

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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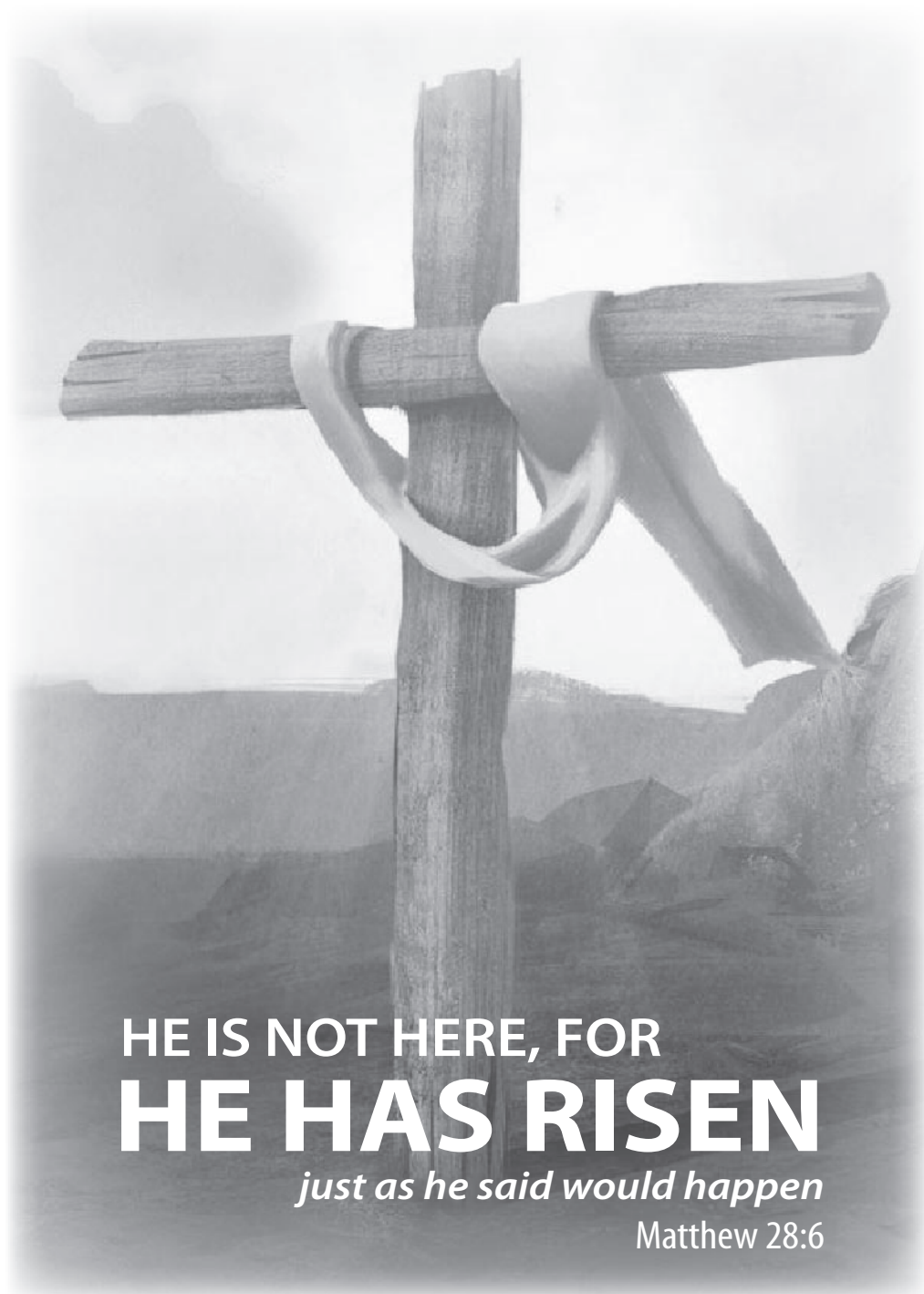
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HE IS NOT HERE, FOR  
**HE HAS RISEN**

*just as he said would happen*

Matthew 28:6



## PASTOR'S EASTER MESSAGE

***"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said". Matt 28:5,6.***

Dear brothers and sisters in the risen Christ. I bring you a message of renewed hope and joy as we celebrate the solemnity of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We celebrate his victory over sin and death. We celebrate the cleansing of our faults, we celebrate the immeasurable love of God for each and every one of us, irrespective of our shortcomings. It is a season of gratitude to God for his love and for his mercies. We also celebrate our sisters and brothers in Christ, the catechumens who received the sacrament of initiation and have now become one with us. Our gratitude to God for the fulfilment of his promises in our lives cannot be overemphasized.

