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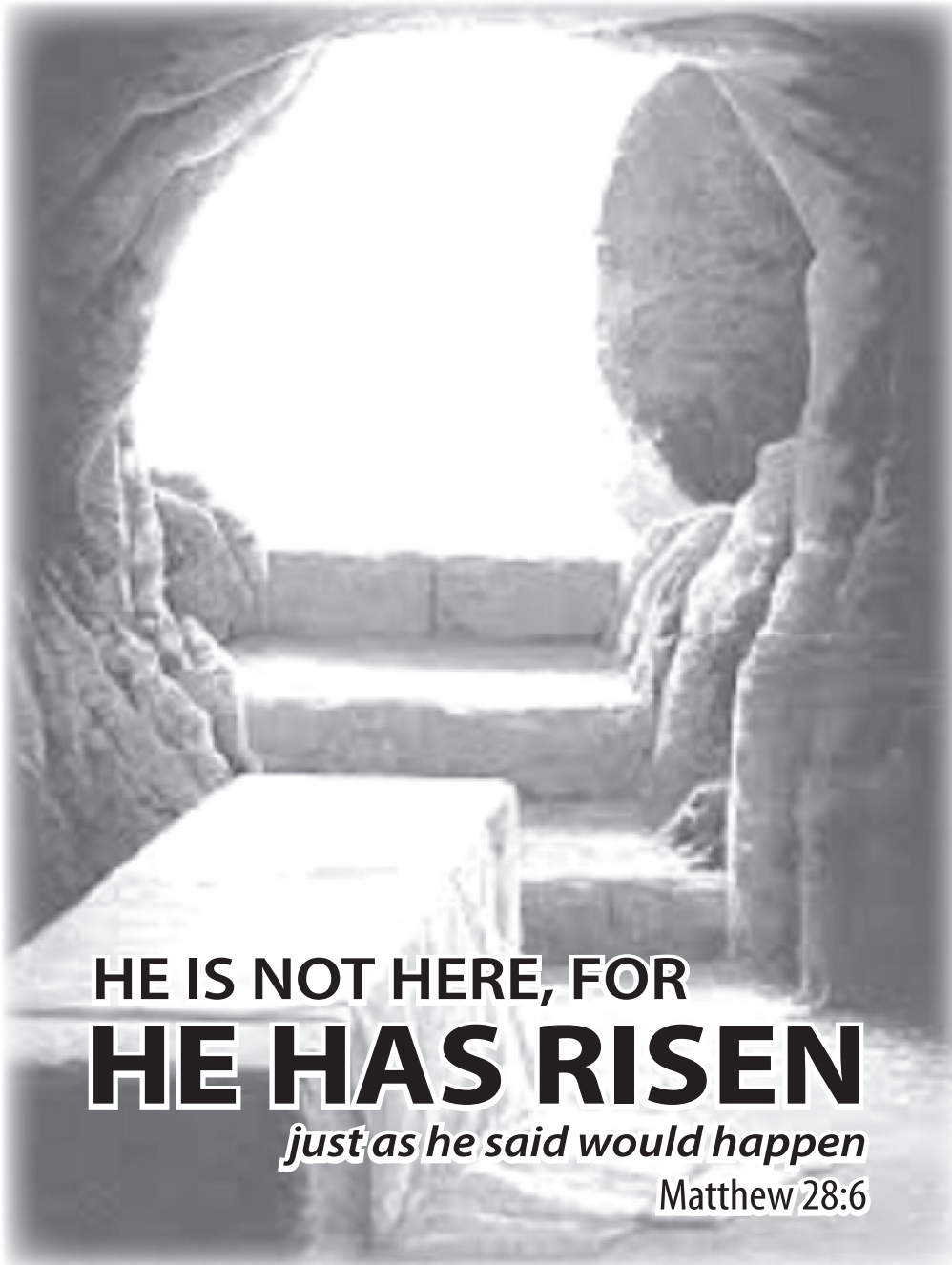
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**HE IS NOT HERE, FOR  
HE HAS RISEN**

*just as he said would happen*

Matthew 28:6

# HAPPY EASTER!

*He is not here  
for He is  
Risen  
Just as He said.*

Matthew 28:6

## MASS INTENTIONS

April 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, 9:10 a.m.**

† John Gonsalves

**Tuesday, 9:10 a.m.**

† Vincenza Panacci

**Wednesday, 9:10 a.m.**

† John Gonsalves

Special Intention – Caridad Buenavides

**Thursday, 9:10 a.m.**

† John Gonsalves

**Friday, 9:10 a.m.**

† John Gonsalves

† Felix Yogaretnam & Joseph Nesaratnam  
Special Intention – Grace & Angela Yogaretnam

