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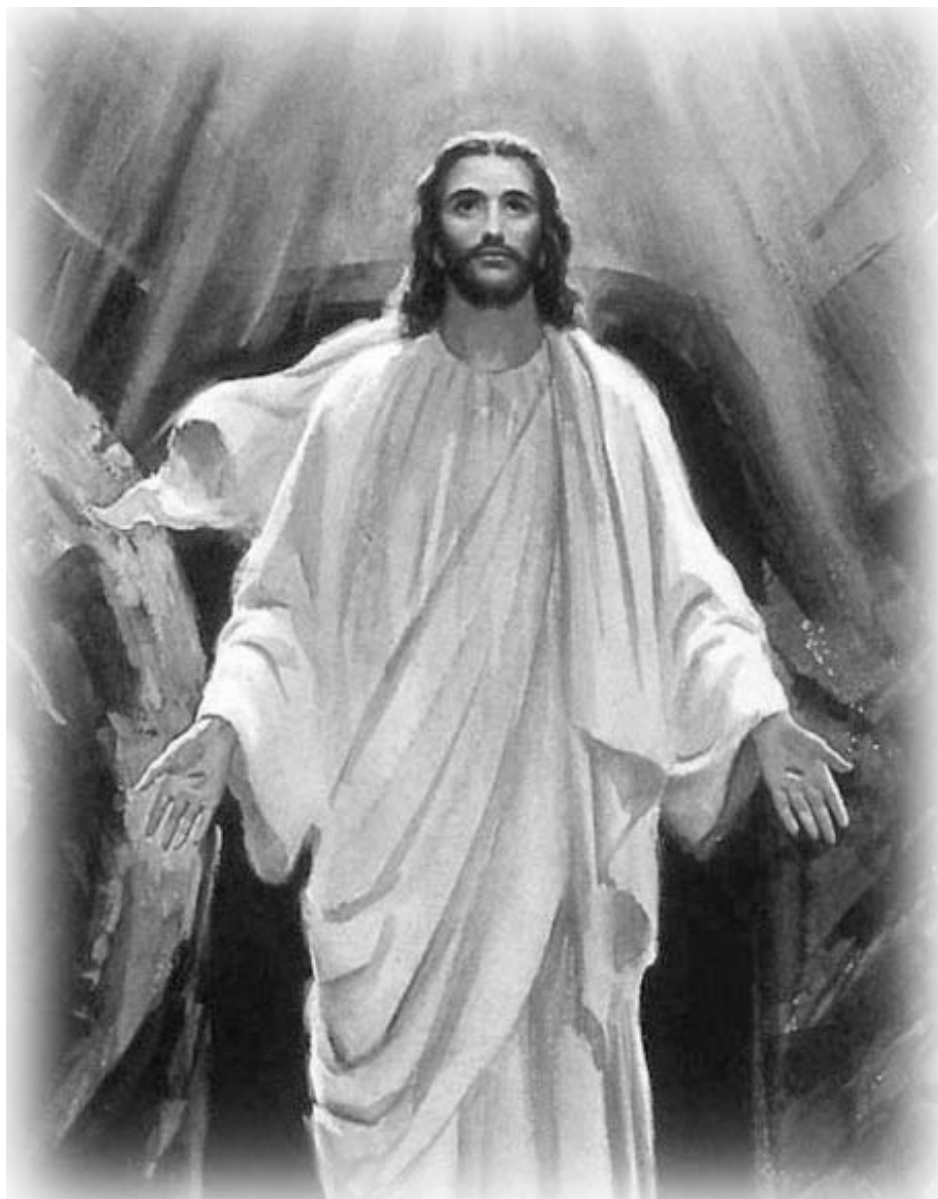
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Rejoice!
For the Lord is truly risen!

Easter Sunday: April 5, 2026



Saturday, April 4 at 8 p.m. Mass Easter Vigil

Holy Saturday

Specioza Chagula – Thanksgiving Birthday

George Ryan – Thanksgiving Birthday

James Ryan – Thanksgiving Birthday

Maurice Ntibatutanganya – Thanksgiving Birthday

Easter Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Intention of the Parishioners Resurrection of the Lord*

Sunday, April 5 at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – All are welcome*

Monday, April 6 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, April 7 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, April 8 at 8 a.m. Mass

Thursday, April 9 at 9 a.m. No Mass

Friday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour,
07 p.m. Mass

Saturday, April 11 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, April 13 at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – All are welcome*

Easter Sunday

Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen! On this glorious Easter morning, the Sunday of Sundays, the Solemnity of Solemnities, we are filled with the joy of the risen Lord. On this great day, death and

sin was defeated as the Lord triumphed over all evil, leading us to the joy and love of eternal life. As stewards of Christ we should always have the identity of an Easter people.

