

# St. John Chrysostom

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## Weekend Masses

### Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

### Sunday

8:30 am | 10:00 am

12:00 pm

1:30 pm Spanish

6:30 pm Chinese

## Weekday Masses

Monday 8:00 am

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 7:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am

Live-stream available

## Eucharistic

### Adoration

Every Friday 4pm-7pm

*Mass to follow Adoration every Friday*

### Reconciliation

*Saturdays after 9am Mass or by appointment*

## Office Hours During Easter Triduum:

Closed: Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 12noon; Good Friday, April 3, 2026 and Closed Easter Monday, April 6, 2026.

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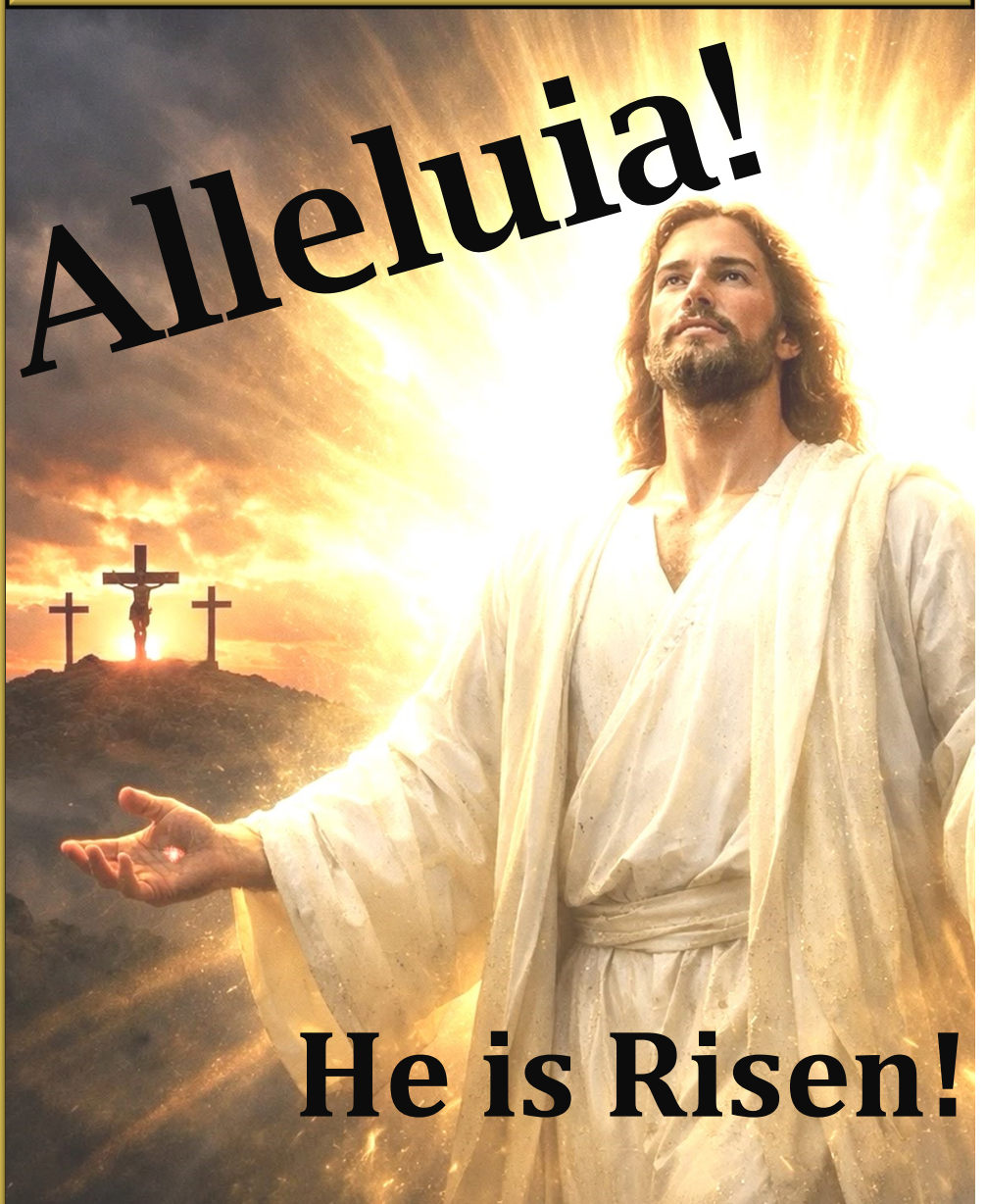
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# The Resurrection of the Lord

## MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 4-11

### EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 4, 2026

4:00 Chinese

7:00 pm-Bilingual

*Pro Populo*

Sunday, April 5

### THE RESURRECTION

#### OF THE LORD

April 5, 2026

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

1:30 pm Mass

5:30 pm Chinese

*Pro Populo*

Monday, April 6

*Office Closed*

8:00 AM MASS

†Anda Pavlovic

†Katica Baric

Tuesday, April 7

7:00 PM MASS

†Jim Corrigan

†Maria Barbato

Wednesday, April 8

12:00 PM MASS

†Michele Torriano

◆Adelina Desamito

Thursday, April 9

8:00 AM MASS

†Rev. Edward Joseph Smith

◆Cindy & Ram Halifach

Friday, April 10

7:00 PM MASS

†Antonietta DiPaolo Bordonaro

†Palmina Iacobelli

Saturday, April 11

9:00 AM MASS

†Elena Ammendolia

†Souls in Purgatory

## SANCTUARY LAMP

March 30-April 3

*In many places of worship a lamp signifies our constant prayer. The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Intentions of Anthony & Antonella Romano Julie Green and Family and for the repose of the souls of Phyllis & Steven Kaiser*

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION

APRIL 2026

For priests in crisis

*Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.*

Dear Parish Family of St. John Chrysostom,

**"Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen!"**

Today we enter into the joy of our Lord. As we celebrate the victory of life over death, we thank God for the strength and faith of this community. May The Risen Christ, who "trampled down death by his resurrection," grant you and your loved ones a season of hope and abundant grace. As we celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord, we are reminded of the powerful words of our patron, St. John Chrysostom: "Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Saviour has set us free."

To the dedicated staff, pastoral groups and volunteers of St. John Chrysostom parish, thank you for the tireless heart and soul you pour into our parish. Your work behind the scenes and your commitment to our ministries are hands and feet of Christ in our community. Just as St. John Chrysostom spoke of the "light of the Resurrection," your service brings that same light and warmth to everyone who walks through our doors.

My dear brothers and sisters, I pray that the light of Christ scatter any shadows in your life. We rejoice together as a community, thankful for the hope, renewal, and unconditional love that this season brings. Whether you are celebrating with family or finding quiet reflection in our liturgy, know that you are a vital part of this spiritual home. May the joy of the Paschal feast fill your hearts and homes today and throughout the Bright Season.

With Paschal joy and blessings,

Fr. Joao Veras Ferreira, Parish Administrator  
Saint John Chrysostom Parish

He is Risen!



*Jesus I trust in you*

## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Starts on Good Friday, April 3

Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina a nine day novena that He desired be prayed in preparation for Divine

Mercy Sunday. The novena was to begin on Good Friday and be prayed each day of the Triduum and of Easter Week in preparation for the glorious Feast of Mercy which was to take place on the Eighth Day of Easter (The Sunday after Easter Day) (See *Diary* #1209-1230). During this novena that Jesus Himself revealed to Saint Faustina, He asks that each day be dedicated to prayers for a different grouping of people.

*Prayer: You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us (#1319). Jesus, I trust in You.*

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

## BECOMING A LAY DOMINICAN

Do you like to read and study? Are you looking to grow in your faith and share faith with others? Are you seeking a deeper life in Jesus Christ while living in the world?

The Dominican Family's spirituality rests on four pillars: Study, Prayer, Community and Mission. Our focus is the study of Sacred Scripture, sharing prayer and faith together and with others. If you are interested or have any questions about becoming a Lay Dominican, please contact Konrad Hanz, OP at [kaphanz@sympatico.ca](mailto:kaphanz@sympatico.ca). Welcome to Catholic women and men over the age of 18. See the website of the Dominican Order: <https://dominicans.ca/en/secular-fraternities/>.



## USHERS NEEDED

We could use your help at the 5:00pm Mass. Please contact [Volunteer Screening](mailto:VolunteerScreening@screeningstjc@archtoronto.org) at [screeningstjc@archtoronto.org](mailto:screeningstjc@archtoronto.org) or call 905-898-4137 Ext. 202

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY – SPANISH

Sundays at 1:30 PM. A welcoming space for children to explore God's Word. Gathering Room during the Spanish Mass each Sunday.

# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK IGNITE VOLUNTEERISM APRIL 19-25, 2026

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"*

—ISAIAH 6:8

## Volunteering at the Archdiocese of Toronto



# THANK YOU!

Thank you for your invaluable contributions and the profound impact you've made. We are deeply grateful for your 'Yes' to serve our parish community with a ready heart and willing spirit.

