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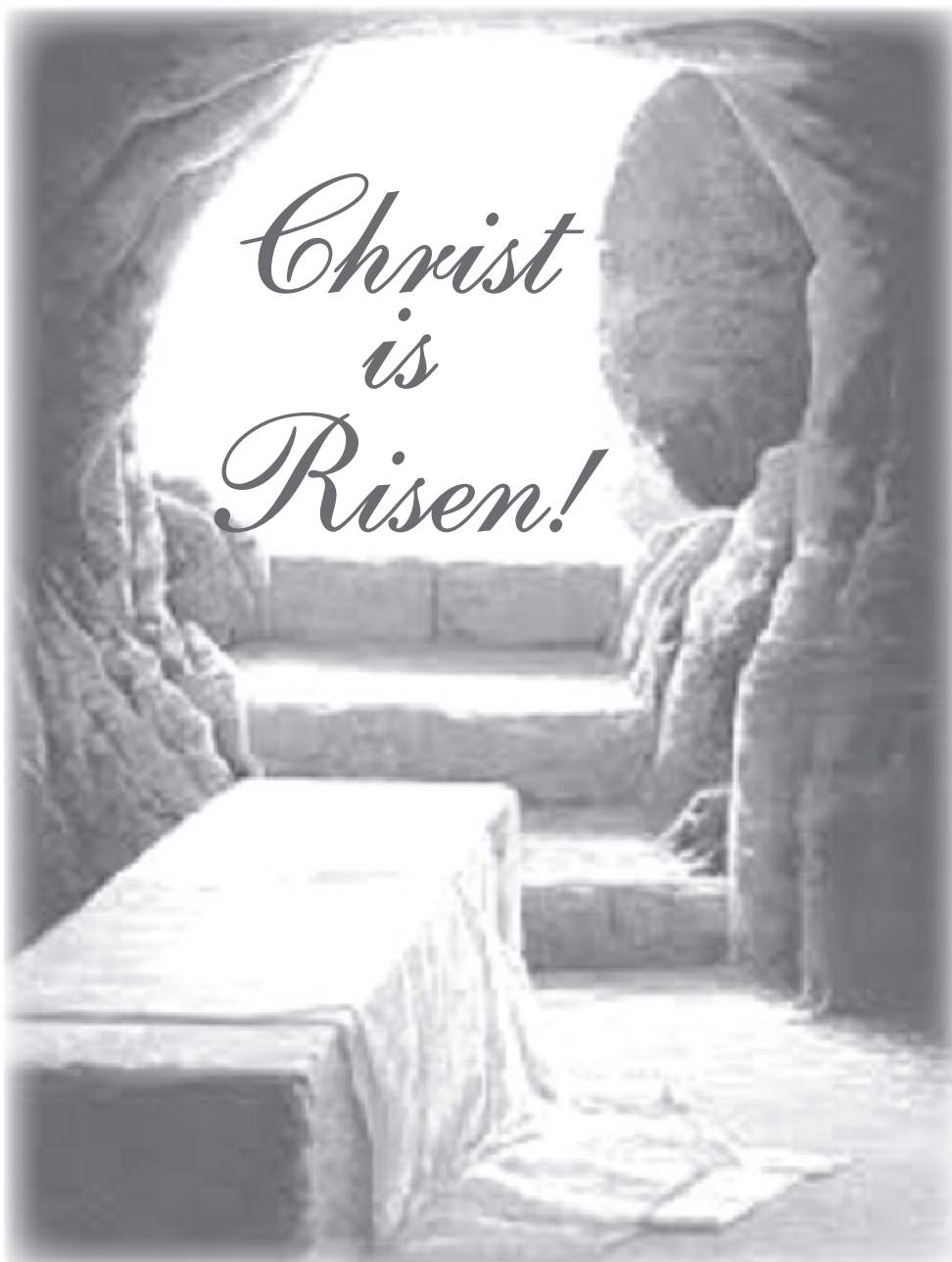
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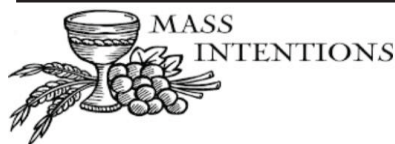
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EASTER SUNDAY



Apr 11 to Apr 16

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Frank Martinello – Pam & Vince Giuliani
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Frank, Noel, Patsy, Luck, Vernon Pereira – Naomi Nevelle de’Rozario + Ranjan Soyza – Angela Madappuli
Luther Village	10:00 a.m.	
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Bill Hanlon – Anne & Hans Lauridsen
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Jack Riddler – Anne Ellig
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Vincent Morrison – Family
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish

Monthly Budget Review as of April 2, 2023

Cumulative financial objective – 14 weeks @ \$7,500	\$105,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$47,815.20
E-transfer	\$485.00
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$35,591.97
Over (under) objective	\$83,892.17 (\$21,107.83)

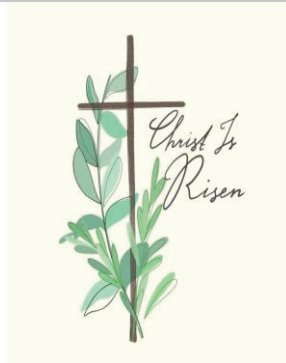
Easter Sunday

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.

