

St. John's gospel, written long after the other three gospels, is a meditation upon the events of the Saviour's life filled with Resurrection light. It is not surprising, therefore, that the gospel readings for the Sundays of the Easter season are from the fourth gospel. Today's readings are a celebration of the Resurrection faith that makes it possible to know and enter into the Paschal Mystery. They come to a climax with the story of how the original 'doubting Thomas' found faith.

This gospel invites us to share the experience of the disciples, finding faith through the coming of the Lord into their midst on the evening of his Resurrection Day. What a dramatic situation – they are to meet the one whom they have deserted and abandoned to his fate. There is no word of reproach, no reference to what has taken place, only 'Peace be with you' and again 'Peace be with you' – you are forgiven, come once more into my friendship. Their finding faith is a meeting with God's generous and reconciling love. And he sends them forth with the good news of the forgiveness of sins.



A celebration of Easter faith

For many, faith does not come easy and they are helped by the testimony that echoes down through the centuries of hard-headed Thomas – as he owns that it is indeed the crucified one – the one who shared the deepest darkness of the world we have made – to whom we can entrust ourselves, as our 'Lord' and our 'God'.

The Resurrection faith today's liturgy celebrates is a faith which must find expression in action. The reading from Acts describes the first community of Christian faith, no longer a group of discouraged and disillusioned followers, but galvanised into action: sustained by the power of the apostles' witness, united in heart and soul, sharing what they had with those in need. The apostolic witness and preaching are echoed for us in the reading from John's first letter. The faith that unites believers in the Resurrection is a 'victory' – not a victory achieved by violence and power, but the triumph that belongs to those who have truly learned the ways of the Risen Lord – whose greeting was 'Peace' and the forgiveness of sins.

Authentic Resurrection faith awakens a sense of responsibility and brings a call to mission: 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

John Thornhill sm
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Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon.

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—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

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Readings ~ Acts 4:32-35 ~ 1 John 5:1-6 ~ John 20:19-31

PARISH

Mass Intentions This Week — April 13 to 19

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ members of the Derry-Schreiner family	Sue Derry-Schreiner
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Jack Drohan	Grace Downie
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Pauline Webster	The Cullen family
Thursday, 9am	... of Jack & Santina Lonergan on their 60 th Wedding Anniversary	
Friday, 9am	✠ Bert Simpson	The family
Saturday, 9am	... In Thanksgiving	Barbara Morgan
5:15pm	✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠	
Sunday, 8am	✠ Connie Broden	Gord Sammon
9:30am	✠ Mary & Stanley Justin	K. Justin & family
11am	... of Eddie & Lucy Fidani	
12:30pm	✠ Brian Hishon	Elizabeth

Rosary Group Stay and Pray Daily, After 9am Mass + Fridays, 2pm

Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

"The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

—Sister Lucia dos Santos of Fatima



Children's Liturgy of the Word — Join us!

This program for children 4-10 years old continues this Sunday at the 9:30am liturgy. **All are welcome!**

OLS 75th Anniversary — a continued call for ideas!

If you have an idea you'd like to share with the newly-formed planning committee, please send an email, care of the parish office, to olosorrows@bellnet.ca — watch this space for updates and announcements!



Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land November 9—17, 2015

This once-in-a-lifetime journey, under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Matthew Furgivele, marks the 75th Anniversary of our parish. Cost is \$2,490 pp. Contact Halina at 905-886-0232, ext. 315.

Your Offertory Envelopes — please write in an amount

Parishioners! Please take a moment each week to write the amount of your donation on your envelope. This greatly assists parish staff in their accounting duties. If you're using the supplied (numbered) envelopes, you need not write your name — we'll know it's you based on the envelope number. If using a surrogate envelope, do please make sure to note your number or name along with the amount! **As always, thank you for your cooperation!**

A Big "Thank-You" to our Altar Servers keep up the great work!

Easter liturgies are special... and at some points, complicated! A special word of thanks to our crack team of altar servers for their help in delivering a flawless set of Triduum and Easter Sunday celebrations. Your dedication and service is noticed & appreciated by a grateful parish community!



COMMUNITY

Divine Mercy Sunday Feast — April 12, 3—6pm

► **Today (Sunday)** Join Fr. Terrance McKenna for Holy Hour, Praise & Worship, Mass and Adoration. RSVP via email to divinemercurytoronto@gmail.com or call Maddalena at 647-352-0994. Takes place at Michael Power School, 105 Eringate Dr., Etobicoke. Potluck Feast to follow.

The Art of Journaling for Inner Healing April 13, 7pm

New Beginnings/Catholic Family Services present an inspirational presentation of a unique journaling approach which employs meditations, affirmations, gratitude, intentions and connections to balancing the spirit, body, mind and emotions for trauma, stress, pain management and self-care. Guest Speaker: Martez Schembri-Diskey, RMT. Takes place at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge St., 4th Floor (at the Summerhill subway station; free parking available). Contact alopechuk@cfstoronto.com or call 416-921-1163, ext. 2227.

Pre-Budget Interfaith Prayer Vigil — Queen's Park, April 15, 11am—1pm

Please join us as we pray for a provincial budget with measures the benefit the 1.9 million Ontarians trapped in poverty. Our theme is "No More Turning Away" — it's time to put the promise of poverty reduction into action. The vigil is sponsored by the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition (ISARC), Ontario's major interfaith anti-poverty coalition. Speakers from Ontario's major faith groups will offer brief reflections. Come for as much of the vigil as you are able; feel free to bring a fold-up chair. The vigil will take place rain or shine.

Christ and Culture Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) — April 15, 6:45pm

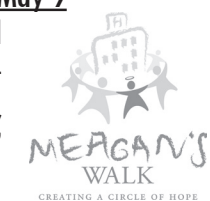
A chance for young adults (18-39) to engage culture from the perspective of the nature and person of Jesus! Free! (the AGO does not charge admission on Wednesday evenings). Meet by the information desk near the front door. RSVPs appreciated at faithconnections@csj-to.ca.

Catholic Cemeteries — free estate planning seminars — April 18, 9am

You'll learn about Catholic burial traditions, cremation and funerals, the advantages of pre-arrangements, protecting loved ones while ensuring your wishes are legally protected with a proper Will, estate plan cost savings, the importance of power of attorney and finding legal advisors. At Assumption Catholic Cemetery, 6933 Tomken Rd., Mississauga. Call 416-733-8544 or email info@cc-fs.ca to register.

Meagan's Walk: Creating a Circle of Hope — Saturday, May 9

Founded by Denise Bebenek in 2001, the year she lost her cherished five-year-old daughter Meagan (a student at OLS School) to a cancerous brain tumour, the 14th annual Meagan's Walk celebrates courage, spirit and hope & has raised more than \$3.1 million for Sick Kids' Hospital. For more info, visit www.meaganswalk.com today!



"Invitation to Joy" A weekend of prayer & contemplation — May 29—31

Single women are invited to a retreat weekend in Orillia, on Lake Simcoe, offered by a team of Sisters of St. Joseph. Cost is \$150 (subsidies available). For information and to register (before May 15, please) contact Sister Rosemary Fry, CSJ at rfry@csj-to.ca or 416-285-4166.

Ernescliff College — summer activities for young men aged 13—18

Activities at this Catholic student residence on the UofT campus include leadership seminars, service projects in Manitoba & Nicaragua, white-water rafting & faith enrichment workshops. Applications are now being accepted. If you want to have fun & do something worthwhile this summer, contact Riley McGuire at rjumcguire@ernescliff.ca & visit www.ernescliff.ca today.



"Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life." —S.D. Gordon (1859–1936), prolific author & speaker.