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*Christ is Risen!*

Dear friends, to get to Easter we all are called to walk our way of the Cross. Life's journey differs for each one of us. The freedom God bestows on us gives each one of his children the leeway for a unique path (calling/vocation) in life. This does not make God less able but shows that he is the more infinite in power and mercy. The Lord has done the heavy lifting for us in his passion and resurrection. We however are all called to give this gift (the resurrection) priority above all other things we receive in life. When the kingdom of God and the destiny of my soul gets a priority in my day to day life, all other things will fall in place. This is a promise Jesus gave to each one of us. "Seek first the kingdom of God and all else (that is good) will be given to you." Mathew 6:33

In the midst of uncertainty at what the future holds for our world, many people understandably may be experiencing anxiety, suffering, and fear of the unknown. Let us remind ourselves that God is sovereign over all things. He permits in his permissive or his active will all world events. We however are all called for self examination and discernment. God in his infinite wisdom uses all things to direct human history. When Jesus was on the cross, some said of him, what a waste for this young man's life. But at his resurrection, the salvation of the world was accomplished, and the world's restoration after the fall of our first parents has started.

As we seek to understand, and keep our state of peace about the state of our world today, one question may come to mind: Is it possible that we are called to live a more simple life that upholds family values, crowned with the love of God and the love of neighbour? Is it also possible that what we experience is part and parcel of the sacrifices the Lord is asking us to offer him for the salvation of the world? Here are some steps we may want to consider to embrace in response: a commitment to daily prayer, the habit of regularly practicing our faith, a path of growth in our faith, and the regular contribution to charitable causes/church. One powerful action we can pray about is to discern on how each one of us may take part in the mission of the Church, each according to their state in life.

Brothers and sisters, it starts with each one of us, in his home setting. "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord our God." Joshua 24:15. If this applies to you, it is a wonderful and blessed thing. Let us all turn to God and seek him from the heart as he again this year, renews his passion and resurrection for the salvation of the world. The Lord meets us where we are at this moment in our life. He

loves us, accepts us, and forgives all who ask for his mercy. All he asks from each one of us is to allow him to lead us forward as we walk in his footsteps and grow closer to him. The closer we are to the Lord, the closer it is for God's kingdom to reign on Earth. Amen! I wish all of you a Blessed and Happy Easter. *Fr. EL-Rassi*



### Attention all youth!

We will resume our movie nights starting **Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

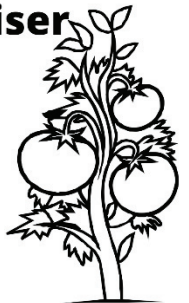
Come join us in the parish hall, for the Chosen Series, popcorn and a chance to socialize with other youth.



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### Share Your Thoughts on DCDSB's 2022-2023 Budget

The Durham Catholic District School Board's Finance Committee are currently in the process of gathering feedback to assist with the board's 2022-2023 budget development. As parishioners, you play an important role in the success and support of our Durham Catholic students and schools and we want to hear from you.

We invite you to engage in a ThoughtExchange and share your thoughts on the following question:

**From your perspective as a valued member of our Catholic learning community what are the most important or impactful investments the Board should continue or consider for the 2022-2023 budget that would enhance student well-being, academic achievement, or educational experience?**

We invite you to visit the board's website at [dcdsb.ca](http://dcdsb.ca) and click on the Budget Consultation banner on the homepage of the site.

The ThoughtExchange is anonymous and will allow you to share your thoughts and rate the thoughts and ideas of others. The ThoughtExchange will be available until **Friday, April 22, 2022.**



Members of **Secular Franciscan Order** are members of your Church. We are not an Organization, but an Order of the Church. We follow the Rule of St. Francis of Assisi which is to “Go from life to Gospel and Gospel to

life” and we endeavour to do so. If you would consider increasing your spirituality or love for God through the love and living of the Gospel, we invite you to visit with us at our Sunday afternoon meeting at the Parish Hall of St. Gregory the Great Church, to see what we do. You may also help yourself to one of our Brochures at the back of the Church.



## MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

### **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

### **Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Jose Cris Pasaporte

11:00 a.m. † Attilio & Maria Bianco

### **Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Patrick Sullivan

### **Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † Deirdre Al Derraji

† Helen & Henry Freve

† Patrick Sullivan

Intentions of Juanita Simmons

### **Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m. To end abortion

† Patrick Sullivan

### **Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. † Maria Tuzi

† Manuel Teves

Intentions of daily Mass attendees that prayed for Patrick Sullivan

### **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

4:30 p.m. † Susan & Alex Quinn

### **Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. † Frank Mihelcic & deceased members of the Del Vecchio Family

11:00 a.m. † Sylvia Long

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### **The Witness of a Life-Giving Faith**

Monday, April 25 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre  
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A day of reflection for men and women. In our environment of growing social polarization and division, in which our Christian faith is so often used as fuel for such polarization and divisions, many people see our faith in Christ as overly-defensive, political and lifedepleting. But our faith in Christ was born to be lifegiving, as we have been experiencing this Easter season. What does it mean to be alive in our faith in a Christ-like way? What do life-giving Christians in the spirit of the resurrection give witness towards? This day will include talks given by Fr. Trevor Scott, SJ.

Confessions available and plenty of time for private prayer and to walk our grounds. Included is lunch and break. The day ends with Mass. A suggested offering of \$50 per person.

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