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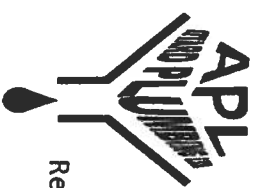
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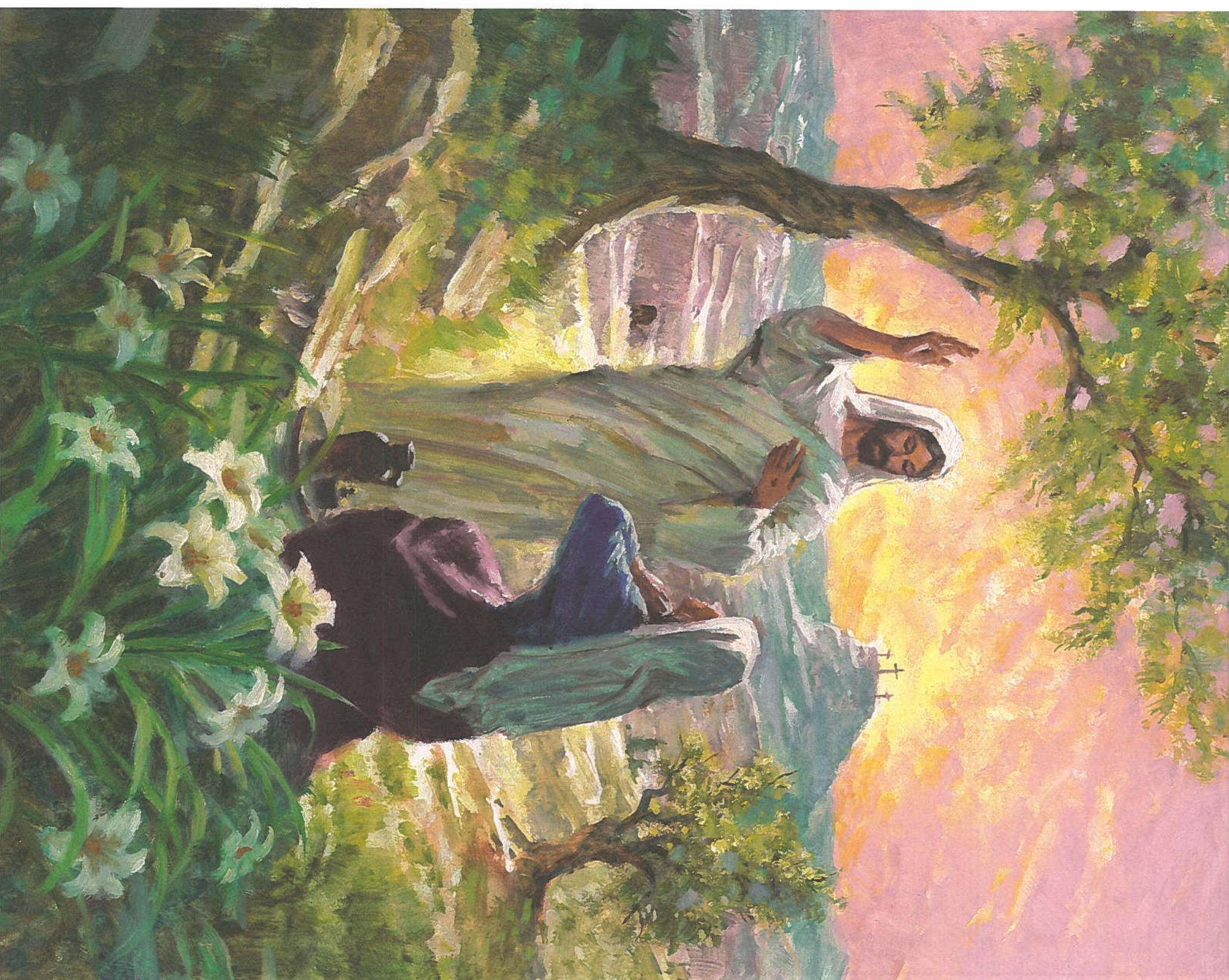
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 8

Holy Saturday

8:00 pm

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

9:00am

- +Rita Caruana
- +Carmen Muscat
- +Suzanne Camilleri
- +Horencia Galle

10:30am

- +Emmanuel, Carmela, Tessie & Joseph Psaila
- +Msgr. Richard Borg (recently passed away in Malta)

12:00 noon

- +Theresa Massa

Monday, April 10

- +Rita Caruana
- +Suzanne Camilleri

Tuesday, April 11

- +Joseph Farrugia

Wednesday, April 12

- Our Lady of the Immigrant Perpetual Mass
- +Freddie Zammit

Thursday, April 13

Friday, April 14

- +Paul Deluca & Deluca Family

From the Desk of Fr. Roy...

