



HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm or by appointment.

From 4:45 to 5:00 pm the Sacristy is used for the preparation with the ministers.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Please Contact the Parish Office.

CLERGY

Pastor: Rev. Colman Mruma

holyredeemerpi@archtoronto.org

Deacon Assistant: Deacon Nicholas Daunt

dcndaunt@gmail.com

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Mass at 8:30 am

Wednesday at 6:30 pm Holy Hour, Mass 7:30 pm

PARISH STAFF

Parish Office Administrator: Teresa Sarte

holyredeemerpi@archtoronto.org

Youth Minister: Krista Holder youthhrp@gmail.com

Bookkeeper: Rene Ng hrpfinance@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed for lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Holidays, Saturday & Sunday: Office is closed

SCHOOLS

Fr. Fénelon Catholic Elementary School	795 Eyer Drive, Pickering, ON L1W 2K2	905-839-5409
St. Monica Catholic Elementary School	275 Twyn River Drive, Pickering ON L1V 1E3	905-509-6691
St. Mary Catholic Secondary School	1918 Whites Road, Pickering ON L1V 1R9	905-420-7166

MINISTRIES AND SERVICES IN OUR PARISH

Pastoral Council	Parish Office	905-839-9774	STEWARDSHIP		
Liturgical			Finance Committee	Gerry Lee	647-998-0738
Hospitality (Greeters & Ushers)	Simone Petty	416-451-9039	Property Committee	Marshall Otto	647-926-5620
Lectors	Angela Kirby	905-839-9774	Volunteer Screening Committee	Anne O'Brien	905-839-9774
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Children's Liturgy		905-839-9774	Gardens & Flowers	Anne-Marie Pawelski & Debbie Alfaro	905-839-9774
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	Dorothea Ritchie (Sunday 9 a.m.)		Legion of Mary	Rose Ann Dalawanbayan	647-284-9527
	Rose Ann Dalawanbayan (Sunday 11 a.m.)		APOSTOLATES		
Altar Server	Dorothea Ritchie	905-839-9774	Knights of Columbus	Walter Heeney	905-839-7253
Church Decoration Team	Ruvi De Alwis	416 847 9749	Catholic Women's Guild	Simone Petty	416 451 9039
	Sherry Rodrigo	905 839 4120	St. Vincent de Paul Society	Alan Berlie	905-839-9774
Altar Linen	Assunta Archer	905-839-9774	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Anna Crosthwaite	905-839-3657
Church Choirs	Melroy Menezes (Youth Choir- Saturday 5 p.m.)	647-457-1107		Angela Kirby	905-839-5264
	Tatjana Smrekar (Senior Choir- Sunday 11 a.m.)	416-333-9641	Provide-a-Meal (P.A.M.)	Stephanie Newitt	905-831-6525
FAITH FORMATION			St. Vincent Palotti's Kitchen		905 839 9774
Rite of Christian Initiation of			MOVEMENTS		
Adults (RCIA)	Rick Hemingway	416 268 9255	Couples for Christ (CFC)	Susan Bautista	289-314-0022
First Communion	Dorothea Ritchie	905-839-9774	Couples for Christ (YFC)	Machel Navarro	647-975-0747
Confirmation	Krista Holder	905-839-9774	Cursillo	Shona O'Brien	647-529-5992
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)			Foundations for Family Life	Jun Almeyda	905-428-3352

New Parishioners Welcome: Please introduce yourself to the Priest and complete a registration form available on our parish website and at the back of the Church.

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 13, 2025

60th Anniversary

MASS INTENTION OFFERING: APRIL 12 – APRIL 20

PALM SUNDAY		
Saturday April 12	5 p.m.	+ LOURENCO CONCEICAO
Sunday April 13	9 a.m.	+ BARRY DOUCETTE
	11 a.m.	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
	5 p.m.	+ MARGARET GALANTE
Monday April 14	8:30 a.m.	+ SHEILA LANG
Tuesday April 15	8:30 a.m.	+ SHEILA LANG
Wednesday April 16	6:30 p.m.	HOLY HOUR
	7:30 p.m.	+ FELICIDADE, ALEX & JOHN D'SOUZA
Thursday April 17	8:30 p.m.	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Friday April 18	3 p.m.	PASSION OF THE LORD
	7 p.m.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EASTER SUNDAY – RESURRECTION OF THE LORD		
Saturday April 19	8 p.m.	+ EASTER VIGIL
Sunday April 20	9 a.m.	+ MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
	11 a.m.	+ MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERING: APRIL 13 – APRIL 19

	SANCTUARY LAMP		OUR LADY OF FATIMA LAMP
+ BILL BRIDGEMAN + INT. OF TERESA DE MANUEL & FAMILY			

Calling All Ministers of Hospitality

If you have volunteered as an Usher or Greeter at any of our Masses, we would like to hear from you! Please contact Simone Petty via email at simca1984@yahoo.ca or call 416-451-9039 to let her know your availability. For Holy Week please see sign-up sheets on the Bulletin Board.

