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*Alleluia, Alleluia!!*

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am**

Rev. Bert Zarate req. by Fr. Michael

**Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

Living and Deceased Members of the Hughes and McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

† Rocco & Anna D'Angelo req. by Ignagni Family

† Anna & Joseph Nguyen req. by Vincent Nguyen

† Michael Shewchuk req. by Bev Shewchuk & Family

**Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

† Maria Lurdes Arruda req. by Georgina Botelho

**Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

† Matthew Benincasa req. by Mary & Emilio Benincasa

**Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am to 12 pm

Pope, Bishops and Priests req. by Fr. Michael

† Eugenia "Nena" Pedron req. by Piedad Family

† Nancy Pedron Gallegos req. by Piedad Family

† Teresita Balandra req. by Piedad Family

† Elenita Dolorico req. by Piedad Family

**Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am**

† Souls in Purgatory and Elizabeth Kindeman req. by Christina Viggiani

† Lillian Pitz req. by Mary Raybould

† Deceased members of Scott Family req. by Ann Marie Munro

Cary Zarate req. by Ron Campbell

**@ 5 pm**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

**Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9 am (also livestreamed)**

† Vincenza Mirensi req. by Anonymous

**@ 11 am**

† Mario & Renato Colossimo req. by Angela Colossimo

## Church Office

The Church Office will be open on Tuesdays from 9 am to 3:30 pm and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 12 pm. Please make an appointment if you need assistance by calling

**905-640-6954 ext. 101 to leave a message or email [stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca](mailto:stmarksoffice@bellnet.ca).**

## Sacrament of Reconciliation



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available **every Saturday at 9:30 am to 10 am and from 4 pm to 4:45 pm**. When you arrive, please sign in.



## Eucharistic Adoration Fridays from 9:30 am to 12 noon

We invite parishioners to come and spend some quiet time in Eucharistic Adoration. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each **Friday from 9:30 am to 12 noon ending with Benediction**. Registration is not required to attend Adoration; however, we would like to ensure there are at least two people present each hour. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

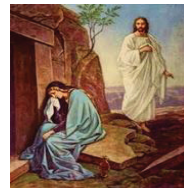
## Easter Obligation (Duty)

The Easter obligation is the grave duty that every Catholic has **to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season**, which concludes on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

The Eucharist is the sacrament that preserves the soul's union with God and fosters that union by making a person more holy. A person must be in a state of God's friendship (grace) when receiving, otherwise the reception becomes a sacrilege.

In the sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist is contained truly, really, and substantially the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is the necessary condition of the soul to be free of mortal sin and pleasing to God before reception of Holy Communion. If a soul is not in this state, they should refrain from receiving Holy Communion and perhaps just receive a blessing instead until they have gone to Confession.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS FOR EASTER SUNDAY



Rejoice, the Lord is risen, truly He is risen! Today is the Solemnity of Solemnities, the most holy day in the Church's calendar. Let us take a moment to rejoice in the glory of the resurrection. These past forty days we've been preparing for this great

feast where we will be met with the risen Christ. However, let us ask ourselves, how often do we fail to recognize Him in our daily lives? In the Gospel today, we hear the account of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene. Mary is face-to-face with Jesus risen from the dead and yet she didn't recognize Him. She has spent the last couple years of her life following Him and now she cannot even identify Him as the man before her. While we may be quick to judge Mary, we should remember that Christ makes Himself present to us in countless ways that we often don't perceive.

One way that Jesus comes to us is through our neighbour. St. Teresa of Calcutta says "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus." This Easter, let us rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and seek to find Him in our neighbours. The same way that we would run to serve Christ, let us serve Christ dwelling in those around us and fully live out our call of stewardship.

## Is God Calling You?

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. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director at**

**416-968-0997 or email**

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### Knights of Columbus Wheelchair Fundraiser



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all St. Mark Parishioners for your generous support of our Lenten Wheelchair Initiative.

With your support, we have raised a total of \$4,243 to sponsor 21 wheelchairs for individuals in need in Panama and Paraguay. This amount is double the goal we initially set out and demonstrates the amazing generosity of our parish community. Thank you and God Bless.

### St. Mark Squire Circle 5486



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The members of St. Mark's Squire Circle are boys who are 10 to 18 years of age. They meet virtually on the first

Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm via Zoom. For more information or to join, please contact **Bob Tabone**, at [GK10874@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:GK10874@ontariokofc.ca).

## EDGE

**EDGE is online on April 2!**

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to participate.  
Youth Minister: Camille [stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksyouthmin@gmail.com)

### Fr. Michael's Easter Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here we are still in the midst of Covid-19 about to celebrate another Holy Week and Sacred Triduum. In comparison to last year, I'm very grateful that this year we can at least partially gather, whereas last year, you will recall, we could have no one present. Furthermore, the Good News remains, God is real, alive and has not abandoned us – ever. As we gather this week, whether in person or by means of livestream, to celebrate that steadfast love of our Creator and Redeemer, Who came amongst us two thousand years ago to accomplish His saving work through the Paschal Mystery of His Passion, death, and Resurrection, who could conceive of such a love – from anyone, even the all-powerful, all-mighty God! A love that has proven itself and abides always with us through many and varied ways but especially through the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, and the Word of God. With grateful hearts, we turn to God pleading for His grace to serve and witness to His love in this dark time, that we be able to reflect God's love to a lost world that so desperately needs to know this love. Christ is Risen, Christ Lives!

Happy Easter! Fr. Michael

### EASTER MONDAY

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Easter Monday Mass – 10:00 am  
Seat registration not required



### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA 2021



*Good Friday, April 2, at 7:15 pm*  
*Holy Saturday, April 3, at 3:00 pm*  
*Easter Sunday, April 4 - 15 minutes before*  
*all Sunday morning masses*  
*Week of Easter Octave—after all masses*  
*Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2021*  
*15 minutes before all Sunday morning masses*

### Volunteers for Church Gardens



Volunteers are needed to care for one of the church gardens over the spring and summer months. If you would be interested in helping, please contact the church at 905-640-6954 ext. 101.

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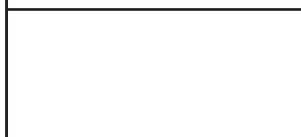
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