**Friday, 7 p.m.**

† Vincente Bautista

† Jose Maria Kuam

† Erin & Aloysius Perera

Special Intention – Frederick & Madelen Sallah

**Saturday, 9:10 a.m.**

† Manuel & Helena Jesus Marques



## APRIL COFFEE MORNING

Next month's Coffee Moring will be moved to **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> after the morning Mass.**

If you would like to contribute by bringing a dozen muffins/donuts, or a coffee cake etc. please email Theresa and let her know, [culliton@stjeromeparish.ca](mailto:culliton@stjeromeparish.ca) All contributions gratefully accepted. *All are welcome*



## SHARELIFE: EMBRACE JESUS' LOVE AND COMPASSION THROUGH GIVING

Jesus' love and example inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. ShareLife agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website: [www.stjerome.archtoronto.org](http://www.stjerome.archtoronto.org) or at [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate)

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CWL SPRING FLOWER DRIVE



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*Baskets will be \$25.00 each and available for pick up Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>.*



**A Blessed Easter to those who were in the RCIA and were received into our faith community through the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. Heartfelt thanks to the catechists and sponsors who journeyed with our neophytes.**

## EASTER MESSAGE



Over the last 5 years with this parish community, I have experienced some very different and challenging Easters. One of the most challenging was the year we closed

down because of the Covid Virus. That Easter, my first in this community, was spent alone in an empty church. It pointed out to me the frailty of our humanness and my inability to express, with my parishioners, the fullness of what the Risen Lord offers us. Still, as terrible as the experience of that Easter was, even though I struggled to perform the joyful sacred mysteries of our faith within an empty quiet church, it still held moments of grace.

One of the greatest experiences of Easter for me was contained in this last Holy Week with you, especially the celebration of the Easter Vigil. This service always moves me because it engages the senses and the imagination. At the Vigil Mass we are confronted with light and dark, sound and sight, joy and peace. The complexity and richness of this worship service captures the profound nature of Jesus' sacrifice for us, and the great promise of life that He won for us. It also brought to mind the many memories and celebrations I shared with this congregation over the last five years. You have helped me to open my self up to God's grace and to grow in my love of Christ.

There is a mystical experience that I invite you to share with me in this last Easter together. Consider opening yourself to the Risen Christ. Allow yourself to see Him looking at you, into your whole life, knowing your weaknesses and your strengths; knowing the fullness of who you are. Doing this is what has sustained me and helped me to serve you. I know that, as we eventually go our separate ways, if we continue to take that risk of looking into the loving, forgiving, and gracious eyes of our Lord Jesus Christ, opening ourselves to the wonder of Him, He will strengthen us and carry us forward into the future.

~ Msgr. Michael

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Easter Monday – April 1<sup>st</sup>

Office closed

Church will close after the 9:10 a.m. Mass

## FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH HOLY HOUR



Please join the *Knights of Columbus*, St. Jerome's Council on **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** for Holy Hour, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in "Adoration" to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and "Exposition" of the Holy Eucharist. Refreshments to follow in the parish hall after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. *All are welcome!*

## MUSIC CHOIR DIRECTOR NEEDED FOR THE 12 NOON & 5 P.M.

Donna Rodrigues-Cordiero, our Choir Director at the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday is retiring after Easter. Mary Anne Braganca, who graciously leads two of our choirs, now wishes to concentrate her efforts on the 10:00am Sunday choir. That means we will also need a director for the 5:00pm Choir on Saturday. If you would like to be a part of this challenging and rewarding ministry by directing the 12 Noon Sunday or 5 p.m. Saturday choir, please contact the parish office.



*These are volunteer positions*

## NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE May 9, 2024, Ottawa, ON.



St. Leonard's Church and their Knights of Columbus (Council 9108) have arranged

transportation to Ottawa, for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life on **Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**.

The bus will leave from St. Leonard's Church following the 5:45 a.m. Mass. Arrival back at St. Leonard's at approximately 9 p.m. Cost \$40. For tickets, please contact St. Leonard's parish office at 905-846-5385.

Information: Eric at 416-402-4091 or Joe at 647-281-9212, email: [joeresendes19@gmail.com](mailto:joeresendes19@gmail.com)



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