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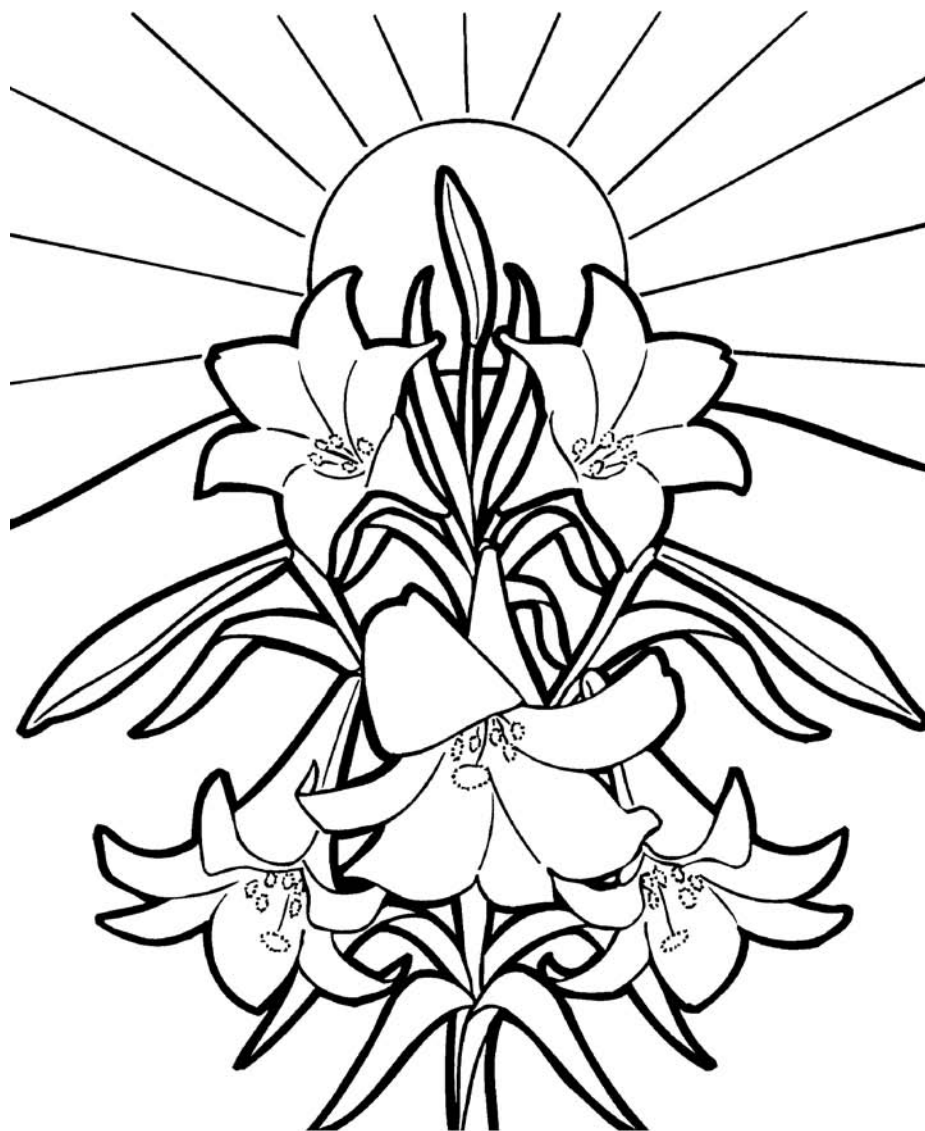
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**The Lord has Risen,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## A Word From Pope Francis:

*Here are excerpts from Pope Francis' Urbi et Orbi message, delivered April 12, 2020 at the Basilica of St. Peter.*

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!

Today the Church's proclamation echoes throughout the world: "Jesus Christ is risen!" – "He is truly risen."

Like a new flame this Good News springs up in the night: the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and now oppressed by a pandemic severely testing our whole human family. In this night, the Church's voice rings out: "Christ, my hope, is risen!"

This is a different "contagion", a message transmitted from heart to heart – for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope: "Christ, my hope, is risen!" This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish. No, the resurrection of Christ is not that. Instead, it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not "by-pass" suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good: this is the unique hallmark of the power of God.

