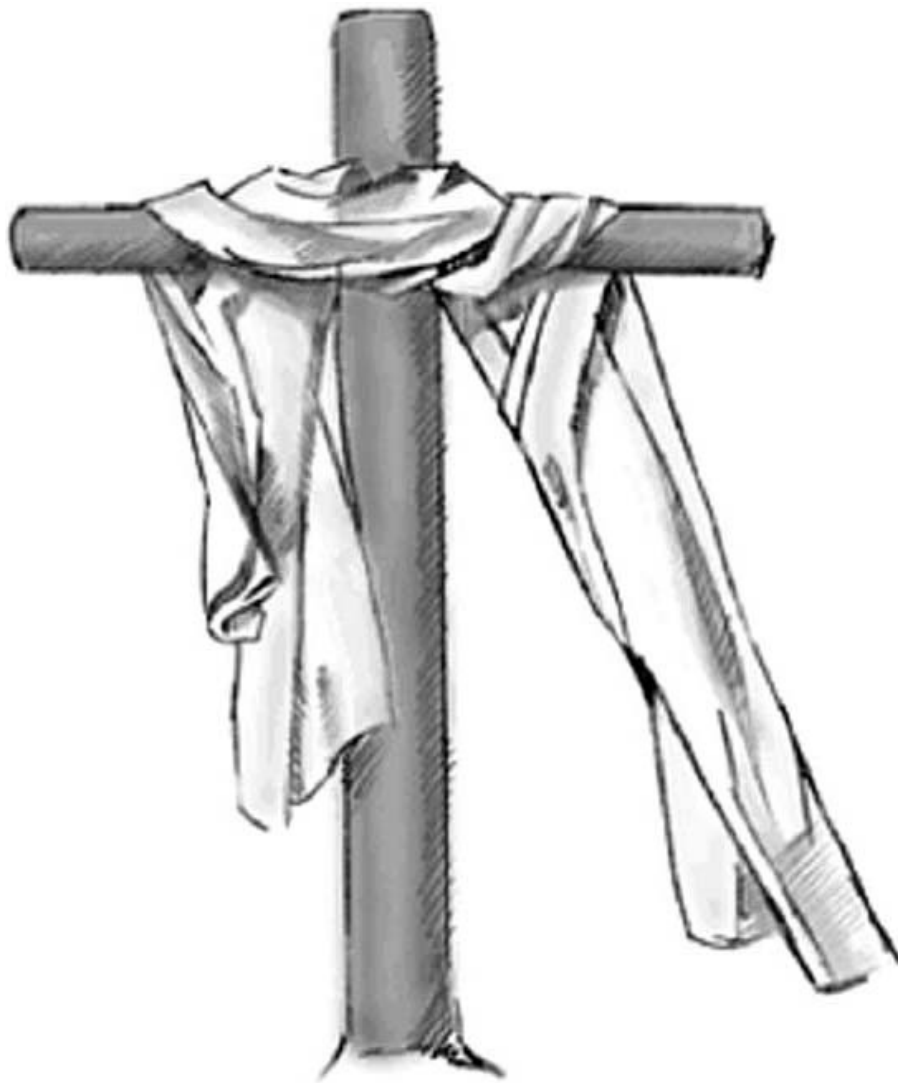


# *Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish*

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*Rejoice!  
For the Lord is truly risen!*

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*"According to the Scripture:  
Jesus must rise from the dead."*



**EASTER**

**GREETING**

The powers of evil and death have been defeated through the resurrection of our saving Lord! After many weeks of waiting through the Lenten season, we can finally shout "Alleluia" for the Lord is risen!

On behalf of the priests and the parish staff, I would like to wish you and your families a peaceful and joyful Easter Season.

— Fr. Jude Coyle

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"This workshop has helped me reflect on my priestly call, a privileged service in God's Kingdom; and has reenergized me and my brother priests to be better in our service. Given our rural and remote location, serving people who live in poverty can be draining at times. This workshop and dialogue has made a renewing impact for many of us. It has given us hope and strength to renew our enthusiasm and we do hope it continues in the future. We are deeply grateful and offer our prayers of support to ShareLife who made it financially possible for us to come together.  
- St. Justine de Jacobis Pastoral Office, Catholic Eparchy of Segenelty, Eritrea.