Thank you all once again for your service in this ministry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PENTECOST Mission – May 26-27

Visitation of Our Lady of Fatima – May 28 (Pilgrim Statue at our Parish)

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY/SOUVENIR BOOK

Photo sessions in June

PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC - Mid-August

PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYR'S SHRINE in Midland Sept 13.

PICNIC AND FAMILY FUN FAIR (August)

New Signage curb side is being planned

Note: 60th Anniversary gold envelopes now available

60th Anniversary Prayer

Almighty God and Father,
We praise and bless you for your gifts.
We thank you for the sixty years that
you have led and guided the people of this parish.

By your grace you have called us from
all the corners of the world.
We thank you for those who planted the seed of faith
and formed this community, sixty years ago, and through
the decades down to this day.

We praise you for the young and the old, your faithful
people who have served our community over the years
by offering their gifts and talents in order to build the
Body of Christ.

Lead and guide us Lord, so that as we celebrate this
milestone, we may all be more aware of your presence
in our midst.
Touch our hearts with the fire of the Holy Spirit that we
may be invigorated with newness of life.

May our Mother Mary and
all the saints intercede for us.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord
and Our Holy Redeemer.
Amen

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Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

ELECTIONS CANADA

Monday April 28, 2025

Holy Redeemer Parish Hall is designated as a polling station for the upcoming Federal Election. There will be no access to the hall for Parish activities.

SAVE THE DATE!
CAMP HOLY IS BACK

Camp weeks:
July 14th - 18th 2025
July 28th - August 1st 2025
August 11th - 15th 2025
9am - 3pm daily

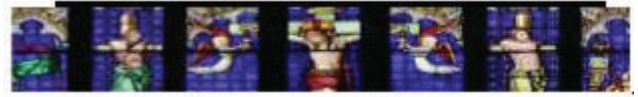
Registration opens in May, more details to come.

Open to jk - Grade 4

Cost: \$100 for the week. Additional \$5 per day for before and after care.

Got questions? email youthhrp@gmail.com

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT **8 P.M.**

FOLLOWED BY ADORATION AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH

3 PM: COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH

7 PM: STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND REFLECTIONS

LED BY THE YOUNG ADULTS AND THE YOUTH CHOIR

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

EASTER VIGIL AT **8 P.M.**

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

MASS AT **9 A.M. AND 11 A.M.**

NO EVENING MASS

A LENTEN PRAYER

Fast from judging others;
feast on Christ in them.

Fast from wanting more;
feast on being thankful.

Fast from anger;
feast on patience.

Fast from worry;
feast on trust.

Fast from complaining;
feast on enjoyment.

Fast from negatives;
feast on positives.

Fast from stress;
feast on prayer.

Fast from anger;
feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern;
feast on compassion for others.

Fast from fear;
feast on truth.

Fast from discouragement;
feast on hope.

Fast from gossip;
feast on silence.

Fast from fighting;
feast on peace.

An adaptation from the poem "A Lenten Prayer" by William Arthur Ward



Message for Easter
20 April 2025
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

The greatest liturgical celebration of the Church is of course Easter. The enthusiastic and traditional greeting on Easter morning and throughout the Easter Octave is: *Christus surrexit!* - *Surrexit vere, allelúja* ("Christ is risen!" - "He is risen indeed, Alleluia!") – and it fills us with a renewed sense of hope and deepened trust in the Lord Jesus, our Saviour. How can we not be overjoyed in considering that singular event of Jesus rising out of the tomb, just outside of Jerusalem and therefore, is alive today, among us, in our midst, in our hearts, in the sacraments, in his Word and in the Church! That life-giving happening of yesteryear has incredible and life-changing effects on our life, today. By his death on the Cross, we today are freed from sin, from all sin, every sin and its destructive grip on our lives. By his glorious Resurrection, we today are given new life, a new beginning, new freedom, new opportunities. And so, it is with that incomparable Easter joy that I extend my warmest greetings to you and your loved ones this Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter Season.

