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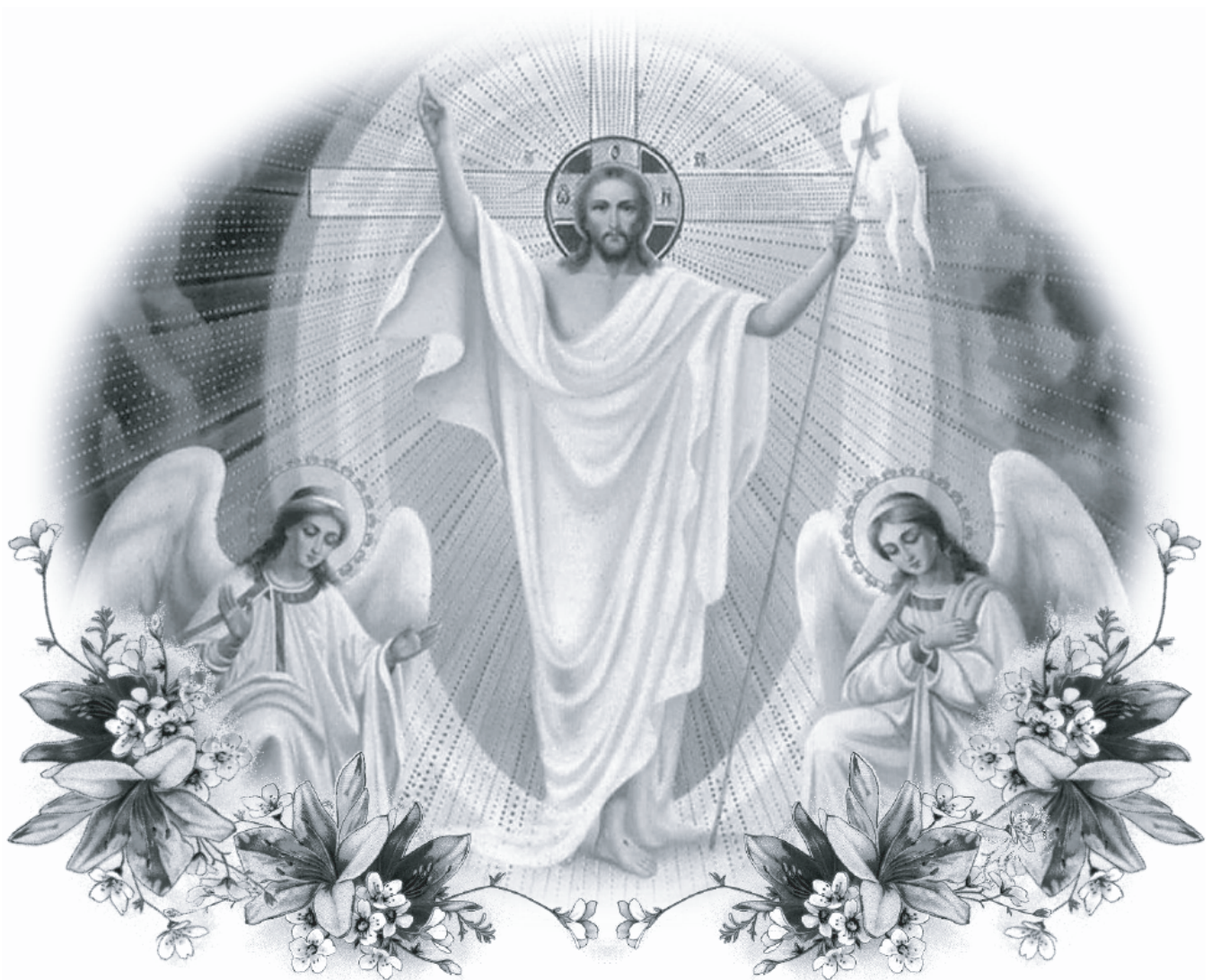
## **PASTORAL TEAM**

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**He is Risen!**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia**

