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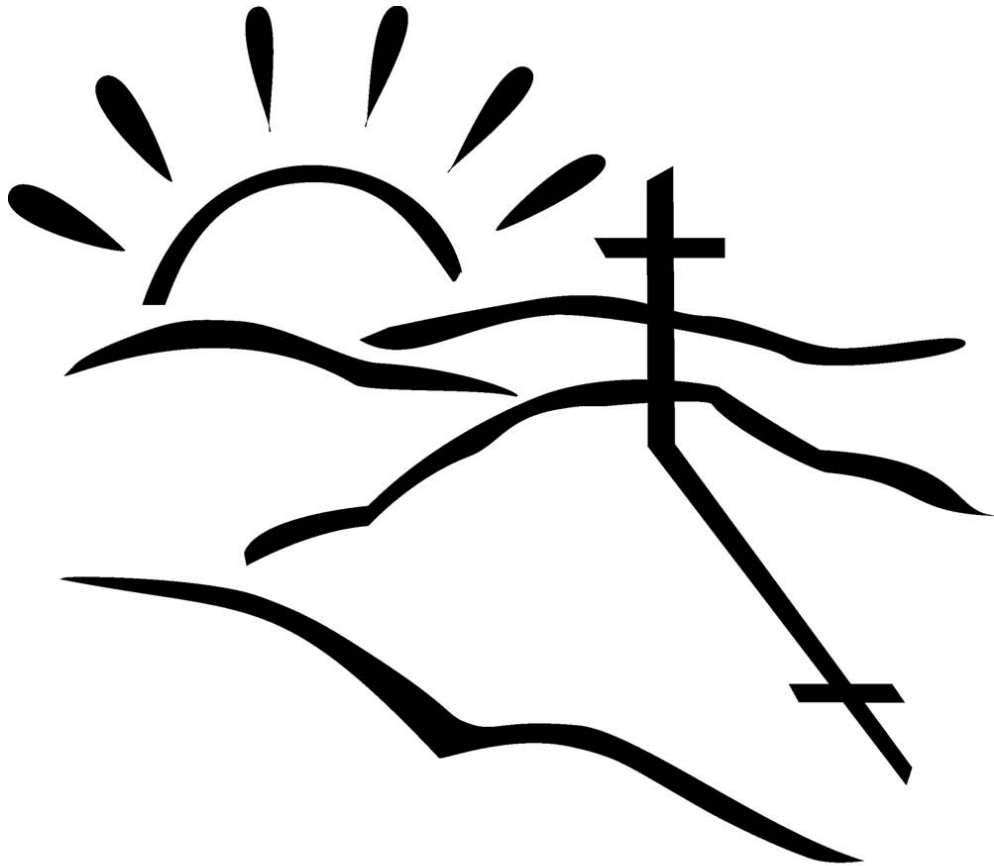
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*Rejoice!*

*For the Lord is truly risen!*

## From the Desk of Fr. Tim...

*O God, who on this day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep the  
solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may,  
through the renewal brought by your Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.*

*-Collect Prayer, Easter Sunday Mass*

I wish to thank you for joining us for Easter Sunday mass as we rejoice in the light of Christ's resurrection and seek to be a light to others whom we will encounter, not only today but throughout the Easter Season!



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## Congratulations and Blessings

Congratulations and Blessings to the newest members of our parish community baptized into the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil: Roxanna Ali, Justin Bailey, Jennifer Parker, and those received into the Catholic Church Roxanna Ali, Justin Bailey, Jennifer Parker, and Joy Westendorp who received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Special thanks to their sponsors Adrianna Cowdrey, Carol Harry, Peggy Schreder, Norma Webster and the RCIA team who journeyed with them: Franka Lowe (Co-ordinator), Joan Cabri, Peter Mui, and Fr. Alex.

## Thank You!

...for your financial support of your parish, especially at Easter!

...for your donation to *ShareLife* this year as we welcome Jesus Christ into our hearts by sharing our blessings!

...for your ministry in our parish community over the past year. We have sent out e-mail invitations for our annual **Parish Volunteer Appreciation Evening** on Thursday April 18...please reply as directed as soon as possible...by Friday April 12 at the latest!