**OUR PARISH TOTAL TO DATE:**

**\$44,857.45**

Thank you for your generosity

Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016.

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**EASTER SEASON**

The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great feast day. St. Athanasius called them "the great Sunday." Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**



Since Good Friday fell on March 25th this year, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord will be celebrated on April 4th, 2016. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM and 12:30PM.

**LECTIO DIVINA**

As a result of extensive renovations underway at St. Michael's Cathedral, Lectio Divina with Cardinal Collins will travel throughout the archdiocese in 2016. On Sunday April 3, it will be hosted at St. Joseph the Worker Parish (1100 Mary St. North, Oshawa).

Lectio Divina ("divine, or sacred, reading") is the name given to a spiritual tradition among Christians over the last two hundred years. This form of prayer involves three distinct stages: reading a short scripture passage, reflection on the passage, and a short period of silence. We begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7:00PM, followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30PM—8:15PM. All are welcome to join Cardinal Collins for this special evening of prayer.

**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF CATHOLIC TRIVIA**



What are the five Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary?

Which mysteries are portrayed in the stained glass in the Parish Foyer?



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## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY

**Monday, March 28th** is Easter Monday. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM only. There will be no 8:00AM and 12:30PM Mass. The parish office will be closed.

**"Happy Easter!"**

*"JESUS CHRIST DESCENDED INTO HELL; ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD"*

#### **What place does the Resurrection of Christ occupy in our faith?**

The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ and represents along with his cross an essential part of the Paschal Mystery.

#### **What are the signs that bear witness to the Resurrection of Jesus?**

Along with the essential sign of the empty tomb, the Resurrection of Jesus is witnessed to by the women who first encountered Christ and proclaimed him to the apostles. Jesus then "appeared to Cephas (Peter) and then to the Twelve. Following that he appear to more than five hundred of the brethren at one time" (1 *Corinthians 15:5-6*) and to others as well. The apostles could not have invented the story of the resurrection since it seemed impossible to them. As a matter of fact, Jesus himself upbraided them for their unbelief.

#### **How is the Resurrection the work of the Most Holy Trinity?**

The Resurrection of Christ is a transcendent work of God. The three Persons act together according to what is proper to them: the Father manifests his power; the Son "takes again" the life which he freely offered (*John 10:17*), reuniting his soul and his body which the Spirit brings to life and glorifies.

#### **What is the saving meaning of the Resurrection?**

The Resurrection is the climax of the Incarnation. It confirms the divinity of Christ and all the things which he did and taught. It fulfills all the divine promises made for us. Furthermore the risen Christ, the conqueror of sin and death, is the principle of our justification and our Resurrection. It procures for us now the grace of filial adoption which is a real share in the life of the only begotten Son. At the end of time he will raise up our bodies.

Source: Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church # 126, 127, 130, 131.

### EASTER THANKS

We would like to thank all who've helped make our celebration of the Easter mysteries a grand and glorious experience: Altar Servers, Musicians & Choir Members, Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Ushers, Pastoral Care Team, Maintenance Team and so many others.

*God bless you all!*

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS



Friday, April 1st is the First Friday of the month. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00AM and 12:30PM. The church will be open all morning for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and personal prayer. Our period of adoration ends with Benediction at 12:15PM in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Come and spend time in the presence of the Lord.

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.  
Have Mercy on us!**

### A REMINDER TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: FOURTH CONFIRMATION SESSIONS



#### **Grade 8s Third Session:**

April 4th and 5th at 7:00PM.

#### **Grade 7s Third Session:**

April 11th and 12th at 7:00PM.

All sessions take place in the Parish Hall. Please attend only on the day you have chosen (Monday or Tuesday).

### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF CATHOLIC TRIVIA

*The Joyful Mysteries*

*(recited Monday and Saturday):*

- The Annunciation
- The Visitation
- The Nativity
- The Presentation
- The Finding in the Temple.



The Joyful and Glorious Mysteries are presented in the stained glass in the Church Foyer.

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