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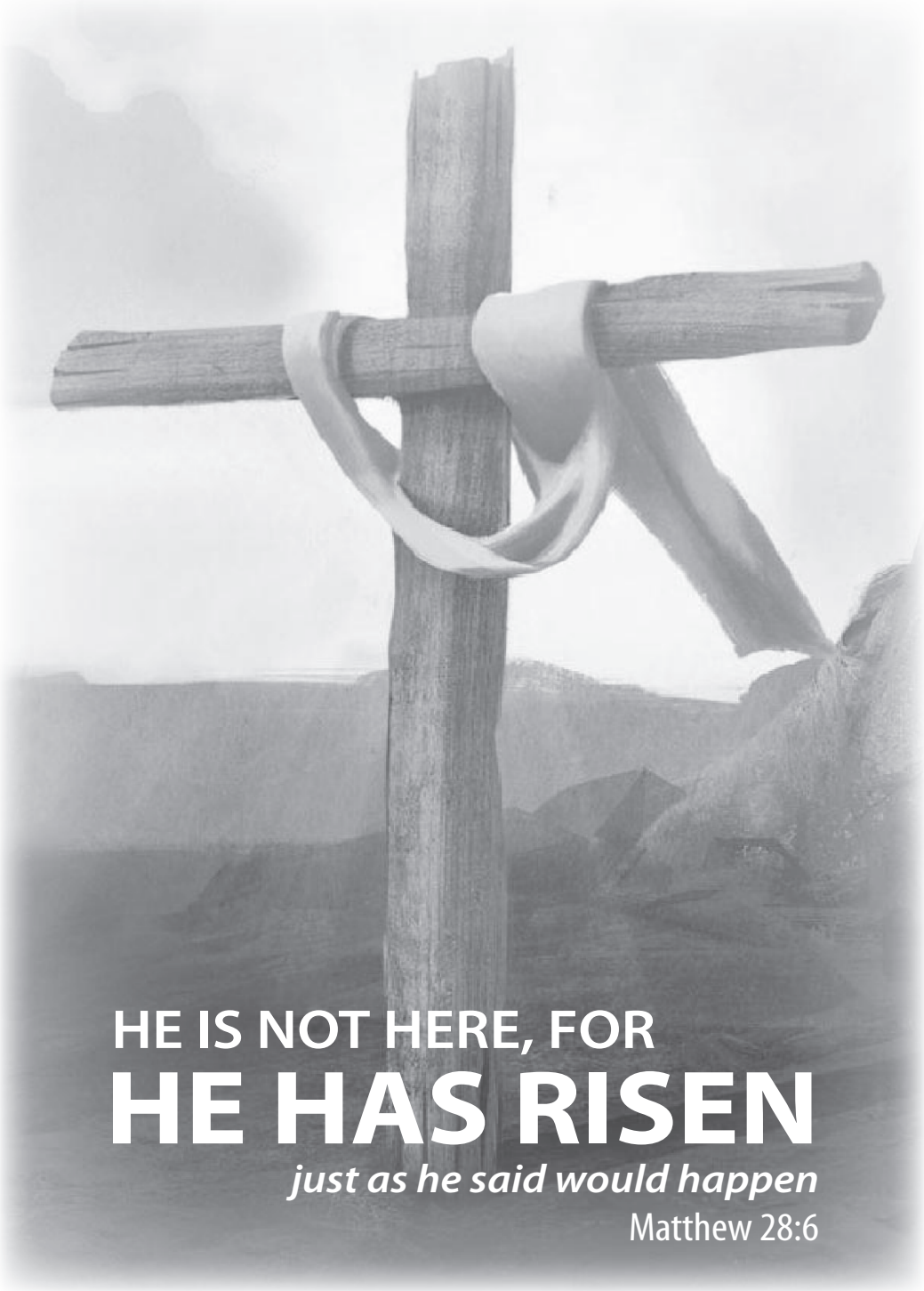
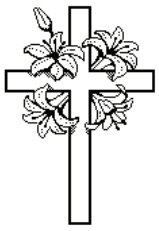


The ***butterfly*** has long been a symbol of the ***resurrection***. The butterfly symbolizes rebirth into a new life after being inside a cocoon for a period of time.

The butterfly has three phases during its life: the caterpillar, the cocoon, and the butterfly. The caterpillar symbolizes normal earthly life when people are preoccupied with taking care of their normal earthly needs. The caterpillar spins itself into a chrysalis or cocoon, resembling the tomb. The butterfly emerges from the cocoon, representing the resurrection and a glorious new life, free of worldly restrictions.

This symbolism also tracks the life of Christ. When Christ died on the cross, he was placed in a tomb. At the end of three days, He arose from the dead. In the resurrection of Jesus, God was doing the same kind of thing He does when He makes butterflies out of caterpillars. When people die, because of Christ's resurrection, we know it is possible for them to live again, too.

