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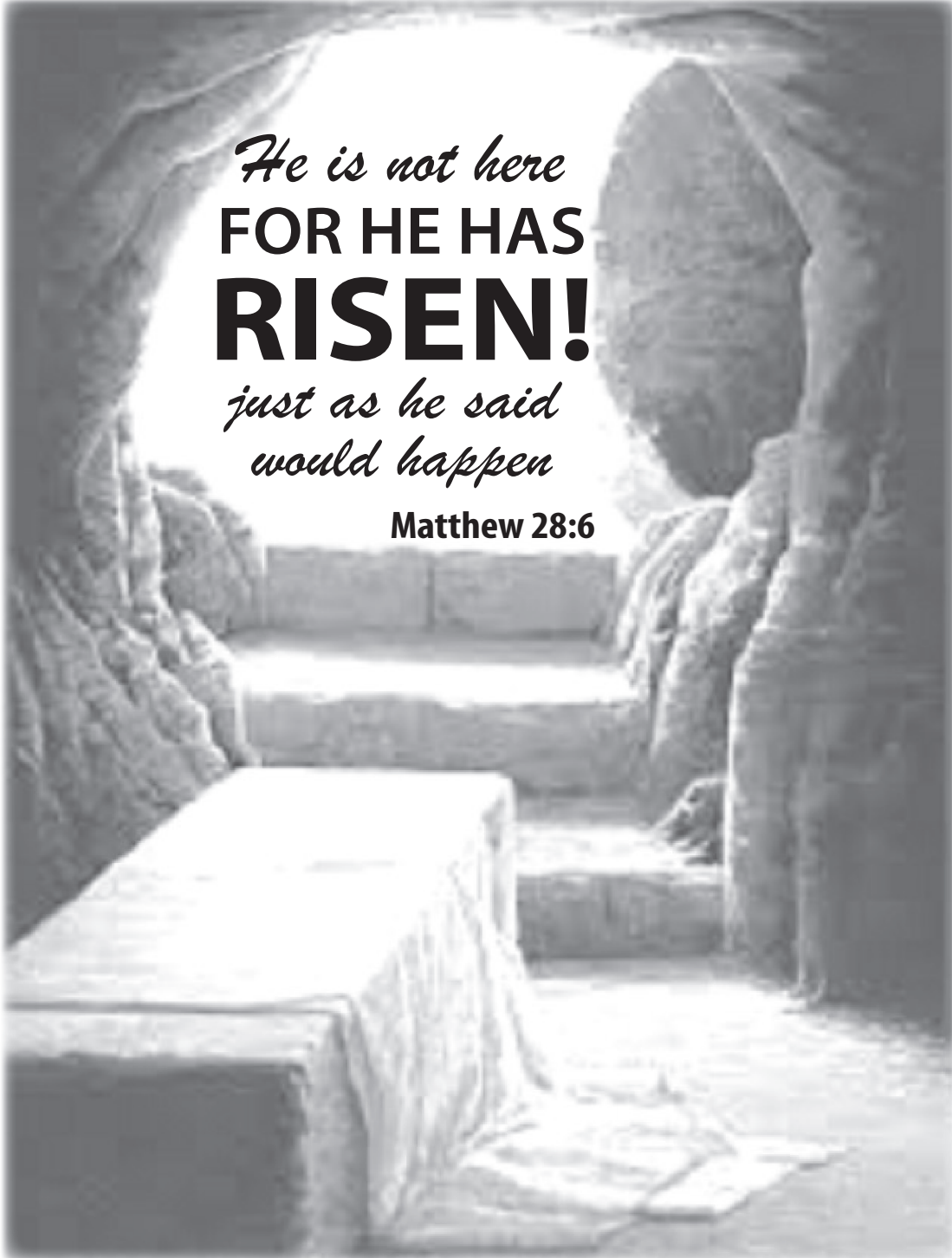
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He is not here
**FOR HE HAS
RISEN!**

*just as he said
would happen*

Matthew 28:6

EASTER SUNDAY

WELCOME HOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Whether exploring, struggling or looking for a new Church Home - we extend a warm welcome from our parish and pray that you feel at home. Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith. *For details on our parish life, offering envelopes, pre authorized or on line giving, as well as to find out about ways of connecting, check out our website: www.stmichaelw.ca or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.*

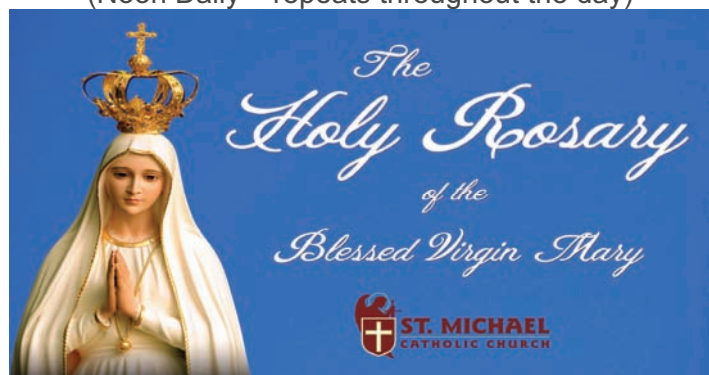


St. Michael Parish has a [YouTube Channel](#).
You can also access through our website –
www.stmichaelw.ca

(9:00am Daily – repeats throughout the day)



(Noon Daily – repeats throughout the day)



AN EASTER PRAYER



God our Father,
by raising Christ Your Son
You conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.