The Risen Lord is also the Crucified One, not someone else. In his glorious body he bears indelible wounds: wounds that have become windows of hope. Let us turn our gaze to him that he may heal the wounds of an afflicted humanity. Today my thoughts turn in the first place to the many who have been directly affected by the coronavirus: the sick, those who have died and family members who mourn the loss of their loved ones, to whom, in some cases, they were unable even to bid a final farewell. May the Lord of life welcome the departed into his kingdom and grant comfort and hope to those still suffering, especially the elderly and those who are alone. May he never withdraw his consolation and help from those who are especially vulnerable. For many, this is an Easter of solitude lived amid the sorrow and hardship that the pandemic is causing, from physical suffering to economic difficulties.

This disease has not only deprived us of human closeness, but also of the possibility of receiving in person the consolation that flows from the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and Reconciliation. In many countries, it has not been possible to approach them, but the Lord has not left us alone! United in our prayer, we are convinced that he has laid his hand upon us, firmly reassuring us: Do not be afraid, "I have risen and I am with you still!"

May Jesus, our Passover, grant strength and hope to doctors and nurses, who everywhere offer a witness of care and love for our neighbours, to the point of exhaustion and not infrequently at the expense of their own health. Our gratitude and affection go to them, to all who work diligently to guarantee the essential services

necessary for civil society, and to the law enforcement and military personnel who in many countries have helped ease people's difficulties and sufferings...

...For many, remaining at home has been an opportunity to reflect, to withdraw from the frenetic pace of life, stay with loved ones and enjoy their company. For many, though, this is also a time of worry about an uncertain future, about jobs that are at risk and about other consequences of the current crisis. I encourage political leaders to work actively for the common good, to provide the means and resources needed to enable everyone to lead a dignified life and, when circumstances allow, to assist them in resuming their normal daily activities.

This is not a time for indifference, because the whole world is suffering and needs to be united in facing the pandemic. May the risen Jesus grant hope to all the poor, to those living on the peripheries, to refugees and the homeless. May these, the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters living in the cities and peripheries of every part of the world, not be abandoned...

...Let us not lose the opportunity to give further proof of solidarity, also by turning to innovative solutions. The only alternative is the selfishness of particular interests and the temptation of a return to the past, at the risk of severely damaging the peaceful coexistence and development of future generations. This is not a time for division. May Christ, our peace, enlighten all who have responsibility in conflicts, that they may have the courage to support the appeal for an immediate global ceasefire in all corners of the world. This is not a time for continuing to manufacture and deal in arms, spending vast amounts of money that ought to be used to care for others and save lives...

...Dear brothers and sisters, indifference, self-centeredness, division and forgetfulness are not words we want to hear at this time. We want to ban these words forever. They seem to prevail when fear and death overwhelm us, that is, when we do not let the Lord Jesus triumph in our hearts and lives. May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of his glorious day, a day that knows no end.

With these reflections, I would like to wish you all a happy Easter.

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Madeline Ainsworth, Pat Haffey,  
Corrie Derksen***

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APRIL 4, 2021

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (March 29 – April 4)	REQUESTED BY:
Mon. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of His Holiness Pope Francis</i>	
Tues. 7:00 p.m.	Jose Fernandes	Elvira Fernandes
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Jacob Jakubiec	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving	
Fri. 9:00 a.m.	Gordon Loepkky	Raats Family
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Tony and Mary Gorjup	Gorjup Family
Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
Sun. 11:30 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Helen Klemencic</i>	CWL



Only Lectors are serving until further notice. There may be a Sunday which has no Lector assigned. If you are a Lector and can fill in, it would be most appreciated.

Sat. 5:00 p.m.  
 Sun. 8:30 a.m.  
 10:00 a.m.  
 11:30 a.m.



**CONTACT PERSONS for CWL and K of C**

Anyone interested in learning more about our parish Catholic Women's League or Knights of Columbus is invited to call the appropriate contact person:

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**From the CWL:** A reminder to the ladies of the CWL that this year's membership fees (\$25) are due. Please put it in an envelope marked with your name and "CWL". You could: drop it off at the church at Mass or at the office during regular hours, or email Christie deSouza at [cwl@lartist.com](mailto:cwl@lartist.com), or call at [519-853-5819](tel:519-853-5819) to ask for it to be picked up.



This week we pray especially for the following families:


***Caverly, Champagne, Cheliah,  
 Cigna, Clair, Clough***

"Jesus no longer belongs to the past but lives in the present and is projected toward the future; Jesus is the everlasting "today" of God. This is how the newness of God appears to the women, the disciples, and all of us: as victory over sin, evil, and death - over everything that crushes life and makes it seem less human. And this is a message meant for me and for you, dear sister, you, dear brother. How often does Love have to tell us, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" Our daily problems and worries can wrap us up in ourselves, in sadness and bitterness...and that is where death is. That is not the place to look for the One who is alive!"

– Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy








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