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ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH, TORONTO, ONTARIO.

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

SHARELIFE PARISH CAMPAIGN Easter Sunday: March 31st/April 1st

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.

OUR PARISH TOTAL TO DATE: \$36,488.00

Thank you for your generosity.

The second ShareLife Sunday is on:
April 22, 2018.
Please give generously.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Universal: For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters ~ That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Friday, April 6th 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!





EASTER GREETING

May the power of the Lord Jesus' resurrection touch each of our lives this Easter and renew us and our families in the power of Christ's love, mercy and compassion

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

EASTER SCHEDULE 2018

Sunday, April 1st EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (No 7:00PM Mass)

Monday, April 2nd EASTER MONDAY

Mass at 9:00AM ONLY.
Parish Office Closed

What is Easter Sunday and how does it differ from the Easter Season?

Easter Sunday is the day when Catholics celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. The Easter Season totals 50 days - Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. The Easter Season is a time for reflection on and deepening of our awareness of the mysteries prepared for in Lent and celebrated at the Triduum.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in your prayers all those parishioners who have gone to their rest in Christ, particularly those we remember who died recently:

Christopher Hay & Marie Westover
May they Rest in Peace

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REMINDER

A reminder to the parents whose children are receiving their *First Holy Communion* this year. Please pick up

your child's First Holy Communion cards at the Welcome Desk after each mass.

The card must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the Parish Welcome Desk at least 30 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass that the child is schedule to receive his/her First Holy Communion.

EASTER CUSTOMS



Food: It is the tradition in many cultures for people to ask for God's blessing on the festive foods to be eaten at Easter. These foods especially include those that were forbidden during the strict Lenten season:

foods made with eggs, milk and cheese as well as meat products (paralleled in the custom of Shrove Tuesday). **Eggs**: The egg has been the most identifiable Easter symbol for centuries: it is the symbol of fertility and new life. Although eggs represent new life, the symbolism goes deeper it represents the emergence of Christ from the tomb into everlasting life. That is why at Easter, eggs are traditionally decorated with symbols of life and victory.

The season before Easter signifies the troubles in which we live here and now, while the time after Easter which we are celebrating at present signifies the happiness that will be ours in the future. What we commemorate before Easter is what we experience in this life; what we celebrate after Easter points to something that we do not yet possess. Such is the meaning of the Alleluia we sing.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
Alleluia!

UPCOMING MEETING

Women's Spirituality Group

Tuesday, April 3rd at 1:00PM-4:00PM in the St. Pius X Room.

RCIA Meeting

Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:00PM-8:30PM in the St. Pius X Room.

CWL Executive Meeting

Thursday, April 5th at 1:00PM-3:00PM in the St. Pius X Room.

ATTENTION ALL LEGION OF MARY SCARBOROUGH COMITIUM ACTIVE AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS Saturday, April 7 at 12:00PM to 3:00PM

All active and Auxiliary member are invited to an ACIES which will take place at Precious Blood Church on Saturday, April 7 from 12:00PM to 3:00PM.



Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

April 1st to April 7th

In loving memory of **Antonio Figueira**.

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Requested by: Dad, Mom, your loving sister,

Kerry-Ann and brother-in-law Lucio.

In loving memory of Louis Figueira.

May you have eternal rest in our Lord's house.

You may be gone, but never forgotten.

Forever in our hearts,

Dennis, Gemma, Kerry-Ann and Lucio.

Requested by: Dennis Figueira and Family.

In loving memory of John William Da Costa.

Beloved husband, loving father and grandfather.

God has you in His keeping.

We have you in our hearts.

We love you and miss you everyday.

Your loving wife and children.

Thank you and God bless you.

Yours sincerely, Yvonne Da Costa.

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