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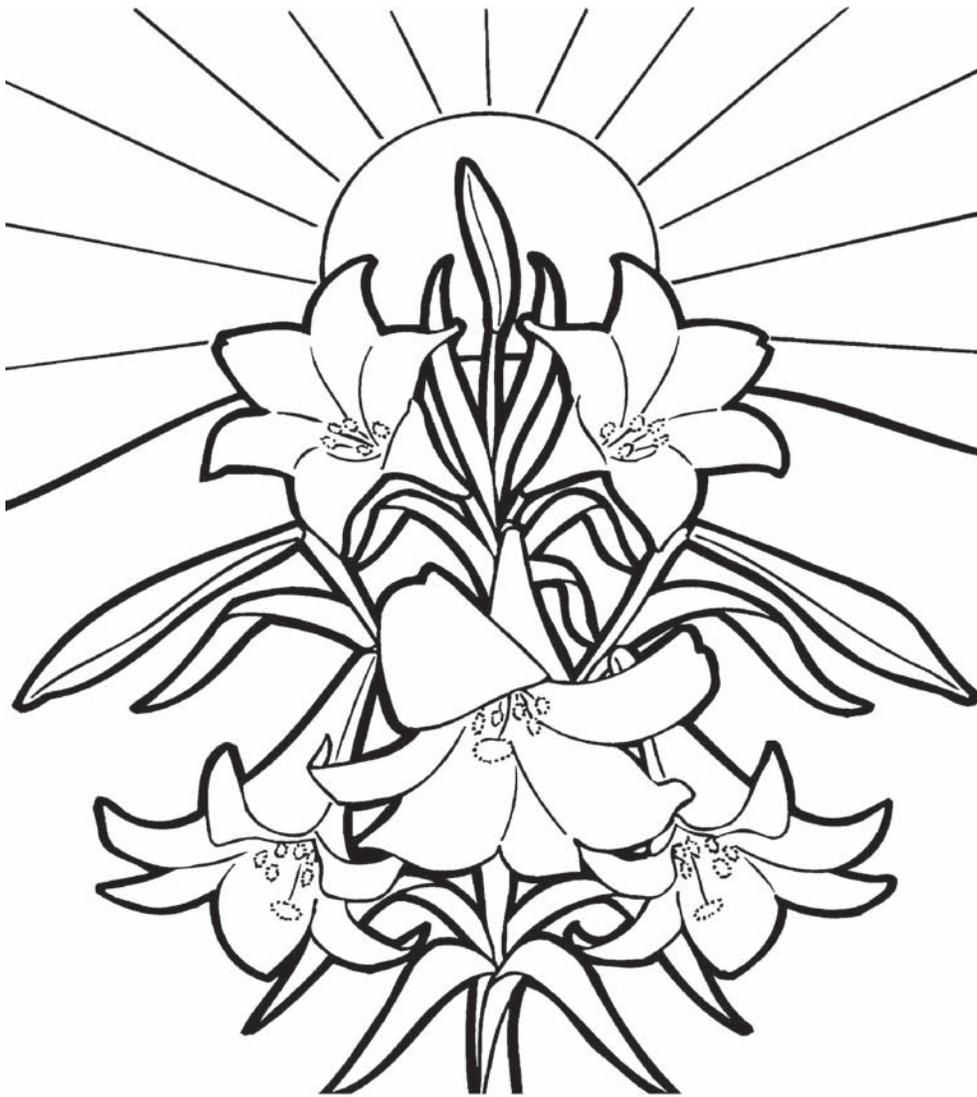
## **Pastoral Team**

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva, Pastor

Rev. Michael Ho, Deacon

Rev. Gerry Steyn, Deacon

Cecilia Vaz, Administrative Assistant



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

OFFERINGS	
Offertory	\$ 6,197.25
Building Fund	\$ 2,013.25
Liturgical Fund	\$ 201.25
Stipend	\$ 460
Sanctuary Light	\$ 80
Pedestal	\$ 150
Statue of Padre Pio	\$ 1,200
Marian Altar	\$ 1,250
ShareLife	\$ 1,110
Angel statues	\$ 300
Candle stand	\$ 354.25
From the box	\$ 9
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,325</b>
<b>Marian Altar US Cheques</b>	<b>\$ 1,600</b>

**Living the Gospel by evangelizing our faith in the greater world**

Gia Lao Parish resides in the mountainous Diocese of Xuan Loc in Vietnam. Its parishioners, mostly poor, work on the hillside farms. The Pastoral Mission Fund, with the support of ShareLife, provided a one-time grant so the parish could acquire resources it could not otherwise provide. This includes bibles and hymnals, along with training for 60 catechists, who lead marriage preparation and catechism classes. With your support, Gia Lao Church is bringing faith to a community in the greater world.

