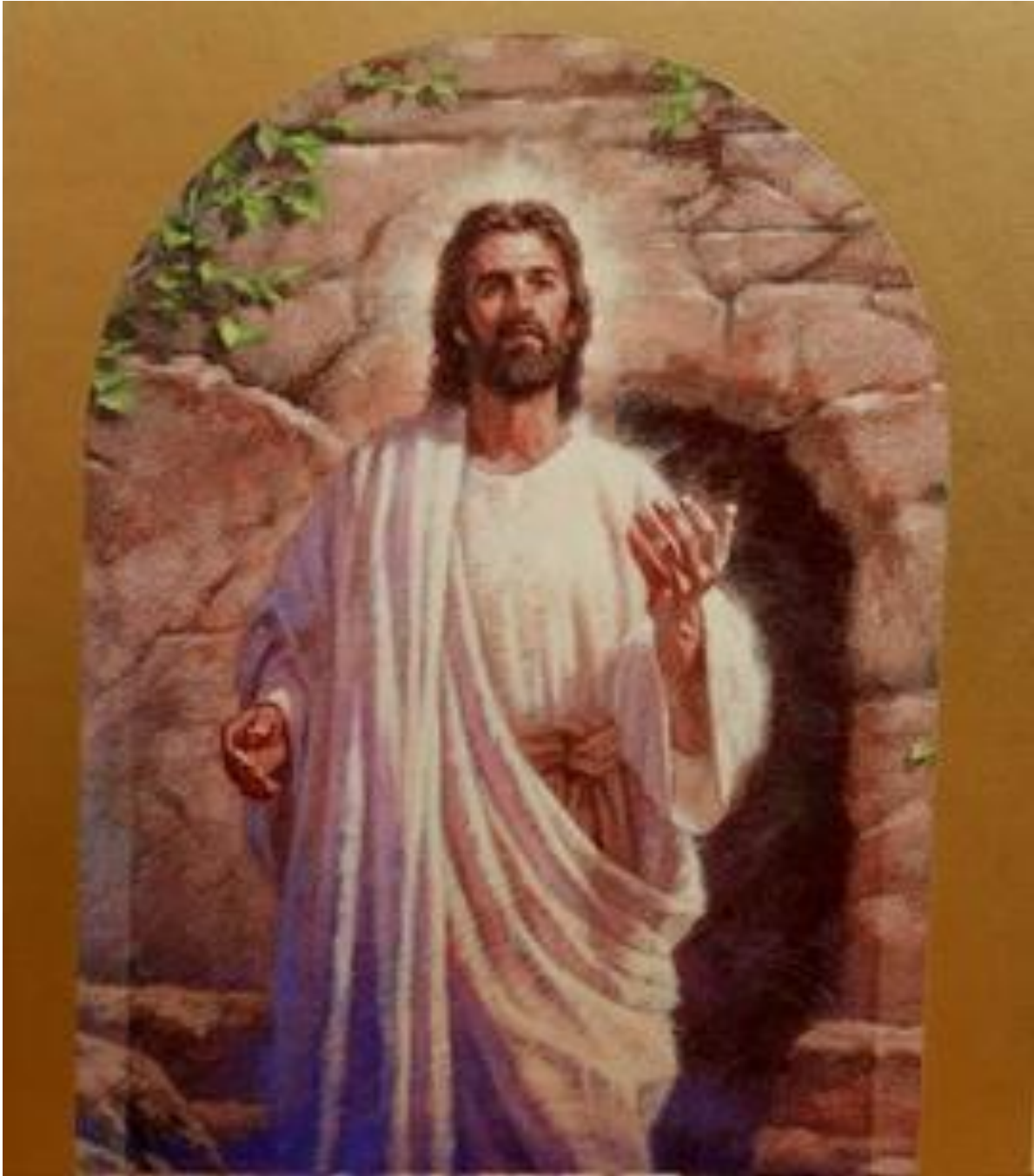


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He is Risen!  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

These past forty days we've been preparing for this great feast where we will be met with the risen Christ yet how often do we fail to recognize Him in our daily lives? St. Teresa of Calcutta believes that we encounter Jesus through our neighbour as she says "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him." This Easter, let us rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and seek to find and serve Him in our neighbour by being good stewards.