'Here am I. Send me!' ISAIAH 6:8



### BEQUESTS TO OUR PARISH

Bequests to your parish are a way of returning to God a portion of the gifts He has given you. They can also benefit your overall estate plan. Visit the Archdiocese of Toronto website for the estate planning guide, or for a list of Catholic estate advisors in your area, contact:

[development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org)

#### You Are Invited

**50th Anniversary Celebration of St. Paul Catholic Elementary School**  
Please join us as we celebrate 50 years of faith, learning, and community at St. Paul Catholic Elementary School.

**Morning Celebration**  
9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Holy Mass will be celebrated by **Fr. João Ferreira** in the school gymnasium, followed by a short presentation and remarks from distinguished guests.

**Evening Open House**  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for an open house and take a walk through the decades of St. Paul CES. **50 years of memories** will be on display.

**Monday, May 4, 2026**

**St. Paul Catholic Elementary School**  
140 William Roe Blvd. Newmarket, ON



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. Please Donate at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



### CHRIST IS RISEN

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.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Share one hour with our Lord. Adoration is one way you can make prayer and spending time with Jesus a greater priority in your life. Join us every **Friday** from **4pm-7pm** for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.

Mass is celebrated at **7:00 pm**  
Please join us



### VOCATIONS

"He has been raised from the dead!"

Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at: **416-968-0997** or [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Holy Martyrs of Japan Church  
167 Essa St, Bradford, ON

Our district has been blessed with the opportunity to host a First-Class Relic of Blessed Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus.

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882, dedicating his life to strengthening Catholic families, supporting those in need, and building faith within the community. All parishioners and visitors are invited to come and pray and venerate the relic during the following times.

### SPECIAL VENERATION MASS Thursday – April 9 at 7:00 PM

A special Mass honoring Blessed Michael McGivney will be celebrated Holy Martyrs of Japan Church. The relic will remain on display after Mass for those who wish to remain and pray.

All are welcome to take part in this special moment of faith. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus from Holy Martyrs of Japan Church.

#### Veneration Schedule

Tuesday – April 7	Wednesday – April 8
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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**Holy Martyrs of Japan Church**  
167 Essa St. Bradford

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#### Veneration Schedule:

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1:00 pm—3:00 pm  
3:00 pm—5:00 pm  
5:00 pm—7:00 pm

**Wednesday, April 8**

8:00 am—11:00 am  
11:00 am—1:00 pm  
1:00 pm—3:00 pm  
3:00 pm—5:00 pm  
5:00 pm—7:00 pm

### MAINTENANCE FUND



The next collection has been moved to April 12. Thank you for your continued support

### OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION Mar 28-29

**\$11,726**

Please contact the Parish Office if you are using envelope #'s 179,302,450,479,499

*Thank you*

Office Closed: Monday, April 6



## Message for Easter

5 April 2026

**His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Praised be Jesus Christ. Happy and Holy Easter to you.

Holy Mother Church celebrates with the greatest joy ever the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Striving to live our faith sincerely and as loyal, loving and engaged sons and daughters of God and of the Church, we are called and drawn into the experience of Easter Sunday which renews our hope and changes our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Paschal Mystery we celebrate invites us to consider the glory of the Resurrected Christ and in this mystery, we rejoice not only that Christ is truly alive and remains present in our lives today and in that of the Church, but also that our Heavenly Father has been faithful to his promise, he who from all eternity desired to gather his children into communion through his Son. At the beginning of Lent, I encouraged us to look beyond ourselves – to seek reconciliation with God and with one another, and to rediscover the essential place of community in God’s saving plan (CCC 759-760). We must never forget that the Paschal Mystery is not only the remembrance of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection – those historical events that took place a long time ago and far away – this mystery is the very pattern of all Christian life and forms who we are.

Our Lord’s Death and Resurrection are not simply events of the past; they are the living form of the Church’s existence. As you may remember, before the Resurrection, the disciples were scattered, fearful, and locked away. After the Resurrection, they are transformed, those fleeing to Emmaus return to Jerusalem, and those locked away in fear eventually venture out to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Good News. The Resurrection does not eliminate the journey of life with its trials and uncertainties; rather, it gives the journey its meaning, purpose, new hope and new dynamism. In the same way, the difficulties we experience – personally and communally – are not magically erased.



Tensions, conflicts, scarcity, injustice, and uncertainty remain real; yet in the light of Easter, they are transformed. They become moments of discernment and grace because the Risen Christ walks with us.

