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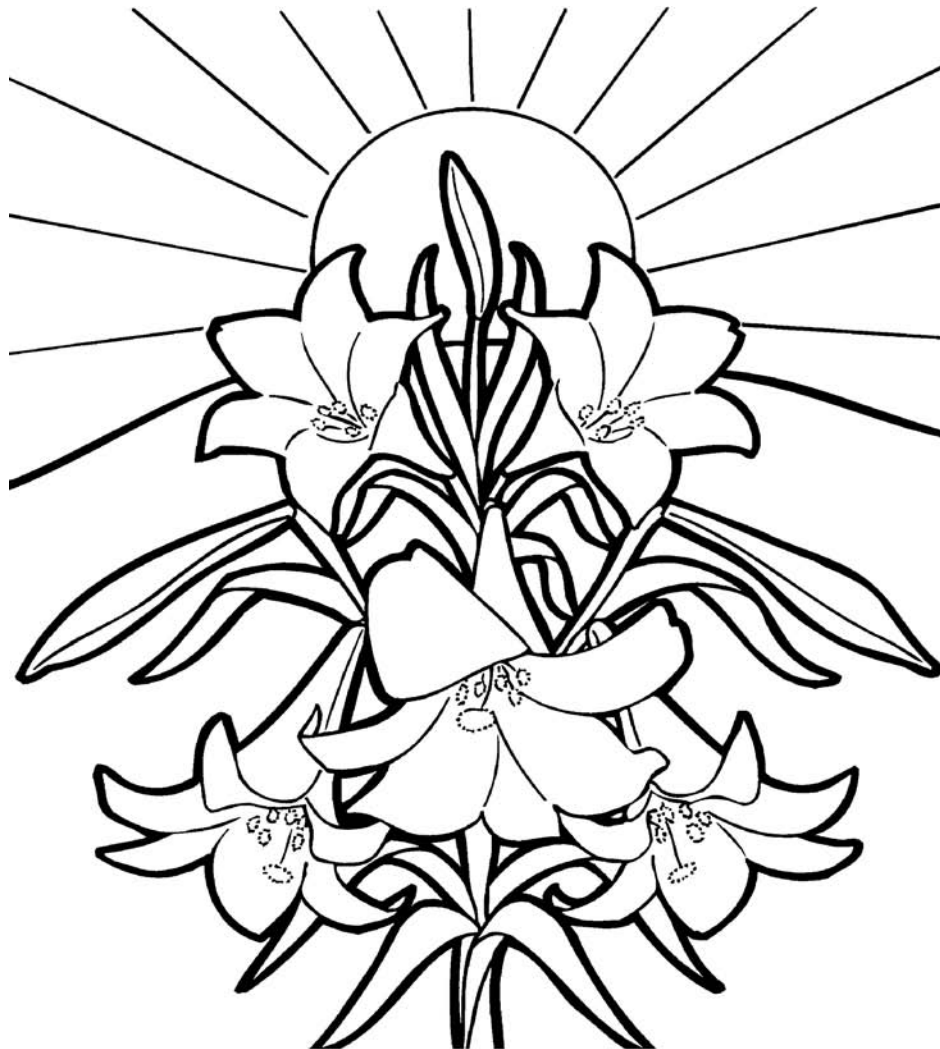
PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. Larry Léger, Pastor

Rev. David Gikonyo IMC, Associate Pastor Robert Suthers, Deacon

Lydia Rogers, Secretary Julia Coffa, Youth Minister

Catherine Ecker, Catechist



**The Lord has Risen,  
Allelaia, Allelaia, Allelaia!**

# EASTER SUNDAY

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

*"This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad."*

*Psalter Week III*



Parents wishing to baptize their children at Holy Family are invited to approach either Fr. Larry, Fr. David, or Deacon Robert after any of the Sunday masses, in order to obtain a Baptism Preparation Package.

## FINAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All families preparing a child to celebrate First Communion during Easter 2016 are reminded of the parent child meetings. The last two meetings are Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00–9:00 pm and Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2:00– 4:00 pm. Please attend the meeting indicated on the list and plan to arrive 10 minutes before the meeting is to begin. We ask that only children preparing for First Communion attend this meeting.

## REMINDER: RETREATS FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

All young people preparing to celebrate Confirmation are asked to consult the list in the parish hall for their retreat dates. Retreats are for candidates only (no sponsors or parents). Remember retreats are cell phone (electronic free) zones! For questions or concerns, please contact the parish catechist, Catherine.ecker @holyfamilybolton.ca

## STEWARDSHIP

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "think about the things above, rather than things of earth." We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

## LIVING THE YEAR OF MERCY



As we begin the fifty day season of Easter, we are called to reflect the compassion of God to others. During the coming week, pray for someone who has hurt you and ask God to heal the hurt you have experienced.