## Employment Opportunity: Custodian

We are looking for a new parish custodian. This position is 25 hours per week (modified full-time) with full benefits through the Archdiocese of Toronto. The successful applicant will provide janitorial and maintenance services for the church, hall, and rectory. The custodian will be responsible for keeping buildings clean and in orderly condition and will also perform heavy cleaning duties such as cleaning floors and carpets, washing walls and glass, removing rubbish and recycling materials. A more extensive description of the position can be found on our parish website [www.stignatiusloyolami.archtoronto.org](http://www.stignatiusloyolami.archtoronto.org). Résumé and cover letter should be submitted to the parish office, or in Word format to Father Timothy K. Hanley, Pastor at [thanley@archtoronto.org](mailto:thanley@archtoronto.org) by Thursday April 4, 2024. We thank all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

## Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Pope Francis and Archbishop Francis Leo has asked the Faithful to renew the *Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary* on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Due to the date of Holy Week and Easter, this year's feast has been moved from its usual date of March 25 to *Monday April 8*.

Why this special consecration? We have already been consecrated to God through the gift of Baptism. In Baptism, we receive God's gift of Himself and become His adopted children.

Baptism sets us apart – consecrates us – as God’s chosen people. We consecrate ourselves to God on this Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord because we want to grow closer to Him through Mary’s intercession. Consecration is a response to the Lord’s invitation to live in holiness and self-giving. When we consecrate ourselves to God, we are making a commitment to live very intentionally for Him in all aspects of our daily lives, giving ourselves fully to God out of love.

Please join us for this Solemnity Mass and Consecration Prayers on Monday April 8 for either our usual 9:00 a.m. mass or at the special 7:00 p.m. mass.

### **ShareLife 2024: Embrace Jesus’ love and compassion through giving**

Jesus’ love and example inspire 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.

We thank you for your extraordinary support of *ShareLife* in 2023 and would like each family to consider an Easter donation to *ShareLife* 2024. Our parish’s campaign goal this year is \$254,000 and to date we have raised \$20,326. Please give at the parish using a *ShareLife* envelope, online through our parish website, or at <https://sharelife.org/donate/>.

### **"Pour Out" Adoration Night**

Merciful Redeemer's spring *Pour Out Adoration Night* will take place on April 19 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) and is open to all ages!

This evening is inspired by Romans 5:1-11, where St. Paul speaks of how God’s love is poured into our hearts to give us peace, mercy, and hope. With Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday having just passed, we will gather to continue soaking in God’s love as we ponder the incredible mercy He pours unto us. Join us for a beautiful evening of praise and worship, adoration, prayer ministry, confession, testimony sharing and a talk by Fr. Matt McCarthy. No registration required. All are welcome!

### **Weekend Retreats at Manresa**

Two weekend retreats are taking place in April at Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre:

#### **Theme: Is Failure an Option?**

**Friday, April 12 to Sunday, April 14**

“Failure is not an option!” was the supposed mantra of the engineers who built the Apollo Moon rockets. But in fact, science progresses precisely by failing. What insights into ourselves and our faith can we derive from how science learns from its mistakes? The retreat facilitator is Brother Guy Consolmagno, S.J. Brother Guy is an American research astronomer, physicist, religious brother, director of the Vatican Observatory, and President of the Vatican Observatory Foundation. This is a Silent Retreat for Men and Women.

#### **Theme: Do Monkeys Go to Heaven?**

**Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28**

The Beauty and Wisdom of Faith and Science. There persists a seemingly widespread notion that religious faith and empirical science must, by necessity, be in conflict. Properly understood, science and religion are not in conflict but act as fruitful partners in a healthy dialogue that seeks the truth of the fullness of human experience. Placing biological evolution in dialogue with the Christian theology of creation, we will examine the wisdom and beauty of the dance of science and faith. The retreat facilitator is Fr John McCarthy, S.J. Fr. John McCarthy joined the Society of Jesus in 1983 and holds advanced degrees in Theology, a PhD in Boreal Forest Ecology, a Masters in Soil Science, and a BSc in Forest Tree Biology. He is the author of *Do Monkeys Go to Heaven? Finding God in All Creation* (Novalis 2015) and *Do Monkeys Go to Heaven 2.0: More Reflections on Finding God in All Creation* (Novalis 2017). This is a Silent Retreat for Women.

For more information about the retreats, please contact Manresa, 905-839-2864 or to register: <https://manresa-canada.ca/events/>. Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre is located at 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, L1X 1V4 (at top of Liverpool Rd., N. of Finch).

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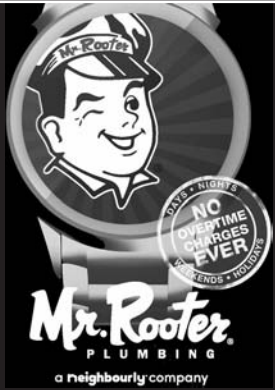
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