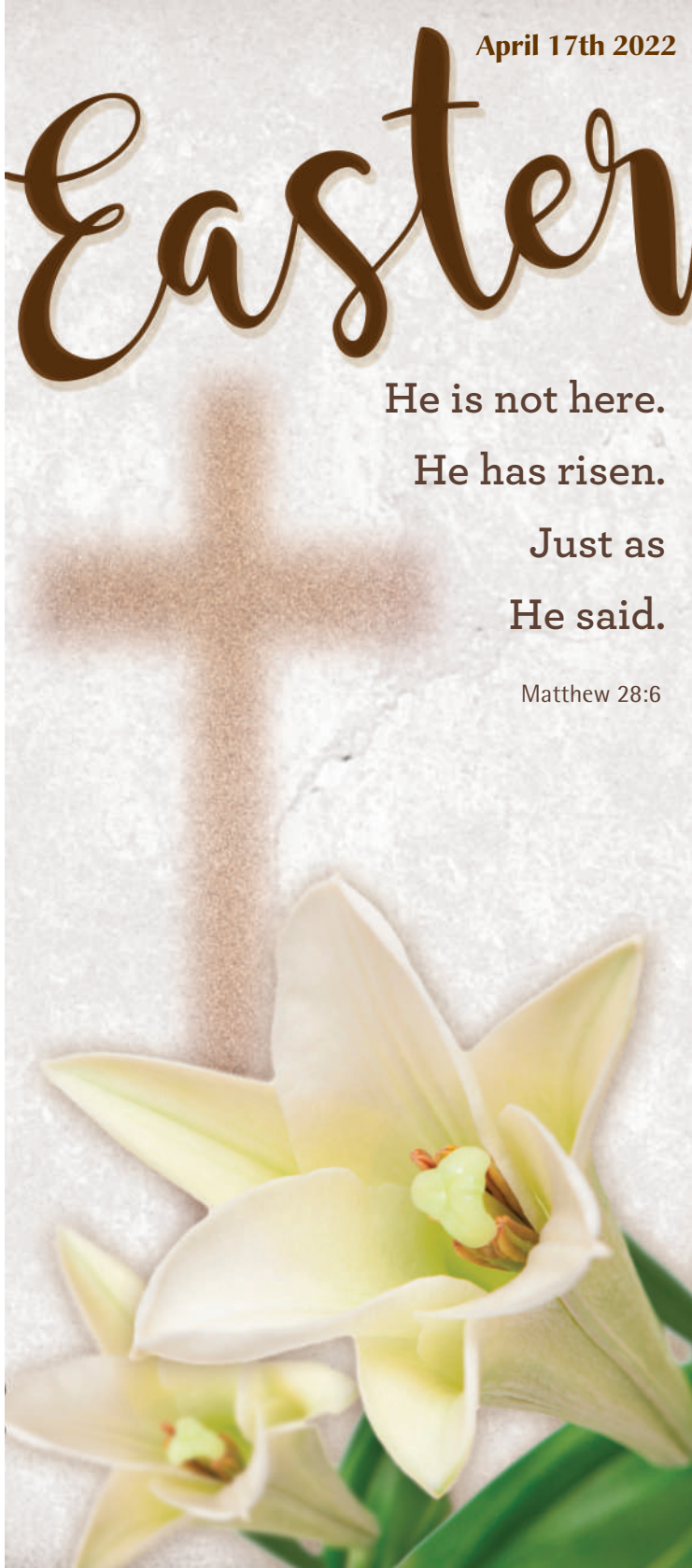




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# Easter

He is not here.

He has risen.

Just as  
 He said.

Matthew 28:6

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### Parish Hours

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MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 am  
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 SATURDAY 9:00 am

#### SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm  
 SUNDAY 8:30 am | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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# Easter Blessings



## He is Risen!

The tomb is empty!  
Christ Jesus has freed us from death.  
Live life faithfully for we are no longer slaves but free to walk with Christ in the hope of entering His Father's Kingdom.

# Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 24, 2022, from 3pm - 4pm



*My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy.... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow.*

Excerpt from: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/dms.php>



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## EASTER SUNDAY

### MASS INTENTIONS

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+ SHIM SOOKRAJ  
+ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

#### TUESDAY, 19 APRIL

9:00 AM + DELMARE RODRIGUES  
+ JOSEPH LOVERY  
+ CONRADO BURAGA

#### WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL

9:00 AM + EMILY BARBIERI  
+ CHARLES CLEMENTS  
+ KENRICK MYRON JAMES

#### THURSDAY, 21 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. KRISANNE MASCARENHAS  
S.I. KATHLEEN Gray-Walsh  
+ JOSEPHINE & INNOCENCIO PACHECO

#### FRIDAY, 22 APRIL

7:00 PM S.I. JULIE GALEA  
+ ANA DELMORO ELIAS DIONELA  
+ MICHAEL MCCOMIE

#### SATURDAY, 23 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. GEORGE MARECHEAU  
S.I. HEALING FOR PURING CRUDO  
S.I. FR KEITH LANGSTAFF SJ  
5:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

#### SUNDAY, 24 APRIL

8:30 AM + LUIS THOMAS & ISABELLA D'SOUZA  
+ DAVID MARTIN  
10:15 AM + JOHN & GRACE D'SOUZA  
+ EDWARD COMEAU  
+ DOMINDOR LIAO  
12:00 PM S.I. FR. JOSEPH SINGH & FR. DAVID TWADDLE  
+ ROBERTO TABAFUNDA  
+ JEANETTE BAGHDADI  
7:00 PM + GLENYS WRIGHT

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3. Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief

Let us continue to keep our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in our prayers.