It really is the central solemnity - most important feast - of the Christian calendar and there is no other day that compares with it: the day we celebrate Christ's victory over sin, death and Satan, (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 102) and which we recall and actually make present every single Sunday in our weekly celebration of the Eucharist in our parishes. Simply put, "This is the Day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" as the Psalm says so enthusiastically (Ps. 118:24). I cannot stress enough how crucial and paramount it is to participate in Holy Mass each and every Sunday. It is the weekly commemoration of Jesus' Easter, the Pascal Mystery, the weekly occasion to renew our faith and hope, to be filled with God's love, to build community and to pray for the needs of all. It is an encounter of grace; an opportunity we cannot miss. Let us make that effort, to celebrate in our parish communities the Eucharistic Risen Jesus who waits for us and our families with open arms every Sunday, the Lord's Day, to draw us deeper into his Easter existence, into his newness and abundant life.

An added dimension to this Easter joy, this Easter celebration and Easter hope, is that we celebrate it in the context of the Jubilee Holy Year in which we are invited to see ourselves as *Pilgrims of Hope*. Let us prayerfully recall the words of Pope Francis which opened the Holy Year: "The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope" (*Spes non Confundit*, 20). Our Easter faith twinned and intimately connected to Easter hope is not wishful thinking, a vague optimism, or radical escapism. Rather, it is rooted in the work and love of the Most Holy Trinity. The Holy Father continues: "Jesus experienced the drama of death. The Father's love raised him in the power of the Spirit and made of his humanity the first fruits of our



eternal salvation" (*Spes non Confundit*, 20). Central to our Paschal proclamation are the words of the Easter Preface, "For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying, he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life" (*Roman Missal*, Easter Preface I). These two aspects of the Paschal mystery—Jesus' death and resurrection—inform our hope and transform our lives forever making the life of grace available to us (cf. CCC, 654).

It is imperative for us to remember that while the Resurrection was a historical event it was and is much more, since, as a profound mystery of our living faith, the Resurrection really and ultimately transcends time and space. The *Catechism* teaches that: "Christ's Resurrection was not a return to earthly life, as was the case with the raisings from the dead that he had performed before Easter: Jairus' daughter, the young man of Naim, Lazarus... they would die again. Christ's Resurrection is essentially different. In his risen body he passes from the state of death to another life beyond time and space" (CCC, 646). In this way, the Resurrection is the fulfillment of our hope, the hope that corresponds to our restless hearts that long for God Himself and being in right relationship with Him, as St. Augustine intuitively phrased it (cf. St. Augustine, *Confessions*, I, i,5).

For those who have lost loved ones, hope in the Resurrection takes on a particular meaning as it points to the reality of death but one which does not have the final word. This hope of eternal life in the Kingdom brings comfort and courage to those who mourn, knowing that death has been defeated and that they too will, one day, be raised to new life in eternity. We pray with the following words in the *Preface I for the dead* during a funeral Mass: "In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come".

The unique supernatural hope that Easter brings calls us to live differently in the 'here and now' of our existence and earthly journey. It recalls the sacrificial, self-giving love of Jesus on the cross and looks to emulate it in our daily choices and decisions – to live the Resurrected new life of Christ in and through our relationships and in society. Our hope is never passive but transformative, bidding us to engage the world and proclaim the truth and love of God. We see this on the first Easter morning, when Our Lord asks Mary Magdalene to go to Galilee and tell the others what she had seen—the tomb is empty, and Jesus is risen from the dead (cf. Mt. 28:10). The same is true today. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ calls us to live in truth, with courage, compassion, and purpose; to go out to others – the young and young at heart - family, friends, colleagues, neighbours and strangers - and share with them the awesome difference it makes in our lives to know the Lord, to live in friendship with him, to love him and to serve him as best we can. We do this in word and deed, by our testimony and example, bringing hope wherever we find ourselves and inviting all people to the newness of life made possible by the Resurrection. Truly we believe and profess the Resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Once again, I would like to extend my Easter wishes to you and your family and friends, to the entire Archdiocese of Toronto. May the reality of Easter be a daily experience of new life, new hope, new trust and new beginnings allowing us to savour its lasting effects - day in, day out - as we journey in this life with eyes set on the life that will have no end. Blessed Easter to you all.

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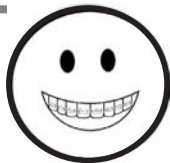
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