As we celebrate this greatest of feasts, dear brothers and sisters, we challenge ourselves to allow the risen Christ to change our hearts so that we will not be the same again. He wishes to draw our eyes and our attention to heaven so that we might seek and think of what is above and to live our faith more deeply. Let us look at the cross henceforth, not just as a Roman symbol of torture, but a sign of love and victory. Let us then rejoice and be glad!

Regina Caeli Laetare Alleluia!

Fr Emeka Onyeogubalu  
Pastor

## Dates to Remember

**April 16<sup>th</sup> – Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration**

**April 29<sup>th</sup> – Hike For Life**

**April 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> – First Communions**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation**



***The St. John the Apostle – Divine Mercy Cenacle invites you to a celebration here at the Church on***

***Divine Mercy Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm***

Come and receive God's abundant mercy on this feast day. It includes a Reflection, Eucharistic Adoration, Veneration of the Image of our Lord, Reconciliation, and Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome!



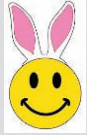
Children's Liturgy

**Children's Liturgy** There will be no Children's Liturgy on Easter Sunday, so families can celebrate in the Church together. It will resume again next **Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Children's Liturgy takes place at every 10:30am Mass. Kindergarten aged children through grade 6 are welcome to join us in the main hall for a child friendly liturgy. Parents are welcome to attend with younger children!

**HIKE FOR LIFE, SATURDAY, APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>**  
ACTION LIFE'S 32nd annual fundraiser to raise funds to promote Pro-life education (abortion, euthanasia, infanticide).  
**If you plan to hike and would like to represent the Parish, please contact the Parish office 613-829-1760.**

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
<b>April 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday</b>		
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
<b>5:00 pm</b>	#1 Yvonne Munro #2 John Dunphy	Deacon Victor Yoli Mesta Ian Moffat
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
<b>8:00am</b>	#1 Sabrina Pedulla #2 Monica Mullane	Angela Beimers Jennifer Golanowski Jacques Theodore
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
<b>10:30am</b>	#1 Xavier Recoskie #2 Judith Gray	Karen Leeder John Schembri Mary Jean Thompson



## SUNDAY SMILE

**Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?**  
It might crack up!

**Why did the Easter Bunny have on a hat?**  
Because he was having a bad hare day.

**What do you call a mischievous Easter egg?**  
A practical yolker.



### What's Your CWL?

The **Catholic Women's League of Canada** means many things to people. Our core values of faith, service and social justice guide us as we follow Catholic teaching, provide service locally, nationally, and internationally, and work to advocate for social justice.

We continue to share what best describes the CWL so you can get to know us better!

**Acceptance, Action, Advocacy, Belonging, Change, Charity, Compassion, Confidence, Connection, Courage, Diversity....**

**Faith:** Catholic Women's League members know faith is important to women. Members are called to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. We are *Catholic and Living it!* Come grow with us!

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If you would like more information, or join a meeting to see firsthand what we are all about, please contact Audrey Wojcik  
email: [audrey.wojcik@yahoo.ca](mailto:audrey.wojcik@yahoo.ca)

**CONFRONTING END OF LIFE ISSUES:** A talk by Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of Euthanasia Prevention, will be given in Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall on **Thursday, April 20th**, at 2 p.m. All are invited to come and be informed on the Catholic perspective re DNR'S, living wills, MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying), etc. Freewill offering. Mr. Schadenberg will also be making a presentation at St. Maurice parish at 7 pm on **April 20th**.

## Mass Intentions

### Sun. April 9th – 8:00am

✠Carl Dervin by Lynn Harriet-Dervin  
✠Gene Lalonde by Kathy Lalonde  
✠Gregory Kiez by the family

### Sun. April 9th – 10:30am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

### Wed. April 12th – 9:00am

✠William O'Connell by Lucilla O'Connell

### Sat. April 15th - 5:00pm

✠Valentino Felipe by Layao and Precy Ilagan  
✠Michel Rousseau by Lynne Rousseau  
In dedication to Padre Pio for blessings received.

### Sun. April 16th – 8:00am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

### Sun. April 16th – 10:30am

✠Sheila Berrea by the family  
✠Kevin Lawrence Proctor by Mike Proctor  
Deceased members of the Steeves and  
Kemp families by Elizabeth and Hart Steeves

✠ indicates deceased

**Donations:** Pre-authorized Debit (PAD) is available for you to make your monthly/bi-monthly contributions to our parish for both the Sunday collection and Building Fund donations. This means that once we have the necessary information and set it up, the transfer will be automatic from your bank account to the parish bank account. Please see the information and application forms on the bulletin board at the entrance to the church or on our website.

### ***Holy Father's Intentions – April***

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

**The Parish Office is closed  
on Easter Monday.**





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