## EASTER MESSAGE FROM FR. SHIBIL

*"This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad"*  
(Psalm 118)

Dear Parishioners,

With great joy in my heart, I announce to you: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" Christ by his death and resurrection has conquered sin so we may live. The Resurrection is the foundation and cornerstone of

our faith. As St. Paul says if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless, and our faith too is in vain (1 Cor 15:14). Easter is truly a season of joy and new life – a season of peace. Easter is ultimately a time of faith when we proclaim our faith in the Lord, that He truly is alive in our midst, and that we are not afraid. The Risen Lord gives us strength to overcome difficulties, struggles and sufferings.

At Easter Time, we are empowered with His Resurrection to affirm that the Lord is great and human plans and human designs are nothing before the King of Glory. The Risen Lord, who is the Light of the World, will enlighten our darkness and the darkness around us. God is Emmanuel, He is present within us, and we human beings are created in His image, renews our Hope. Easter reminds us that God has defeated death. May we live as people deeply touched by the resurrection and proclaim: Christ is risen, Alleluia! May our encounter with the risen Lord on our journey of faith touch us deeply and transform us as He did for His disciples.

When we live the new life of the resurrection, we become the "Easter People", a people transformed into disciples and stewards who commit to give their time, talent, and treasure in witness. My prayer for you this Easter is that you live as people deeply touched by the resurrection and proclaim: Christ is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Peace, Joy, and Hope of Easter remain with you and with your family always! Have a Blessed Easter!

Fr. Shibil Pariyathupadavil

Pastor, St. Brigid's Church Toronto

*Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.*

*Amen.*

## EASTER PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1 and re-open on Wednesday April 3. Daily Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am in the church. Wishing you all a blessed Easter Season. May your homes be filled with joy, peace, and love.

## BUILDING FUND COLLECTION APRIL 7/8

We respectfully ask our Parishioners to consider making an additional offering which will help our Parish immensely during these times of increased operating costs. Ushers will be handing out blue "Building Fund" envelopes on March 30/31 for the collection on April 7/8. Your generosity is appreciated. May God Bless You.

## A NOTE OF THANKS

*Thank  
You*

Thank you to all our volunteers and ministries for your hard work and dedication as we prepared for and carried out our Holy Week Masses and services. Thanks to our parishioners for attending the Masses during Holy week and supporting our services. Lastly, we would like to

express our sincerest gratitude to all the volunteers and actors of the Good Friday Passion Play. Their level of dedication in the last several months was on a superior level. Congratulations to all for putting on a heartfelt interpretation of the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Passion Play of our Church. May God bless you all!

## SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN



Jesus' love and example inspires 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, or at [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate). Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.

*Next Collection will take place on the weekend of April 27/28.*

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT- APRIL 6



A reminder to all Confirmation candidates that the confirmation retreat will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 1:00 -3:30 pm in the Church Hall. We look forward to your participation! May God bless you on your spiritual journey.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was **\$3,587.00**. Your continued generosity is appreciated. May God Bless You.

## RIFLESSIONE DEL VANGELO

In questi quaranta giorni ci siamo preparati per questa grande festa in cui incontreremo Cristo risorto, ma quante volte non riusciamo a riconoscerlo nella nostra vita quotidiana? Santa Teresa di Calcutta crede che incontriamo Gesù attraverso il nostro prossimo mentre dice: "Vedo Gesù in ogni essere umano." Questa Pasqua, ralleghiamoci della risurrezione di Gesù e cerchiamo di trovarlo e servirlo nel nostro prossimo essendo buoni amministratori.

## MESSAGGIO PASQUALE DI PADRE SHIBIL

*"Questo è il giorno che ha fatto il Signore: ralleghiamoci in esso ed esultiamo" ~ (Salmi 118)*

Cari Parrocchiani,

Con grande gioia nel cuore vi annuncio: "Cristo è risorto! È davvero risorto!" Cristo con la sua morte e risurrezione ha vinto il peccato affinché noi potessimo vivere. La Risurrezione è il fondamento e la pietra angolare della nostra fede. Come dice san Paolo, se Cristo

