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Christ is Risen!

Mass Intentions

- April 16 (Saturday)
7:00 PM Easter Vigil
- April 17 (Sunday)
7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM +Ricardo & Caridad Aguila
11:00 AM+Thanksgiving of Ferns/
Dajnowiec Families
12:30 PM Healing of Junnifer Paculaba
& Hermes Enriques, +Lisa Matias,
+Antonio Izquierdo, +Nestor Reys
- April 18 (Monday)
9:00 AM +Joseph D’Mello, Deceased
members of the D’Mello & Fernandes
Families, +Sister Margaret Teresa Ho,
+Andrew Platta, +Querobin Lopez
- April 19 (Tuesday)
7:30 AM +Open
- April 20 (Wednesday)
7:00 PM +Pomenario Perez, Joseph
Perez, +John D’Silva
- April 21 (Thursday)
7:30 AM OPen
- April 22 (Friday)
7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Florinda
Angela Lasaca, Thanksgiving of Ardie
Carolasan
- April 23 (Saturday)
9:00 AM +Lydia DeSouza, +Bernardino
Tuazon

5:00 PM +Amador Obidos

The Daily Holy Mass on Easter Monday, April 18 will be at 9 AM

The Church and Office will be closed. We will resume regular hours on Tuesday, April 19.



Join us for Holy Hour from 6 PM to 7 PM Monday to Friday

EASTER AND THE GLOBAL SITUATION

Easter is often dangerously misinterpreted as merely a spiritual event. Many prefer the faraway “transcendent” God; very few worship a God who gets close. Jesus was a close God: He lived, died, was buried, and lives again. Where? in poor children, and weary mothers, in jails, in long corridors of nursing homes, in war torn countries. In rich people who are poor inside. Jesus lives in the leftover people, the ones who are missing the living of their lives.

If Jesus were to rise today, he would rise in Ukraine. He would put a stop to the war, both metaphorically and actually. If Jesus were to rise today, he would forgive the debt of many people, so they can provide food for their families and sent their children to school, and not worry about their health care. If Jesus were to rise today, he would rise in the forgiveness of sins. Those who fail to take personal responsibility for their lives would find a ready forgiveness.

Easter is very much connected to the Year of Jubilee announced in the Old Testament - Forgiveness of everything so everyone can start afresh.

In Christianity, there is an unsevered relationship between liturgy and political community. The bread and wine are not just symbols. The heart and the soul are not disconnected from the body, nor is politics even slightly separated from religion.

Let us see in the rising of Jesus from the dead the all-powerful influence this brings into all areas of our lives!

AN INVITATION

Merciful Redeemer is screening the Movie: Bridge of Roses which is the story of Our Lady of the Cape on Thursday, April 28th after the 7 pm Mass. There is no cost and everyone is welcome.

Sunday Offering

Offertory (2021)	\$ 4,786.70
Building Fund	\$ 1,455.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 165.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 520.00
Candle Offering	\$ 132.70
Flowers	\$ 422.00
Office Equipment	\$ 170.00
Good Friday	\$ 90.00
ShareLife	\$ 820.00
Humanitarian Relief	\$ 130.00
Total	\$ 8,731.40

RECEPTION OF THE EUCHARIST ON THE TONGUE

We are once again able to administer the Eucharist to anyone who wish to receive Jesus on the tongue. We ask the charity of those who wish to do so, to please process forward only after everyone has had the chance to receive Holy Communion on the hand. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS’ MINISTRY

Thank you to all the young people who volunteered to serve as Altar Servers. It was a joy to see so many especially as they started to serve on Palm Sunday. If there are any more young people who wish to serve in this way, please do not hesitate to give your name and contact number at the Parish Desk. We will announce more training in the weeks ahead. The Altar Servers will generally serve at the Sunday Mass for which they usually attend with their parents and siblings.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Our parish need to strengthen our social ministry. We need volunteers to look after our ShareLife, liase with groups in our community such as St. Vincent de Paul, Food Bank, and similar organizations. We need volunteers who will be the conscience arm of our parish and make us always attentive to the needs of the poor. Please consider participating in this ministry!

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Our parish is looking for volunteers to serve in assisting families grieve and celebrate the life of their love one at the Funeral Mass and other memorial services. Burying the dead and praying for the deceased are part of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

CHURCH SIGNAGE

Our Church at the moment has no signage. It is important that we address this. But everything is so expensive these days. The simple wooden Church Signage costs almost \$10,000. An electronic signage cost quadruple. I, Fr. Mark, would like to keep it simple, given the cost. But we can always aim higher. If you would like to contribute towards this project, please drop your donation in our regular offertory collection or if you prefer to use Credit Card, please donate to Special Projects in the Donate Now of our parish website. Thank you.

Catholic School Trustees'

Workshop

Saturday, May 28, 9 AM

A VIRTUAL EVENT

Catholic school trustees serve a critical role in passing the faith to future generations. If you are considering election, or already serving, join us online on Saturday May 28 for a day of formation and discussion introduced by Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins, with representatives of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA) and both current and past members of several Ontario Catholic school boards. Practical tips on seeking election and serving in office will be offered, along with legal, historical, and theological context. St. Monica Institute in partnership with OCSTA and Catholic Conscience. CONTACT: Brendan Steven EMAIL: brendan@catholicconscience.org

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Thank you for supporting ShareLife! The next ShareLife Sunday collection is May 1.

Our parishioners have contributed \$3,218,75

A friendly reminder that you can also make your donation online via the parish website or at sharelife.org. Once again, thank you for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign.

FOOD AND EMPTY BOTTLE DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus has organized a Food Drive and a Bottle Drive in our parish. The food items will be delivered to the Food Bank in our area and the empty wine bottles will help raise funds for the Special Olympics. Thank you for your generosity!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

especially to all who had a special role in the Holy Week Celebrations!

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Risen Christ, as we remain in silence before you, we let this ardent prayer rise up: may the firing of weapons in the land of Ukraine cease! Welcome into your love those who are dying from violence and war, console the families in mourning, support those who have had to take the road of exodus. Faced with incomprehensible suffering, we still believe that your words of love and peace will never pass. You gave your life on the cross and you opened a future for us, even beyond death. So we implore you: give us your peace. You are our hope.

CONGRATULATIONS

to all those who received the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil

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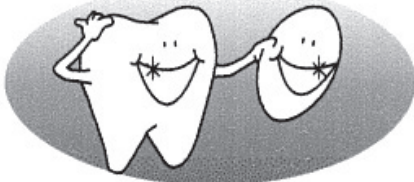
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Jason Simoes, Julian Miranda, Kyrie Perch, Thomas Jacobs, Vanessa Fox, Brent Jacob Montuya, Joanna and Joseph Kamber

Thank you to the RCIA and RCIC Team for assisting in the preparation. Thank you also to all the sponsors.

If you wish to volunteer as part of the RCIA or RCIC Team, please forward your name and contact information. It is an awesome ministry to participate in because you will be birthing people into the church and shepherding them to complete their Christian Initiation.



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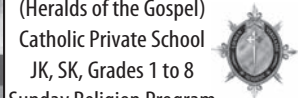


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