There is a butterfly by the name of the Cleopatra butterfly which appears during the Spring Easter season. In some countries the nickname of this butterfly is the "Easter Jesus." The "Easter Jesus" and, in fact, all butterflies can serve as a reminder of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and how His sacrifice has given all of us the opportunity for life eternal.



The Easter Lily

One of the most famous biblical references to the lily is the Sermon on the Mount, when Christ told his listeners: "*Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."*

Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies are said to have been found growing in the garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition says that the beautiful white lilies sprang up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in His final hours of sorrow and distress. Christian churches continue this tradition at Easter by filling their altars and surrounding their crosses with Easter lilies to commemorate the Resurrection and hope of life everlasting.

The pure white lily has long been closely associated with the Virgin Mary. In early paintings, the Angel Gabriel is pictured extending to Mary a branch of white lilies, announcing that she is to be the Mother of the Christ Child.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, April 11
8:00 am – for the intentions of Shirley and Tony Borges
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, April 12
1:00 pm – *Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through the Chapel side door on South Street.*
7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY- John Pham
+ DEOLINDA R. PEREIRA – Mary and Joe
+ HELENA and JOSE REGO – Maria and John
+ SR. MARY VIVIAN IHESE
+ STEPHEN NWEKE EZEANYA
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, April 13
8:00 am – God's graces and blessings for Ken McDonald, Family, and employees
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Friday, April 14
8:00 am + DECEASED FAMILY OF MARIA & SILVINO CHAVES
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, April 15
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + ESTEVAN ESPINOSA – His family
+ MARIA BRAGA MONTEIRO & ANTONIO NORDELO MELO
+ ANA FIGUEIREDO – Maria and Sandy
+ MARIE HILTS and the DECEASED D'ARCY FAMILY

Sunday, April 16 – Divine Mercy Sunday
9:00 am + DANI CETRA – the Cetra family
11:00 am - for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Do you seek some peace and quite for time of reflection and prayer? Please, remember we have an **Adoration Chapel** in which to sit in the presence of the Holy Eucharist.

"Come to me all who are weary, and I will give you rest."

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! Finally, we can welcome Spring and with it comes the promise of new life around us, and of new hope in our Risen Saviour. Throughout Lent we reflected on the sacrifice Jesus made for each of us. By His resurrection we are given the promise of eternal salvation. Easter Sunday is more than just a celebration - it is an invitation to each of us to be faithful witnesses by our words and actions, every day, to those around us.

Thank you to our Deacons, and all volunteers who assisted with our Liturgies during Holy Week and Easter!! It is only with your help that we are able to have such beautiful liturgies!

May each of you find peace in the light of Christ during this Easter season. May Christ, our Risen Saviour bless you and your family always and be your guiding light to follow each day.

Father Gary Schlack
Father Michael King (retired)

Easter Prayer:

God our Father, by raising Christ Your Son
You conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.
Let our celebration today raise us up
and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

"I Have Called You by Name" **St. Ambrose Ladies' Group** will meet again on Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. Join us for prayer, reflection, and friendship. For information, please contact the parish office.

Be A Man Mens' group in St. Ambrose Church Hall Saturday mornings from 7:00 am to 8:30 am. All men welcome, 18 years and older. Come and join us for good conversation, fellowship and coffee and muffins.

Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed!

We are preparing to begin our youth group and we need a team of volunteers! There are several activities that will need volunteer support:

Elementary Youth Group – Thursdays from 6:30-8:00pm
Vacation Bible School – July 24th-28th

There are roles to suit any comfort level and to make use of each person's unique gifts! Adults and Students welcome as volunteers.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 16 at 3:00 pm At St. Ambrose Church

To celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday everyone is invited to join as we pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy.

In 2000, Pope John Paul instituted Divine Mercy Sunday which is celebrated on the Second Sunday of the Easter season. It arises out of a series of apparitions which Saint Faustina received.

Evenings with His Excellency - Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency." This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith. Sessions are held on the second Friday of each month, at 7pm - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

Elementary Youth Group Information Session For Parents and Students (Grades 6-8)

Parents with their child(ren) in Grades 6 to 8 are invited to an information session for the Elementary Youth Group on **Thursday, April 13th at 7pm** in the church hall.

High School Youth Group

In collaboration with Monsignor Doyle CSS, St. Ambrose Parish will be hosting a youth group for students in Grades 9-12. Wednesdays from 2:50pm-4:00pm beginning March 1st at Monsignor Doyle CSS, 185 Myers Rd. Please meet in the Chapel.

To join us, please register your son/daughter or if you would like to know more, please email Sarah Kwiecinski, the Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at youth@stambrosecambridge.ca.

C.Y.O. Camp Brébeuf is a year-round camp owned by the Catholic Youth Organization of Hamilton. The camp is located in Rockwood, Ontario, approximately 20 minutes east of Guelph. Providing outdoor education and recreation opportunities for schools and youth groups during the majority of the year, the camp operates as a summer camp during July and August.

They are currently **hiring** for the summer positions of camp facilitators/coordinators; kitchen staff; administrative staff. Please visit their website at **campbrebeuf.ca**

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