## CELEBRATING INITIATION: Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist

The Easter season is the normative time for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. At the Easter Vigil we celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and First sharing in Holy Communion with Deborah, Matthew, Sarah, Shianne and Hailey. We invite you to continue to remember our neophytes (newly initiated) in your prayers.

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Wedding Anniversaries in March

We know that the wedding day for a couple is filled with joy, anticipation and hope. The sacrament of marriage begins on the wedding day and then for the rest of their lives, the couple learn how to live the sacrament. The married couples in our parish are a sign to us of God's faithfulness and through their witness we are strengthened. If you have celebrated a wedding anniversary in March, we shall pray with you and share in your joy on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm, or on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon. We thank God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

**Christ is risen!  
Risen indeed. Alleluia!!**

## CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF EASTER

For fifty days our Church celebrates the great feast of Easter. The Church tells us that the fifty days from Easter to Pentecost are one great feast! These fifty days, above all others, are the days we sing with fervent joy, Alleluia! For ideas on *Celebrating the Easter Season* at home, please visit our parish website at [www.holyfamilybolton.ca](http://www.holyfamilybolton.ca) and click on *Catechesis*. You will find an Easter calendar with suggestions for celebrating throughout the 50 days.

## THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES!

As we embark on the 50 days of Easter, you are invited to join us on Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm, for an evening of reflection, discussion and catechesis. We will focus on the liturgies of the Easter Triduum. Refreshments will be provided and no registration is necessary – all are welcome.

## FAMILY PRAYER DURING EASTER

As your family gathers for your Easter meal and for meals throughout the season of Easter, you are invited to begin by lighting a candle and then praying together:

*Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
God of all joy,  
we are at this table of plenty,  
celebrating Easter joy.  
We thank you for the food  
we have before us and  
for those who prepared it.  
We remember those  
who do not have enough to eat.  
Bless this food and our time together  
for you are the God  
who lives and reigns  
for ever and ever.  
Amen! Alleluia!*



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"This workshop has helped me to reflect on my priestly call, a privileged service in God's Kingdom; and has re-energized 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 Segenety, Eritrea*

**Next ShareLife Sunday is  
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By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to visit [CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://CanadiansforConscience.ca) and support the Coalition for Health Care and Conscience. The coalition represents a group of like-minded partners, including 5,000 doctors across Canada, who are committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You can use this website to write directly to you Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Given tight timelines for this legislation, please take action no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Dr. Moira McQueen's presentation, which was cancelled because of bad weather, has been rescheduled to Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, 7:15 – 9:00 pm.



**Fridays at 7:00pm**  
The Edge is open to all students  
in grades 6, 7 and 8.  
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**Saturdays 5:00pm Mass**  
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high school students.

**MOMS & TOTS**

Moms, Dads and caregivers with babies and toddlers are invited every Wednesday morning, from 9:30 am - 12:00 noon for refreshments and fellowship. Please join Deacon Robert and his wife Gabrielle for fun, frivolity and a "cuppa". Bring the kids. We have a great selection of toys and refreshments!



**Summer is coming  
and so is Holydays!  
Stay tuned for registration info.**

**VOCATIONS**

The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.

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**Monday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
No 7:00pm Mass**  
†Boguslaw Osuchowski  
Requested by Kasimierz Osuchowski  
**Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am**  
†Patrick Kearns  
Matthew & Terry Martin  
**Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm**  
†Sharon Kelly  
Requested by Barry & Donna-Marie Jacks  
†Rolondo Sia  
Requested by the Sia Family  
†Dan Lowry  
Requested by Barry & Donna-Marie Jacks  
**Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 am**  
†Josephine Fleming  
Requested by the Léger/Tremblay Families  
**Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 am**  
†Brian McDonald  
Requested by his sister  
7:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
**Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
5:00 pm  
**Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00noon

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**  
( March 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup> )  
Engelbert Sr., Frank & Jozefa Markovic  
Shirley Wakeman  
Letitia Grant  
Antonia Mercante  
Ottavio & Ima Petrucci  
Easter Lilly  
† † †

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Defending the Faith Conference**  
**July 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016**  
**Franciscan University**  
**Stuebenville, Ohio**

Registration is now open for those who may be considering joining our parish group. For further information, please contact Vicky Sutton, [suttonv62@gmail.com](mailto:suttonv62@gmail.com), or Lydia in the parish office, 905-857-1938.

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as your strength.**

*St. Mother Teresa*

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