

# St. Jerome's Parish

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# EASTER SUNDAY



## MASS INTENTIONS April 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, 9:10 a.m.**  
† Nazario D'Souza

**Tuesday, 9:10 a.m.**  
† All Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, 9:10 a.m.**

† Ana Corita Burgos  
† Mackenzie D'Silva  
† Salvador San Juan

Special Intention – Mildred Daley  
Special Intention – Ralph Nunno

**Thursday, 9:10 a.m.**

† Joseph Ostoma

**Friday, 9:10 a.m.**

† Jose Dairo  
† Pilo Gutierrez

Special Intention – Grace & Angela Yogaretnam

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<https://www.facebook.com/stjerome.cc> or our YouTube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1o4m8mmd19itL1J9hOVUg> (St. Jerome Catholic Church)

## CANDLE OFFERING



Parishioners may now purchase candles for \$5 and place them in the empty glass holders in front of the statues of Our Lady or St. Joseph. Come to the parish office after morning mass and/or on Thursdays and Fridays between 10:00am and 4:00pm

to purchase your candle and receive a wooden stick with which to light it.



## Supporting mental health in our community...

Our parish's ShareLife Campaign is now underway. ShareLife Sunday is **April 18<sup>th</sup>**.

In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your generous support of ShareLife. Last year, generous ShareLife supporters enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community.

**Our Parish Goal for 2021: \$55,000**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> is ShareLife Sunday**

*Thank you for supporting ShareLife!*



## YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Palm Sunday Masses: \$6,020.00

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

April 5<sup>th</sup>

*Church will close after the 9:10 a.m. Mass*

## COVID OFFICE HOURS

Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.





## EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

As I was planning for Holy week and working out how to celebrate with the many restriction that are in place due to the pandemic, I thought about the way I used to celebrate Easter. I thought about all those I have celebrated with and who have passed away, like my father and mother, my sister and grandparents, my aunts and uncles. Since we are still not able to get together, I wondered what this Easter would be like for my brothers and sisters, their spouses and children. I thought about all those times we sat at my mother's dining room table, a table that had always been at the centre of our many family gatherings. I can picture each person, and where they sat, as well as the conversation, the joy, and the life we shared together.

Whenever families gather, they bring faith, hope and love with them. And as we share our stories and our lives, each one of us renews the connection we have to each other, we renew our family bond and we recommit ourselves to supporting each other. After these family celebrations I always returned to my daily routine refreshed, better for having been together. This is my second Easter here at St. Jerome's and knowing we will not be able to gather as a parish family is sad and painful to contemplate'.

But even though we can't all be together we can still bring our faith, hope and love to bear by praying for all those people who are so important in our lives. Let us hope that the grace of our Risen Lord will help us to maintain the connection we have with each other and help us to renew our family and parish bonds when this pandemic is over. This church is the visible sign of Christ's presence among us. It draws attention to significant moments and provides us with opportunities to celebrate life. And even though this is a difficult time, the eternal promise of new life at Easter can still provide us with memories that heal, uplift and give hope.

~ Msgr. Michael



## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

This past year has put tremendous pressure on our lives - personally, spiritually, professionally, emotionally - but through it all our great group of volunteers have been there for us, welcoming us into a safe and sanitized environment, proclaiming the word with passion and enthusiasm, safely distributing communion under adverse conditions, and joyfully singing when we could not. When I arrived at St. Jerome's almost 2 years ago, I immediately felt a sense of community and even though our worshipping together has been sporadic, that sense of community has not diminished. In fact, it has grown. We now have parish groups - CWL, SSVP, and Knights of Columbus, who, despite not being able to physically meet, have been meeting the needs of our parishioners. It is truly an honour to be part of this worshipping community. I could not do my work without your support, commitment, and dedication. Thank you. A blessed and joyful Easter to you all.

~ Theresa



### ST. JEROME'S BIBLE STUDY:

#### "The Synoptic Gospels"

Our on-line Bible Study continues with a new topic; "The Synoptic Gospels". It is a comparative study of similar passages from the three gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. We will look at the various factors that affected the writing of the gospels and will address their similarities and differences. Each class is self-contained and is open for you to join at any time. If you wish to participate, please send an email request to [bible.study@stjeromeparish.ca](mailto:bible.study@stjeromeparish.ca) and you will receive an invitation to register. When you click to confirm, an email will provide a link to join the class on Thursdays at 7:00pm.

*Will resume on April 8<sup>th</sup>*




### SUNDAY'S READINGS

During 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.

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