(Sequence of Easter Sunday)

Reflection

On Easter Sunday, the Church is recollected in contemplation of the risen Christ. Thus she relives the primordial experience that lies at the basis of her existence. She feels imbued with the same wonder as Mary Magdalen and the other women who went to Christ’s tomb on Easter morning and found it empty. That tomb became the womb of life. Whoever had condemned Jesus, deceived himself that he had buried his cause under an ice-cold tombstone. The disciples themselves gave into the feeling of irreparable failure. We understand their surprise, then, and even their distrust in the news of the empty tomb. But the Risen One did not delay in making himself seen and they yielded to reality. They saw and believed! Two thousand years later, we still sense the unspeakable emotion that



overcame them when they heard the Master’s greeting: “Peace be with you.”...

... Christ’s Resurrection is the strength, the secret of Christianity. It is not a question of mythology or of mere symbolism, but of a concrete event. It is confirmed by sure and convincing proofs. The acceptance of this truth, although the fruit of the Holy Spirit’s grace, rests at the same time on a solid historical base. On the threshold of the third millennium, the new effort of evangelization can begin only from a renewed experience of this Mystery, accepted in faith, and witnessed to in life....

—Pope John Paul II

Prayer

God our Father, creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to men who had begun to lose their hope and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold: that first he must die, and then he would rise and ascend into his father’s glorious presence. May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread and follow him in his risen life. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, This pasted Sunday, Canadian Food for Children received a wonderful gift, pasta, and tomato sauce for the poor in impoverished countries. Brad and Cecilia Caesar were so kind as to arrange to drop off your donations and we were thrilled to receive them. We loved that all your packages came in re-usable shopping bags which the poor will use in so many different ways. Pasta and tomato sauce are essential to the hungry and they provide much-needed nourishment. In the villages and isolated areas where Dr. Simone and his fellow workers travel, children and their parents are starving and without the necessary supplies to live a healthy life. You bring them new life. Thank you! The Volunteers at Herb Wittich Depot



SHAWL MINISTRY: these beautiful shawls can be given to anyone who is ill physically or emotionally or in difficult circumstances at any walk of life and can be used for events such as births, marriages, bereavements, etc. All shawls have a medal depicting Our Lady of Lourdes and are accompanied by a bookmark prayer. We have been very blessed with donations to cover the cost of our yarn and thank our parishioners from the bottom of our hearts for helping to make this ministry a prayerful and loving part of Our Lady of Lourdes Community. If any parishioner would like a shawl for a loved one, please call Peggy Dietrich at 519-725-5847. **650 SHAWLS COMPLETED!!!**



Blessing for Easter Dinner

*We have put on Christ, alleluia!
In Christ we have been baptized, alleluia!
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Joyfully do we praise you,
Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the grave,
and give you thanks.
Remain here in our midst
as we share this Easter meal.
May we receive you as a guest
in all our brothers and sisters
and be welcomed by you
to share the feast of your Spirit,
for you live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen. Alleluia!*



OUR LADY OF LOURDES LIVING ROSARY –Members of the Small Faith Group invite you to pray a decade of the rosary daily for the needs of the parish and the community this month. It will take less than 5 minutes daily. Our Living Rosary prayer intentions for April are as follows:

1. **We pray for all school children and catechumens, together with their sponsors, as they prepare for their Sacraments to be received into our church family.** May all the baptized treasure the love of Christ, journey on to deepen their faith with the grace of God particularly through regular participation in the Eucharistic Feast and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
2. **Pope Francis' prayer intention for a culture of peace and non-violence:** We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.
3. **The sick and their caregivers.**
4. **The living and deceased members of our parish.**
5. **The special intentions of the members of our parish.**

If you are interested or would like more information, please sign up online <https://forms.gle/uBUJsiBHFV84NvdV9>

"JOIN CRITICAL MASS FOR THEIR "SERENITY CONCERT" at Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday, April 22nd, 2pm. This is a concert with a focus on supporting those going through divorce or separation, parental alienation and mental health issues. Critical Mass has won 2 Canadian Gospel Music Association Awards and features parishioner and cantor, David Wang, and 9am choir director, April Philpotts. Tickets (\$15 door, \$12 advance) will be available after Mass on April 12th and 19th, as well as online at www.criticalmassmusic.org/tour-dates."

*please
join us*

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

Open Next
on Sunday, April 16, 2023
after 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Mass in the parish hall.



MENU: Coffee, tea \$1 and Cake & desserts \$2

BAKERS ARE NEEDED AND VOLUNTEERS

Sales from March 12, 2023, were \$230.00
All proceeds from OLOL Café will go to support parish committees.
Please be a part of something extraordinary.
Please call the parish office if you can help as we hope to have the Café
open 2nd Sunday of the Month.

THANK YOU!

Saying "thank you" seems so ordinary when it comes to expressing appreciation to so many for such extraordinary participation throughout the season of Lent and the Sacred Triduum but know that these two small words are used with utmost sincerity as you read the following. Your response to the suggestions that were placed before you at the start of Lent were accepted by so many, namely participation in the Stations of the Cross, generosity to the appeal for pasta and tomato sauce for Canadian Food for Children, Easter parish dinners, Easter Floral tribute, embracing the idea of one toonie a day for the hungry in developing countries so that your offering to the Share Lent collection would be forty dollars, dedication to reading the daily reflections in the booklet "Lent with the Saints", attendance at daily Mass, and participation in the Holy Week liturgies (the Sacred Triduum). All of this was truly a sign of how you continue to strive to deepen your faith.

To all who so generously shared their time and talents in making the liturgies of Holy Week so special, I am very grateful. I would also like to express my gratitude to the choirs, cantors, musicians, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers and ushers who gave outstanding service. Thanks to all parishioners who participated in the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday, those who assisted with the Easter Alleluia, and finally, to Sister Barbara and Patrycja for their total dedication to all the behind-the-scenes details. To one and all, thank you, and may the joy and peace of the Risen Lord abide with you, with prayer

Fr. Rafal



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