## EASTER SUNDAY

**Mass is livestreamed each Saturday at 4:30pm and may also be viewed anytime afterwards. Please click on the link on our website [www.fatimaparish.ca](http://www.fatimaparish.ca) as we celebrate Mass together.**

### **Saturday, April 19, 2025**

9:00 am Morning Prayer

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

### **Sunday, April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday**

8:30 am For all Parishioners

10:00 am Living and Deceased members of the Gomez and Rodriguez families by Olivia Gomez  
Intentions of Patricia McLukas and family by Rosalie O'Connor

Soul of John Roberge by his wife Macrena  
Intentions of Charles and Lindsay Campbell by Rosalie O'Connor

Souls of Shamoan Dawood and Emmanuel Dawood by the family

Soul of Catherine Swimmings by Irene Kibel

Souls of Matilda and Fritz Kibel

by their daughter Irene Kibel

Intentions of Msgr. Kevin Beach

For Canada by a parishioner

11:30 am Soul of Estrella Legaspi by Alfredo Legaspi  
9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the soul of Peter Cassidy by his wife and family

To reunite all the families and souls in purgatory to the flame of love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Jo-Ann

Soul of Ronald Roberge by his Mother

Intentions of Louise McSorley by Irene Kibel

For Canada by a parishioner

Intentions of Marie-Andrea

by her brother Daniel

Intentions of Ika Barbarasa by Bill Roderick

Health of Joseph Ranger by Lola Burnett

Intentions for the D'Souza family

### **Monday, April 21, 2025**

9:00 am In loving memory of Socorro Cerradis by the Cruzado family

### **Tuesday, April 22, 2025**

9:00 am Special Blessings for Linda and family by Jo-Ann

### **Wednesday, April 23, 2025**

9:00 am In loving memory of Maria Gordine by Donna O'Connor

### **Thursday, April 24, 2025**

9:00 am 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Soul of Guido Crapigna by his wife, Suzanne

### **Friday, April 25, 2025**

9:00 am Special Blessings for Brigid Kane and family by Jo-Ann

### **Saturday, April 26, 2025**

9:00 am Soul of Patricia Wickham by Brideen Kane

4:30 pm Soul of Ray Mulvihill by Ted O'Lear

### **Sunday, April 27, 2025**

8:30 am For all Parishioners

10:00 am Soul of Louis Turk by his wife Tilka

Intentions of Charles and Lindsay Campbell by Rosalie O'Connor

Living and deceased members of the O'Connor family by Rosalie O'Connor

Intentions of Fr. Lindsay by Irene Kibel

Intentions of Fr. John by Irene Kibel

10:00 am Intentions of Paul Mongeon and the living and deceased members of the Mongeon family by Rosalie O'Connor

11:30 am Soul of Estrella Legaspi by Alfredo Legaspi  
Souls in Purgatory

Special intentions

Success of the Nokia Teams

Souls of the Choachui family

Soul of Josh Grosskleg by Clare Grosskleg

To reunite all the families and souls in purgatory to the flame of love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Jo-Ann

Soul of and in loving memory of Reynaldo Torres by his family

Soul of John Saldanha

by Sheldon and Sharon Mendonsa

Soul of Val Devine

by Margaret and Bernie Carroll

Special Blessings for Michael Ryan and family by Jo-Ann

Special Blessings for Nicole and Daniel & family by Jo-Ann

### **PARISH OFFICE: Open Monday to Wednesday 9am-3pm.**

We are also happy to assist you by phone or e-mail. Please leave a message at 613-722-7661x2 or [info@fatimaparish.ca](mailto:info@fatimaparish.ca). For pastoral needs contact Father Lindsay Harrison at 613-722-7661x3 or [pastor@fatimaparish.ca](mailto:pastor@fatimaparish.ca). **Parish Office closed Good Friday and Easter Monday. Pregnant? Need Help? Contact BIRTHRIGHT 613-231-5683**



