring your donated goods to the Food bank.

Thank you for your generosity!

EASTER MONDAY MASS WILL BE
AT 9 AM

SHARELIFE

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.

A DAY WITH MARY

On Saturday, May 31, 2025, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called "A Day With Mary" will be taking place at Villanova College located at 2480 15th Sideroad in King City.

We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi for the adults, inspiring personal witnessings and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music, food and fellowship and we hope that you will consider joining His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo and so many others who love the Blessed Mother.

A Day With Mary will be held rain or shine, please plan according to the weather. In case of severe rain or thundershowers, the event will move inside the school.

Registration is now open on the Archdiocesan Website. Admission is free for all ages!

PARTICIPATING IN THE FEDERAL ELECTION BY EXERCISING YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE on April 28, 2025

is not only your Civic duty as a citizen but also a Christian duty. Familiarize with the issues and make your voice heard by voting wisely!

Small Groups: Dynamic Power for the Parish May 21, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Parish vitality is enhanced when people connect in meaningful ways. Small groups can help to create a dynamic space for faith to grow, relationships to deepen and discipleship to flourish. Whether you're starting from scratch or revitalizing an existing ministry, this Parish Vitality Webinar will seek to equip you with practical tools to recruit, facilitate and sustain small groups that inspire and transform. Join us as we explore how small groups can help to ignite a renewed sense of mission! Guest Presenter: Fr. Frank DeSiano, CSP REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/PVWS-RegisterMay2025>

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, May 16 at 6 p.m. to Sunday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$340 per person (\$200 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern. Please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2025>.

QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC FUNERAL HOME NOW OPEN TO SERVE OUR FAMILIES

On March 28, in a Mass rich with prayer and song, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, blessed the Chapel of Our Lady of Consolation and officially opened Queen of Heaven Catholic Funeral Home and Cemetery Office.

Supporting families at a time of loss and for those planning ahead, families can now arrange all their funeral, cremation, burial and catered reception needs in one convenient location while remaining firmly rooted in Catholic tradition. Guided by the Order of Christian Funerals, we are committed to providing compassionate care, kindness and personal attention to every family we serve. With the opening of our funeral home, the cemetery office has also moved from its old location in the farmhouse and is now co-located together with the funeral home just beyond the cemetery entrance gates.

At Queen of Heaven Funeral Home, a funeral Mass can be celebrated in the newly dedicated Chapel of Our Lady of Consolation by your parish priest or our chaplain. Families will receive clear guidance on liturgical options, ensuring that every Catholic funeral reflects the beauty and dignity of our faith. We are also dedicated to serving all parishes, recognizing the vital role they play in the spiritual lives of the faithful.

This new ministry builds on the strong foundation and tradition of Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services that has served the Archdiocese of Toronto since 1855. For more information, please call 905-851-5822 or visit catholic-cemeteries.com.



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