non è risorto, allora la nostra predicazione è inutile, e anche la nostra fede è vana (1 Cor 15,14). La Pasqua è davvero una stagione di gioia e di vita nuova – una stagione di pace. La Pasqua è in definitiva un tempo di fede in cui proclamiamo la nostra fede nel Signore, che Egli è veramente vivo in mezzo a noi e che non abbiamo paura. Il Signore risorto ci dà la forza per superare le difficoltà, le lotte e le sofferenze. Nel tempo di Pasqua, con la Sua risurrezione, abbiamo il potere di affermare che il Signore è grande e che i piani e i disegni umani non sono nulla davanti al Re della Gloria. Il Signore Risorto, che è la Luce del mondo, illuminerà la nostra oscurità e l'oscurità che ci circonda. Dio è l'Emmanuele, è presente in noi e noi esseri umani siamo creati a Sua immagine. La Pasqua ci ricorda che Dio ha sconfitto la morte. Possiamo vivere come persone profondamente toccate dalla risurrezione e annunciare: Cristo è risorto, Alleluia! L'incontro con il Signore risorto nel nostro cammino di fede ci tocchi profondamente e ci trasformi come Lui ha fatto con i suoi discepoli. Quando viviamo la vita nuova della risurrezione, diventiamo il "popolo della Pasqua", un popolo trasformato in discepoli e amministratori che si impegnano a donare il proprio tempo, talento e tesoro nella testimonianza. La mia preghiera per voi in questa Pasqua è che viviate come persone profondamente toccate dalla risurrezione e proclamiate: Cristo è risorto, Alleluia, Alleluia! Auguro che la pace, la gioia e la speranza della Pasqua rimanere sempre con te e con la tua famiglia! Buona Pasqua!

Fr. Shibil Pariyathupadavil, Parraco

## COLLETTA SPECIALE – 7/8 APRILE

Chiediamo rispettosamente l'idea di fare un'offerta aggiuntiva per aiutare la nostra parrocchia. Gli uscieri distribuiranno buste blu che potete restituire il 7/8 aprile. La vostra generosità è apprezzata. Che Dio vi benedica!

## ORARI DELL'UFFICIO PARROCCHIALE

L'ufficio parrocchiale sarà chiuso tutto il giorno lunedì di Pasquetta 1° aprile. La messa di lunedì si celebra alle 9:00 della mattina. Vi auguriamo una Buona Pasqua.

## MASS INTENTIONS INTENZIONE DELLE MESSE

### Monday, April 1

9:00 am †John Baptiste Ataide: by The Bettencourt Family  
Thanksgiving Mass for Jerome Jacob

### Tuesday, April 2

12:00 pm †Francesco & Luisa Iannitelli: by Joe Naccarato  
Benedizione Speciale per Sara Accardi per il suo 90°  
Compleanno: by the Family

### Wednesday, April 3

11:30 am Eucharistic Adoration & mid-day Prayer  
12:00 pm †Michele & Giuseppina Del Grande: by Lucia Del Grande  
12:30 pm Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### Thursday, April 4

11:30am Eucharistic Adoration  
12:00 pm †Patti Fitzmaurice: by Catholic Refugee Sponsors Council  
7:00 pm **Memorial Mass:** †Charles Zampino

### Friday, April 5 *First Friday*

11:30am First Friday Adoration  
12:00 pm †Pietrina & Vincenzo Fragale: by Lucia Loizzo  
†Antonietta & Francesco Turco: by Joe Naccarato

### Saturday, April 6

5:00 pm †Nicola Maiorano: by the Family  
†Michael McAndrew: by Monica Crum-Ewing  
All deceased members of the Tela-Selvaggio Family: by  
Giovanni, Maria Tela, Christina & Joseph Selvaggio

### Sunday, April 7

8:30 am **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass for All Parishioners**  
9:45 am Tutti defunti della famiglia DeFusco: by Guglielmo DeFusco  
†Santo & Rocco Visconti: by Antonietta Visconti  
†Francesco & Pasqualina Mastrallo: by Lucia Melino  
†Salvatore Biagini: by Geffa Biagini  
†Carmela Avarino: by Vincenzo & Maria Camera  
†Antonio Schiavo & Concetta Cocca: Antonietta Schiavo &  
famiglia  
†Raffaele Accardi: Sara Accardi  
†Giuseppina & Vittorio Bonacci: by Sara Accardi  
Benedizione Speciale per Sara Accardi per il suo 90°  
Compleanno: by the Family  
11:00 am †Giuse Bao Nguyen: by Maria Quyen  
†Pauline Tay & Gerry Murray: by Vincent Tay  
†Eugenia Ines Confortin: by Olga Butula  
†Nicola Maiorano: by the Family  
†Paul Bonner: by Nancy Crawford



We Congratulate and pray for  
the RCIA candidates who were  
received in full communion to  
our church this Easter.  
May the Holy Spirit  
bless and guide them.





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at Brigid's School as a custodian.*

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