When we lose someone we love or suffer a major setback - a relationship that has ended - a job opportunity that did not pan out - an illness that has come up or persists, or the anxiety that afflicts so many of us, especially the young – the temptation, in these situations, is to retreat, to isolate, to want to be alone, to run away. The Good News of the Resurrection is that Jesus came for us and is present to us and wants to help us precisely in those very dark and seemingly hopeless circumstances. When the Apostles were broken down thinking he was gone forever, Mary Magdalene announced to them the great news: he is alive. When the Disciples of Emmaus were discouraged, disillusioned and walked away from the community, Jesus came to them and filled them with new hope and opened for them incredible horizons.




Each of us has a story to tell, a sacred story to share. Each of our existential narratives are marked by light and shadows. But the author of our lives will never let us go through our hardships alone. The Power of the Resurrection is available to us today. The possibility of a new life is in our reach; the boundless energy of transforming grace is at our fingertips; the consolation and comfort of the Holy Spirit is but a prayer away; the second chances, and third and fourth which we really need, are part and parcel of God's merciful plan. There is nothing to fear; there is endless love, endless hope in this life, endless light into which we are called. The Resurrection of Christ points to the renewal of our daily lives as well as to that day, one day, the last day, when we will be called to enter the fulness of life in eternity. May that eternity begin here and now, in our families and communities, by a daily decision to live out the Catholic faith with greater commitment, outstanding generosity, abundant virtue and authentic holiness.

Blessed Easter Season to you and your loved ones. Christ is Risen – truly he is Risen.



## Plan Ahead with Peace of Mind

Learn about the services offered by  
Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and the exclusive  
offers available to Archdiocese employees.

-  **Date:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026
-  **Time:** 1:00 PM
-  **Location:** Room 4A CPC or Online (registration required)
- Email [hr@archtoronto.org](mailto:hr@archtoronto.org) for more information

### Join us to learn more about:

- Funeral, burial, and memorialization options
- Catholic teachings on cremation
- How planning ahead can ease the burden on your loved ones
- Exclusive offers available to Archdiocese of Toronto employees

**Free Estate Planning Guide will be provided.**  
All Archdiocese of Toronto employees are welcome.



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# Help Not Harm

We invite the Catholic community to respectfully contact their local Member of Parliament (MP), requesting their support of a Private Members' Bill (C-218, **The Right to Recover Act – an act to amend the Criminal code – Medical Assistance in Dying**) currently before the Parliament of Canada.

**What is Bill C-218?** Bill C-218 amends the Criminal Code to make it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to individuals whose sole underlying condition is a mental illness. It recognizes the importance of Canadians to recover from mental illness and ensures help can be offered, not harm.

## WHY IT MATTERS:

- **Every life is precious.** As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.
- **A desire to die can be a symptom of illness.** Suicidal thoughts are frequently part of mental illness itself, raising serious concerns about whether consent can ever be truly free and informed.
- **Mental illness is often treatable.** Many mental health conditions improve over time with proper care, therapy, medication, and support. Recovery remains possible, even after long periods of suffering.
- **Gaps in mental health care remain unresolved.** Long wait times, limited access to psychiatrists, and uneven mental health services mean some may seek to end their life due to system failure, not medical necessity.
- **There is an increased risk to vulnerable Canadians.** Individuals navigating mental health challenges are more likely to experience poverty, trauma, isolation, disability, or lack of access to care—factors that may pressure individuals toward assisted suicide.

## BACKGROUND ON BILL C-218

### What is a Private Members' Bill?

A Private Members' Bill is a piece of legislation introduced in Parliament by a Member of Parliament (MP) or Senator who is not a Cabinet Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, or Speaker. These bills allow individual legislators to propose new laws, or amend existing ones, typically focusing on public policy issues. Bill C-218 has been introduced by the Conservative Party of Canada Member of Parliament for Cloverdale-Langley City, British Columbia, Tamara Jansen.

**To pass, this legislation will require support from more than one political party.** We believe that many MPs are uncomfortable with the rapid expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada and in particular, the possibility that MAiD will be offered for those whose primary underlying condition is mental illness. We are asking MPs to vote their conscience, regardless of party affiliation.

**The difference in passing this Private Members' Bill could be just a few votes in the House of Commons.** It is critical that constituents contact their Member of Parliament asking them to support Bill C-218. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

## TAKE ACTION AT [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) TODAY!

The Bill is scheduled for second reading in early April 2026 with a vote on the legislation expected by mid-April 2026. Please visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today where you can send an e-mail directly to your local Member of Parliament in less than 3 minutes. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

Chances are, you know someone suffering from mental illness. In any given year, 1 in 5 Canadians experience a mental illness. It may be a relative, friend or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we have a responsibility to offer care, hope and protection NOT death for those close to us and those most vulnerable who are suffering. **Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.**



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