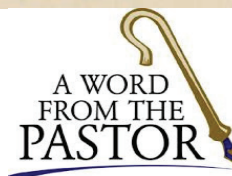
Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.

Amen.



The Easter faith of the Church is summarized in the acclamation: "Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!" To proclaim that Christ is risen is to say that God is alive, that God is with us, that God will never leave us and that this is the world God loves.

This Easter is different in many ways, but one thing remains unchanged: our hope in Christ. I encourage you to focus your attention on the things we *can* do rather than the things we *can't*. We can worship freely; we can celebrate our risen King together. We can invite, encourage, and share our faith in new ways. A Mass offered, without the congregation present, from our Parish Church. This Mass, along with a special Children's Message, can be viewed, beginning at 9:00am Sunday on our [YouTube Channel](#). Make sure to take a moment to invite others to tune in from their homes too.

Thank you to so many who have been in contact expressing thanks for our virtual connections during this period of social distancing. Last Sunday, over 1,153 households participated in Palm Sunday Mass on line and 227 families also participated in our Children's Ministry On Line. I am grateful to all who have subscribed to our [YouTube Channel](#) – over 260 households, and to all who are aiding us in making this outreach possible.

Our attempts to personally telephone all of the households in our parish to individually check on families continue. We are still here for you during this difficult time. If you need us please call at 519 884 9311 and leave a voice mail. Or you can email us at parish@stmichaelw.ca.

GIVING TO OUR PARISH AT THIS CRITICAL TIME - ELECTRONIC GIVING -

To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, St. Michael Parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners. With the suspension of Sunday Mass and our Holy Week Celebrations, we urgently need you, our faithful parishioners, to continue to support St. Michael Parish. I realize that this is a time of significant insecurity, financially and in other ways, for many people, but if you are able to continue your contribution to St. Michael Parish, you would allow us to pay salaries, keep the buildings heated and provide for our outreach ministries. There are four methods to make your offering:

- Pre Authorized Giving: through scheduled monthly or weekly transfers. Forms are available at on our website or by calling our parish office and we will send the forms to you. Fill out the form, attach a void cheque and place the form in a sealed envelope and put it in the parish office mailbox or scan both and email to parish@stmichaelw.ca
- Drop off your weekly envelope by putting it through the mail slot in the Parish Office door.
- Post-dated cheques. Instead of coming every week, put several post-dated cheques into the same envelope.
- Electronic Giving: [Go on to the parish website](#) and click *donate* and make your donation automatically using your credit or debit card on our secure page.

Thank you for helping in the Mission of Christ through St Michael Parish especially at this challenging time.



We are very excited that our parish will be offering an opportunity for high school aged young people to participate in the Stuebenville Conference –

July 3-5, 2020. Watch for details or check our website – register soon!!

VBS – SUMMER 2020



VBS will once again take place here at St. Michael Parish. Save the dates of **July 20-24, 2020 – 9:00-Noon**. VBS is for children JK – Grade 5. **On Line Registration opened this week – check it out**

via our website. If you wish to be part of our planning team – please email the parish office - - parish@stmichaelw.ca



MAKING THE MOST OF MASS ON OUR NEW YOU TUBE CHANNEL

1. Participate fully in the Liturgies, just as if you were at Church. Sit, stand and kneel at the appropriate times.
2. Listen to the readings & observe the moments of silence.
3. Consider watching it on your big screen TV's, it may actually feel like you are present with us.
4. Be very careful not to just say, "Easter is cancelled so I'll do something else". Easter is not cancelled. Jesus died and rose again to life to save us. Don't forget and don't pass it off as if it is just one more "thing" in your life.
5. "Watch" at the time you "Attend": Make Easter Sunday, and every Sunday, a priority and so watch at the usual time you would attend Mass

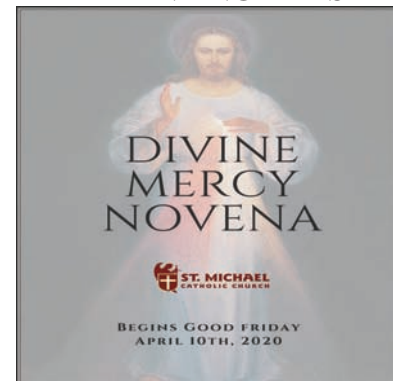
The Mass is the one and most important "thing" this week. Don't let anything get in your way of celebrating it. This year more than ever we need to know, experience and believe that Jesus is alive, He loves us, and He has given His Life to save us. Spend time with your family, thinking, talking and praying about the power of the Resurrected Lord especially with the challenges we are facing at this time.

NEW E - NEWSLETTER



A new weekly E Newsletter is being sent to parish households as part of our efforts to keep all informed of updates, changes and opportunities. If you are not receiving it – to get put on the list - parish@stmichaelw.ca

PRAYER AND NOT DESPAIR



Join us in the Divine Mercy Novena begun on Good Friday for an end to COVID-19 and for the Lord's protection upon all our Healthcare workers. *Prayers are available on our website along with a video to aid you in your prayers during this novena which runs from April 10th – April 19th, 2020.*

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