The USCCB in their *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship** says that stewardship “reflects the core of the Easter message of the earliest Christian community: ‘We have seen the Lord!’ (Jn 20:25). Stewardship always starts with the personal experience of the Risen Christ in our midst and in our hearts.” We must first encounter Christ before we can share Christ. The early disciples witnessed the risen Lord on Easter

morning and from there went on to spread the good news of His resurrection to the ends of the earth. They received the gift of Easter, the same gift we receive today. As good stewards we should not keep this gift for ourselves but seek to share it generously with our parish community. One concrete practice we can adopt is to share our Easter joy with our family, friends and fellow parishioners by spreading the news of Christ’s resurrection to those who do not yet fully believe. Let us share the joy of the Gospel as we strive to become better stewards.

Summary

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-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collections

Weekend of **March 28/29**

Envelopes (74) \$ **1,339.00**

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ShareLife

Wishing you a blessed Easter from ShareLife

This Easter Sunday, we hold gratitude for the Lord Jesus, our saviour; and for you who brings the hands of Christ to our brothers and sisters in need. We witness how you live the Gospel wholeheartedly, opening your heart to the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized. It is through your love that our family of faith is strengthened. We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful Easter, blooming with hope.

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is April 26. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Pope's Prayer Intention 2026

The Pope's prayer intention for 2026 addresses challenges facing humanity and assists the mission of the church. These intentions serve as principles

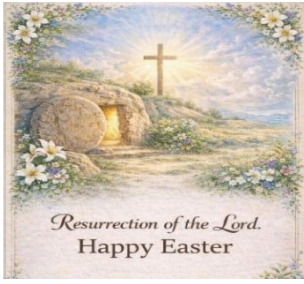
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guiding our lives and mission. In **April**, let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Happy Easter

Easter is a season of joy and hope, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after His crucifixion. It invites us to remember the true meaning of this holy day: the triumphant rising of our



Lord and Savior, who conquered death and opened the way to eternal life.

Beyond the Easter eggs and springtime traditions, Easter reminds us of God's limitless love. Through

Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and His glorious resurrection, we are offered the promise of new life. His victory calls us to reflect on the depth of God's mercy, the gift of forgiveness, and the enduring hope of salvation.

On this sacred day, may our hearts be renewed in faith, love, and gratitude as we remember God's infinite love and the sacrifice made for us. As we celebrate, may we be inspired to live with compassion, humility, and purpose, sharing Christ's love and hope with everyone around us.

On behalf of our staff and volunteers, I extend to you and your loved ones warm wishes for a joyful and blessed Easter. May the risen Christ fill your hearts with peace, joy, and new beginnings. United in prayer, let us celebrate the miracle of His resurrection and share His love with the world. *Wishing you all a blessed and Happy Easter! – Fr. Francis, CSC*

Message from the Archbishop Francis Leo

We invite you to take a few moments to support the protection of human life by visiting HelpNotHarmCanada.ca and contacting your Member of Parliament (MP) regarding Bill C-218. This proposed legislation seeks to amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) when mental illness is the sole underlying condition.

Bill C-218 is expected to come to a vote in April 2026. Without its passage, the law is set to expand in March 2027.

Yet important truths must guide us:

- A desire to die can be a symptom of mental illness itself.

- Mental illness is often treatable, and recovery remains possible.
- Serious gaps in mental health care support persist in Canada.
- Those who suffer are frequently among the most vulnerable.

Our response must be love, solidarity, and a steadfast commitment to care. We are called to offer help, not harm; hope, not despair; protection, not abandonment. As people of faith, we are called to respond with love, hope, and solidarity. Advocating for laws that protect life is a meaningful expression of our faith in action — most especially during this Lenten journey, a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Please visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca and contact your Member of Parliament (MP) in support of **Bill C-218**

Christian Life Program

The Handmaids of the Lord warmly invites you to a **Christian Life Program**, starting on **April 19, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.** at **St Ann Parish Hall**. This life-enriching is open to women who are: single parents, separated or divorced, unmarried mature single, widows, married with a husband working overseas, or those women whose husbands are incapacitated or at the moment are not ready yet for religious affiliations. **NO FEES required.** We look forward to sharing this spiritual journey with you. For more details email: rmnobleza56@gmail.com or call 41695548320, the office at 4164662127.

Day of Reflection & Prayer for the Bereaved

Saturday, April 11, 2026 09:00 AM - Saturday, April 11, 2026 05:00 PM, Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre. "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. To register, contact Mary Hyland at 905-441-0957. Suggested offering: \$ 75 per person.

Coffee Sunday

Come together! Please join us this coming Sunday, April 12, 2026, for a coffee and fellowship with our parish community immediately following the 10:30 a.m. mass at the back of the church. All are welcome.





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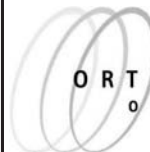
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