**April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday.  
Please give generously.**

**Our Sanctuary Light is offered by:**

March 30 Rosemary Mathew  
 April 3 Laetitia & Antonio Jesu  
 April 8 Irwin and Vilma D'Souza  
 April 12 Priyanka D'Souza  
 April 17 Leroy DeSouza Family  
 April 21 Fernandes Family  
 April 25 Roman Lim  
 April 29 Patricia Guerra

*If you wish to light a 5-day candle on our sanctuary lamp, the donation is \$20*

**How well do you know the different parts of our church?**

The old Tabernacle was given by Mr. Wilfred Tyrell, who came upon it hidden and forgotten in a pile of old carpets in a warehouse. We had it refurbished thanks to the generosity of many parishioners and friends of the parish.

Since there were no churches during those early centuries, Christians did not have a tabernacle. However, as we do today, they were very careful to protect the Blessed Sacrament. When churches began to be constructed in the fourth century, the sacred species were kept in various rooms, including an area that became known as the sacristy. The design of the tabernacle slowly evolved, and by the 16<sup>th</sup> century tabernacles similar to those we have today were in use. Church Law spells out the rules for the Tabernacle's location: "The tabernacle is in which the Blessed Eucharist is reserved should be sited in a distinguished place in the church or oratory, a place which is conspicuous, suitably adorned and conducive to prayer" (no. 938.2)

In every Catholic church we find a readily visible lamp or candle burning before the Tabernacle. This is called the Sanctuary lamp. It recalls for us the story of the Wise Men who followed the star until they found the baby Jesus in a stable. The ever-present sanctuary light still beckons to each one of us. The flame signifies the Lord's presence among us.

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**Parish Finance Committee Meeting**

April 24, 2018 at 7:30 PM at the Church Hall

**Join us for Holy Mass with the residents of Viva**

Every First Thursday of each month starting at 3 PM in their cinema

**Ministry of Lectors' Meeting**

Monday, April 16, 2018

7:45 PM

**Ministry of Ushers**

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

7:45 PM

### Pastor's Desk

Easter was the day in which the Lord acted in a powerful way. It was a day unlike any that had ever been seen before or will be again. This was the day on which God conquered death and gave us eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus. It was the day on which God changed our world and our future forever by making us his children and opening to us the Kingdom of Heaven. It is the day that cries out for us to rejoice and be glad.

On this day, the most important day of the Christian year, rejoice, be glad and give thanks to God. Share the joy of Easter with the proclamation that, "Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!"

### Wish List for the Church

*These items can be sponsored by one individual or group of individuals. Donation can be given in full or by installment.*

- An altar for the Blessed Mother
- The Catholic Book of Worship that you have in the pews are not fully paid. About 256 books have been spoken for. There are still 244 books that need to be sponsored. If you wish to sponsor a copy or several copies, the cost is \$22 per copy.
- The Gather Hymn Book is another music resource that our choirs would like to see in our church.
- We got a good deal for the chairs that we need for the Parish Hall, Each chair costs \$45. About 72 chairs have been donated. We are still looking for 228 chairs to be sponsored.

### The Sacrament of Confirmation

April 12 at 7 PM for St. Bernard School

### First Communion

April 14 at 10 AM for St. Bernard School

### Retrouvaille Weekend: Help for Troubled Marriages

April 20, 2018

At a hotel located in Mississauga, Ontario, close to Highway 401

If you are thinking of separation or divorce or you are already separated, but want to try again then Retrouvaille can help. If you and your spouse want your marriage to work and are willing to put in a full weekend of hard work and your best effort, then you are invited to attend a Retrouvaille Weekend.

Retrouvaille is a program to help married couples through difficult times in their marriage relationships. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover one another and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. Although Retrouvaille follows the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, couples of other faith expressions are also welcome. PHONE: 416-281-6007 EMAIL: [www.torontoretrouvaille.com](http://www.torontoretrouvaille.com)

### MASS INTENTION

#### Saturday (March 31)

7 PM Easter Vigil (No Intention)

#### Sunday (April 1)

7:30 AM For the Parish community  
9:00 AM +Maria Rojas, +Anita O Ruina  
11:00 AM +Peter Lai Nguyen, +Peter Tu Pham, +Maria Thin Vu  
12:30 PM +Christine Pereira, +Vicente Pacheoco and for all deceased family members.

#### Monday (April 2)

7:00 PM +Francis Rex, +Lean Prollamante, +Columba Tarape Diaz

#### Tuesday (April 3)

7:30 AM Conversion of sinners

#### Wednesday (April 4)

7:00 PM Conversion of sinners

#### Thursday (April 5)

7:30 AM Conversion of sinners

#### Friday (April 6)

7:00 PM Damascene Vaz

#### Saturday (April 7)

9:00 AM Conversion of sinners  
5 PM +Manuel Fonte, +Dionicio Joey & Jinky Taguicana, +Francis Fernandes, +Thomas Anthicques, +Nancy Amalsad

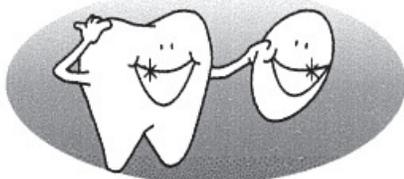
To offer a Mass intention, please see the desk when you come to church or call the parish office. You can also use the form on our parish website.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all-day in our church

On the First Saturday of April  
April 7, 2018 following the 9 AM Holy Mass

Vespers and Benediction will be held at 4 PM



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