Barry Burns, Steve Chapman, Sue W., Pat McGrath, Bruno B., Debbie S., Valerie O., Betty, Paula, Parker Scissons, Andrea, Emilia Bernabey, Caceres Family, Allan Kelly, Remedios Balgos, Lilia Galla, Jinette Bergeron, Mirsada Redzic, David (Huso) Redzic, Nikad Redzic, Mariless Tamara,

Pedro and Delores Valdez, Cecile Pilon, Linda Pilon, Diane Paulozza, Carol Louis-Seize, Derek Jones, Mary Killen, Chris Marleau, Lisa Carter, Kim Vardon, Catherine Levasseur, Lance Carter, Grace Schultz, Adelaida Mercado, Danilo Gomez, Elena Aguirre, Omar Diallo, Carol Giampaolo, Patricia Tolgyesy, Toni Kramar, Jean Marc Danis, Joan & Gerry Comba, Rosie Ocampo, Amanda Lewis, Julie Larocque, Josefina Manalo, Tyler Bell, Matthew, Ellen Flores, Dan Murray, Wanda, Ron Messett, Lilia Legaspi, Marissa Maristela, Angela Beimers, Helen Deek, S. Stellar, John McDonell, Frank Viciana, Paul Gravelle, Lorna O'Brien, Richard Larocque, Julie Larocque, Anne Marie Bourgault, Susan Carvelle, Deirdre Larocque, Donald McKinnon.

**If you wish to add prayers to the prayer list, please do so by calling the parish office at 613-722-7661, or email [info@fatimaparish.ca](mailto:info@fatimaparish.ca).**

### **EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

My Dear Parishioners,

For the entirety of Lent, we have been preparing ourselves for this great feast of Easter. Now it has arrived! This very special day reminds us of the depth and power of God's love made tangible in Jesus Christ, who died on the cross and rose from the tomb to give us eternal life and hope.

Easter is a celebration of the triumph of life over death, of light over darkness, and of love over despair. May the peace and blessings of the risen Lord be with you and those dear to you. On behalf of Father John, the staff, and me, we wish you a blessed Easter day and beyond.

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Father Lindsay Harrison



**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION:** The **Second Sunday of Easter** is also Divine Mercy Sunday. As in other years we will have a special celebration in the church from **2:30pm to 3:30pm**. It will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Confessions. Come out and join us.



**SPRING TEA PARTY:** Mark your calendars for **Thursday, May 15th** and plan to join us for our very popular fancy tea party. Tickets will go on sale at all Masses on the weekends of May 3-4 and May 10-11. As always you can expect a delicious array of party sandwiches, fancy cakes and squares, beautiful decorations and exquisite service, plus the most beautiful china cups and saucers you can imagine. We're proud to be keeping this elegant tradition alive and well here at Fatima. See you there.

**CWL:** All ladies are warmly welcome to join the CWL at our monthly meeting, **Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 7:00pm** in the parish hall. See you there and God bless!

**HIKE FOR LIFE, SATURDAY, APRIL 26:** Once again Father Lindsay has agreed to be our designated hiker! Please sponsor Father in raising money for Action Life. On Saturday, **April 26**, he will be walking 5km in support of this very important pro-life cause. Sponsorship sign-up sheets are available at both entrances of the church. There are also envelopes available, if you wish to send your sponsorship pledge directly to Action Life. God Bless you and Good Luck Father Lindsay!

