SUNDAY OFERING ARNPRIOR: Arp 2<sup>nd</sup> \$4,918.85 ATTENDANCE: Apr 1<sup>st</sup> 165 Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> 178 BRAESIDE OFFERING: Apr 1<sup>st</sup> \$2,898.01 ATTENDANCE: Apr 1<sup>st</sup> 113

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ARNPRIOR**: The strength of belonging to a sisterhood of thousands of women is powerful and our impact makes a difference in our parishes, communities, country and beyond. The Catholic Women's League is the largest women's organization in Canada.

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**: In preparation for our church diner, we are in great need of people to help clean out the garage. We also require kitchen helpers and people to help set up the tents the day of the dinner. Any questions call Beth at 296-3469

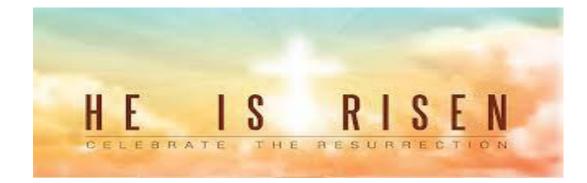


**Today, Christ is Risen ~ Alleluia, Alleluia !** This is our greeting today as we celebrate Easter with the Sunday Eucharist affirming our faith that Christ is risen! To all who are visiting with us today, a very special welcome. If you have been away from the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist for a while, we welcome you and pray that the faith we share in our Risen Lord will once again renew all of our hearts. As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, let us rejoice that in Jesus, we have become a new

creation, able to share in the divine life of God.

EASTER SUNDAY PRAYER Lord God, You loved this world so much That you gave to your only Son, So we can also call ourselves your children. Lord, help us to live in joy and grace. On Easter Sunday, every day. Let's have hearts of gratitude For your sacrifice. Let's have eyes that look Your grace and joy in our salvation. Help us to walk in that powerful grace. And tell the world your good news. All for your glory we pray, Lord, Amen.

## THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ARNPRIOR & BRAESIDE



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## Liturgical Appointments: APRIL 15/16

Next Weekend	4:30 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Reader	Gerry	Josie	Ellie Hrkach
Ministers of Communion	Clare/Linda	Luc/Sharon	Bernice Fitzmaurice
Greeter/Usher	Linda, Denis, Clare +1	Theresa McLeod & Family	Paul Avon
Music		KofC	James

St. John Chrysostom Parish is the Home of the Arnprior & District Food Bank 613-668-4462, Al-Anon & A.A.

**REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL:** Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection. Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus-in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

IMAGE OF GOD MONTHLY WOMEN'S SESSIONS: Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew. Topic: Signs & Symbols: Our lives are dominated by signs and symbols – ignore them to your own peril. This event is being hosted by the Family Life and Youth Ministry Office, with guest speaker Patrick Sullivan, Lay Evangelist, and is open to all. Each evening has a different topic and will include time for discussion. The purpose is to grow in your spiritual health, your spousal relationship and parenting skills. No matter what age you are, you will surely find this very beneficial. Please enter through the small Parish Hall doors. For more information contact Yvette Bourque at <u>yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com</u>.

**CHURCH EXTERIOR RESTORATION COLLECTION:** The amount of \$8,794.55 for the months of February and March was recently sent to the Chancery Office in Pembroke. Thank you for your generousity.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK APRIL 12 - 16, 2023

Wednesday	9:00 a.m Braeside	Intentions of Father Coulas by Blaine Mullins
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior	Deceased Friends by Monique Perry
Friday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior	Rita Hogan <i>by The Family</i>
Saturday	4:30 p.m. Arnprior	Betty Margaret Barrett by Your Parish Family
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior	Missa Pro Populo
-	10:30 a.m. Braeside	Andrew, Monica & Evelyn Ryan
		by Ben & Mona Sauve

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** 20 minutes before weekend Masses and also upon request.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** all those who are alone this Easter Season, for our faithful departed, Alma McNulty mother of Catherine McNulty of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Larry Pouliot from St. John Chrysostom.



### The Shroud: Silent Witness of the Resurrection

The Shroud of Turin is a centuries old linen cloth that bears the image of a crucified man. A man that millions believe to be Jesus of Nazareth. Is it really the cloth that wrapped his crucified body, or is it simply a medieval forgery, a hoax perpetrated by some clever artist? Modern science has completed hundreds of thousands of hours of detailed study and intense research on the Shroud. It is, in fact, the single most studied artifact in human history, and we know more about it today than we ever have before. And yet, the controversy still rages. My website **www.shroud.com** will keep you abreast of current research, provide you with accurate data from the previous research and let you interact with the researchers themselves. We believe

that if you have access to the facts, you can make up your own mind about the Shroud. Make sure you visit the page where you can examine the Shroud of Turin for yourself. We hope you enjoy your visit. ~ *Barrie M. Schwortz, Editor* 

Pope Francis said that the face in the shroud "*invites us to contemplate Jesus of Naza*reth. This image ... speaks to our heart and moves us to climb the hill of Calvary, to look upon the wood of the Cross, and to immerse ourselves in the eloquent silence of love."

# Happy Easter to All!