

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,,

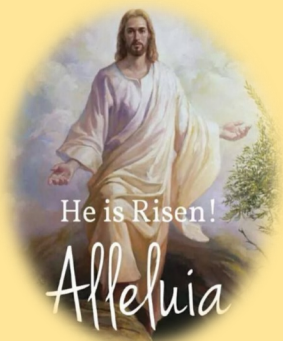
CHRIST IS RISEN! For the believing Christian, this is the greatest news ever. For it is on this good news (gospel) that his faith is anchored. Take away the Resurrection and Jesus would only be one of those run-of-the-mill charlatans. Worse, He would be the biggest fraud ever for He did not come across with a promise so outlandish - to rise from the dead. But with the Resurrection, Jesus proved what He claimed Himself to be: the Son of Father, God-Made -Man, our Brother and our Savior. This is what we celebrate today. The Gospel reading (Jn. 20: 1-9) talks about the "mystery of the empty tomb". At the end of the reading, John, speaking for himself, said that he saw and believed. At that time, he and Peter did not yet understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead. But seeing the empty tomb, he believed. The "light" began to shine on him. He believed that Jesus would not remain buried in the "darkness" of the tomb.

The empty tomb, though very important, is not enough. It is not an absence that we seek but a PRESENCE. The Easter gospels tell us of this presence. Where? In many places. Outside of the tomb, Mary Magdalene met Jesus after which she excitedly told the disciples, "I have seen the Lord." In the upper room where after Jesus showed His followers His hands and side, Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" On the road to Emmaus where the two disciples reflecting on their encounter with Jesus, said, "Were not our hearts burning inside us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" These are definitely real experiences of the Risen Lord's presence.

Experiencing the presence of Jesus changed their lives for good. They began to love and ceased to be timorous. They considered it their glory to suffer in His name. They proclaimed the Easter Message, Jesus' Gospel of Love, in the open, far and wide.

With His Resurrection, Jesus is victorious over death. He is called the first born of the dead whom we are to follow: "I came that they may have life, and have it in abundance." Following Jesus is not just being baptized and coming to life again with the grace of baptism. In between, we have to join ourselves to God by goodness, love and faithfulness. This is the difficult part. This can mean a lot of dying to ourselves as we follow in the footsteps of the Risen Jesus. When we fail, we rely on His divine mercy.

For us, the challenge of Easter is to follow Jesus in love. This is what His post-resurrection appearances did to His disciples. This is what Jesus is asking from us now. When we respond, when we also begin to love Jesus and in Him, our neighbor, then His Resurrection will finally begin to have meaning in our lives. For then Jesus has become the Light of our lives.



*May the Risen Jesus Bless you and your families
on this joyous day! HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!*

Ft. Lorenzo and the Staff

EASTER THANK YOU!



Thank you all for all the wonderful and hard work you have done for our parish community especially during Lent and Easter; to all choir directors and members; to all Sacristans and Altar Servers, Ministers of Hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Decorators, and those who helped us behind the scenes, and all the wonderful parishioners that help our Church in many other ways, God Bless!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

May your dedication and gift of your time, talent and treasure be rewarded bountifully by the Risen Lord. God Bless

Yes!
WE'RE **OPEN**

The Church is open
Tuesday - Saturday
from 9 am to 12 noon
for personal prayer....

CHARITABLE TAX

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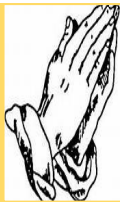
Your Charitable Tax Donation receipts are now available for pick up from the parish office on Tuesday –Friday from 10:00am to 12 noon & 1:30 to 4:00 pm.



ShareLife



You can work wonders!



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.

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Sanctuary Lamps

Offerings

You can offer a sanctuary candle for your deceased loved ones, thanksgiving. Etc.

For Info. Please call the parish office

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Last Sunday Collection: \$ 5,776.40

Thank you for your generous hearts!

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The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of Our Lady of Assumption Parish, through your regular parish offerings (this does not include special collections). The Plan is administered through the Office of Development of the Archdiocese of Toronto and tax receipts will be issued for all offertory gifts. Enrollment forms available at the parish office.

Jesus is Risen, Alleluia!