**BELL TOWER MAINTENANCE UPDATE:** A detailed report on the physical status of the Parish's buildings and exterior areas was prepared by a professional engineering company in 2022. In December 2024, parishioners were advised that the Bell Tower would be the focus of maintenance investments in 2025, as it is suffering water infiltration damage necessitating urgent repairs. The first step is to address the deteriorated environmental state inside the belfry at the top of the tower. Following that, it will be safe to conduct a thorough engineering assessment of the belfry and the rest of the Bell Tower. A detailed review of the physical status of the belfry has been completed by a local firm with specialized experience in this area. A technical team was on site in February and March to set up a containment zone below the belfry to document the state of the inside of the belfry. Safety precautions were followed by establishing a containment zone prior to opening the access port. Once the team completed the preparatory assessment of the interior, the access port was closed, and the contained area was cleaned. The preparation of a report with its findings is underway. The next step was the actual clean-up to render the belfry Tower safe for work assessment and completion. In the next few days, the Finance Council (specifically, the Bell Tower Sub-Committee consisting of Paul Hession, Bev Binette and Brian Gracie) will receive the recommendations arising from this inspection and cleaning. The Sub-Committee will issue updates as the project progresses, including the estimated costs of proposed rehabilitation options of the belfry and the rest of the Bell Tower. Regardless of the selected option, the work will be costly. To this end, special collection envelopes will be available for Parishioners to support this project. Your financial support will be invaluable in the Parish's efforts to bring this project to a successful end.

**PRAYING FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR:** We have ordered Holy Year prayer cards for parishioners. It is the Pilgrims of Hope prayer composed by Pope Francis for this Jubilee Year. We ask that you have it with you when coming to church so that we can pray it together at the end of Mass in place of the St Michael Prayer. We will begin this once Lent ends (in the Easter season) and continue till the end of the Jubilee Year (January 6, 2026). Once it ends, we will return to praying the St Michael Prayer. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the office. Fr Lindsay

**SENIORS / YOUNG AT HEART CARD / BOARD GAMES GROUP:** You are invited to join us on **Wednesday, April 23** for a fun-filled afternoon and socializing. See you then! From our Family to Yours... Wishing you a Happy Easter.

**CHARITABLE TAX STATUS:** During the last Parliament, the Commons Finance Committee received two proposed recommendations, numbered 429 & 430, to Parliament under the Budget Implementation Act, 2023, No. 1. Recommendation 429 suggested that the government should remove the charitable status of organizations that oppose abortion. Recommendation 430 proposed that the definition of "charity" under the Income Tax Act be amended to remove the "advancement of religion" as a recognized charitable purpose. With the dissolution of Parliament for the election, these recommendations have been nullified. A form of them, however, is likely to re-surface in the new Parliament. Catholic organizations are bound to oppose abortion and also to advance religion. Catholics should be wary of attempts to defund the charitable works of the Church. Individuals might consider asking anyone looking for voter support in the present election where the local candidate stands on these recommendations. If the candidate has a website, consider sending an email to your own candidate and asking for the candidate's stance on taxing religious organizations.

**FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP: YOUR LIFE, YOUR LEGACY!** Join us for a presentation on how to create a prayerful, high-impact Estate Plan that maximizes your spiritual & social impact: **April 29, 2025 from 6:30pm-8:00pm** at St. George's Parish. There is no cost and complimentary snacks and beverages will be served. We would love to have an idea of numbers, so please check out the registration page on the diocese website! For more information or to register, click here: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/events/faithful-stewardship/>

**SAVE THE DATE:** National March for Life is **Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>!**

**PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING(AGM) & VOLUNTEER RECEPTION:**

Our Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be **Thursday May 29th at 6:30pm in the Hall**. This is your opportunity to get involved with our Pastoral Council to help make our parish life grow. It is a two year commitment. Should you wish to put your name forward or nominate someone else or simply get more information, please contact the parish office (613-722-7661). Mark it on your calendar and please plan to attend. Do you Volunteer in One of Our Ministries? **Mark this date on your calendar: Thursday May 29th immediately following the AGM we will have a special Volunteer Appreciation Reception in the Hall** to celebrate the dedication and commitment of all our volunteers."

*Our Lady of Fatima Parish, dedicated to the Mother of God, seeks to fulfill the call of Jesus to "come follow me", to be true worshippers of the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit, and to love one another as Christ has loved us.*

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!**

Our warmest regards to all who worship with us today. Whether you are long-time parishioners or newly arrived in our community, you may register your family information here or on our website.

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