Greetings in Christ!

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

It is an absolute joy to greet you during this feast of all feasts! Thank you for welcoming me so generously and positively to the parish. Every day, I thank God for the opportunity to serve you.



Gheziez parruccani ser niehu din l'opportunita' f'din il-festa tal-Ghid il-Kbir, festa fuq il-festi kollha, b'lex nibghat jill-familji kollha l-isbah xewqat, barka u siem! Grazzi talli ilqajtni b'dan il-mod tant ġeneruż u pozitiv. Niringrazzja l'Alia talli tani din l-opportunita' i naqdh f'din il-parrocċa Maltija-Kanadizal L-Ghid it-Tajjeb jil kulhadd!

In a world of suffering, divisions and heartaches such as we are facing today, isn't it wonderful to know that we serve a risen Savior?

Upon Jesus' entrance two thousand years ago, the world differed from what it is today in innumerable ways, yet the human heart has stayed the same.

People were divided then as now as to "what" the answer is. Those of us who know Christ know that it's less of a "what" question than a "who" question. There's a song written by Andraé Crouch that simply makes the statement that "Jesus is the answer for the world today." Even though that song was written a few years ago, Jesus is STILL the answer for this world!

While we are so thankful for the Cross of Christ, we remember it was the Resurrection only 3 days later that proved His sinless life and death on the Cross was valid and accepted by the Father as payment for sin.

The Word of God tells us that through one man, sin entered this world, yet it was through one man that sin's penalty was dealt with! Let us reflect on these words from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:15 – "But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!"

Let us never forget that Jesus came to address the consequences of sin. The good news is that through Him, we have that freedom. During the fifty days of Easter, let us take time to mediate on the saving work of Jesus' death and resurrection. The Risen Lord did it for us!

We've received life, so let's be givers of life! Use your words to bless and encourage one another, especially during this time that people are a bit more open to hearing the Good News of the Gospel!

Sending best wishes to you and your family for a blessed Easter. Make time to ask God for peace and wisdom, something this world cannot provide.

In Christ,
Father Roy

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Christ is Risen Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen! On this glorious

Easter morning, the Sunday of Sundays, the Solemnity of Solemnities, we are filled with the joy of the risen Lord. On this great day, death and sin was defeated as the Lord triumphed over all evil, leading us to the joy and love of eternal life. As stewards of Christ we should always have the identity of an Easter people. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that stewardship "reflects the core of the Easter message of the earliest Christian community: 'We have seen the Lord!' (Jn 20:25)."

Stewardship always starts with the personal experience of the Risen Christ in our midst and in our hearts. "We must first encounter Christ before we can share Christ. The early disciples witnessed the risen Lord on Easter morning and from there went on to spread the good news of His resurrection to the ends of the earth. They received the gift of Easter, the same gift we receive today. As good stewards we should not keep this gift for ourselves but seek to share it generously with our parish community. One concrete practice we can adopt is to share our Easter joy with our family, friends and fellow parishioners by spreading the news of Christ's resurrection to those who do not yet fully believe. Let us share the joy of the Gospel as we strive to become better stewards.

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Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.

Gospel Summary

On Friday afternoon when Jesus died, the women had not been able to finish the customary preparation for burial. The Sabbath began at sundown on Friday, so Mary of Magdala hurried to the tomb Sunday morning to complete her task. She found the tomb empty. Certain that Jesus' body had been stolen, she ran back to get the other disciples. Peter and the other disciple also found an empty tomb but with Jesus' clothing rolled neatly and placed where his body had been. The disciples still didn't understand about the resurrection and Mary wept. As she cried, two angels appeared asking why she was crying. She then saw a gardener and asked him where the body might be. When he called her by name, Mary immediately recognized Jesus.

Reflection for Families

Most parents have discovered by now that things aren't always as they seem. A poured out bottle of laundry detergent wasn't really mischievous behavior, but rather an attempt to surprise you with a generous gift of service. Or secret whispers are not an attempt to hide some wrongdoing but rather an effort to plan a surprise for you. Things weren't as they seemed to Mary Magdalene either that first Easter morning. Our errors in perception often work to remind us that God's plan is not always obvious, but that we are challenged to trust in the promise of the resurrection.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Place symbols of Easter such as lighted candles, eggs, and lilies at your dinner table today. Ask some "wondering" questions about how these items might have become symbols for Easter. What do they suggest to us about the Gospel story we read today? How can we be symbols of the Easter message to each other and those outside our family?

Discussion Starters

1. The symbol that means the most to me at Easter (and why) is . . .
2. Mary Magdalene recognized Jesus' voice when he called her name. One time I know Jesus called my name when . . .
3. I will share the Good News of Easter this week by . . .

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