### EASTER PRAYER AND THANKS

May the Loving Sacrifice Christ made for mankind, bring you close to Him at Easter. And as you bow your head to pray, “May your heart be blessed with the light of Love and Hope that Christ manifested in His Crucifixion and Resurrection.”

On behalf of Fr David, Deacon Alban and the rest of the pastoral team, I would like to wish you all a Blessed Easter! We have 50 days to celebrate in an exalted manner this wonderful mystery of our Faith.  
Fr Joseph Singh



St. Francis de Sales will have a Holy Hour dedicated to Divine Mercy **on Sunday 24 April from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and reconciliation. To pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet visit: [www.divinemercy.org](http://www.divinemercy.org)



March for Life is a peaceful demonstration at the Canadian Parliament Building in Ottawa. This is in support of the unborn and to mark the passing of the 1969 omnibus bill which decriminalized abortion.

Please join us for this important cause! We will be leaving by bus from St. Isaac Jogues Church at 6:30 AM on Thursday, 12 May, 2022. We will arrive in Ottawa in time for the march and then return to the bus at about 4 PM the same day. The cost for the bus is \$50 per person. You may also choose to arrange your own transportation to Ottawa if you wish.

If you are considering joining this important cause, please contact Alex Eykelhof ([alex.eykelhof@gmail.com](mailto:alex.eykelhof@gmail.com)) before 10 April, 2022 (Palm Sunday).

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**REFLECTION**

The sacrament of Confession/Penance has never been popular with the faithful. Many seem to think that this is a sacrament made up by the Church to garner control over people and to subjugate them.

On this Easter Sunday, it was none other than Our Lord in His resurrected physical Body who instituted the Sacrament of Confession/Penance. It was for no small reason that on that day when Our Lord dead in His human body and came back to resurrected life in His human body, not just His human soul, that Jesus would give to His Apostles the power to forgive sins: *“The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them and whose sins you retain are retained’”* (John 20:20-22). If we can die physically, then we can also die spiritually. For those who are spiritually dead, they would need to have their souls resurrected in the Sacrament of Confession. This Sacrament bespeaks of God’s mercy for He does not want anyone to die physically while retaining their sins. On this Easter Sunday, we’re on our third day of Divine Mercy which we will celebrate next weekend. As much as God uses human nature to bring new life into this world, so He also uses human nature, as exercised by His ordained priests, to bring God’s mercy into this world through the sacraments. Go to Confession again and again. We can never have too much of God’s Life (Grace) in us.

Another area of our lives we need to look at is marriage. Marriage has been raised to the level of a sacrament (whereby God imparts His very Life to us) and is tied to the eternal destiny (salvation or damnation) of our souls. Many wrongly assume that their marriage has nothing to do with their relationship with God. We sometimes forget that marriage was made in the Image and Likeness of God.

If you’re Catholic and married outside the Catholic Church, seek to have your marriage “sacramentalized” by a priest. Above all, refrain from receiving the Eucharist until your marriage has been “sacramentalized.”

If you’re divorced, seek to have an annulment, which is a right, not a privilege, for every civilly divorced Catholic to petition the Catholic Marriage Tribunal.

If you’re in a living-in situation, refrain from receiving the Eucharist until you’re married in the Catholic Church. Even if you just want to talk to your parish priest about your marriage situation, please do so. This may include the fact that some are in a marriage where there is abuse of many sorts. God bless us all.



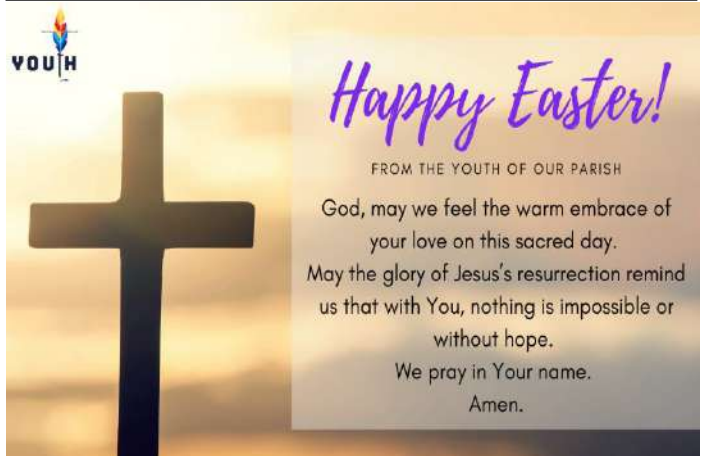
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Wishing all of our First Communion families a very Blessed Easter! We are looking forward to seeing all the children at Mass for this special Easter season. Please see below for the upcoming rehearsal and First Communion dates. God Bless!

School	Rehearsal	First Communion
Public/Private/Other Catholic Schools	Thursday May 12 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm	Saturday May 14 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am
St. André Bessette	Thursday May 12 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm	Saturday May 14 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am
St Patrick	Thursday May 12 <sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm	Saturday May 14 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm
St Francis de Sales	Thursday May 26 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm	Saturday May 28 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am
Virtual School	Thursday May 26 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm	Saturday May 28 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am
St. Jude	Thursday May 26 <sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm	Saturday May 28 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm
St Catherine of Siena	Thursday June 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm	Saturday June 4 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am
St. Josephine Bakhita	Thursday June 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm	Saturday June 4 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

**CONFIRMATION**

Happy Easter to all our confirmation families! Details regarding the rehearsal video and other details for the Confirmation Mass will be sent out shortly. If your sponsor is unable to attend, please email Noah immediately. The Confirmation schedule can be seen on the parish website. We encourage all families to be attending Mass in person if healthy and able. **Attending Mass is extremely essential to your child's spiritual development.** God Bless!



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