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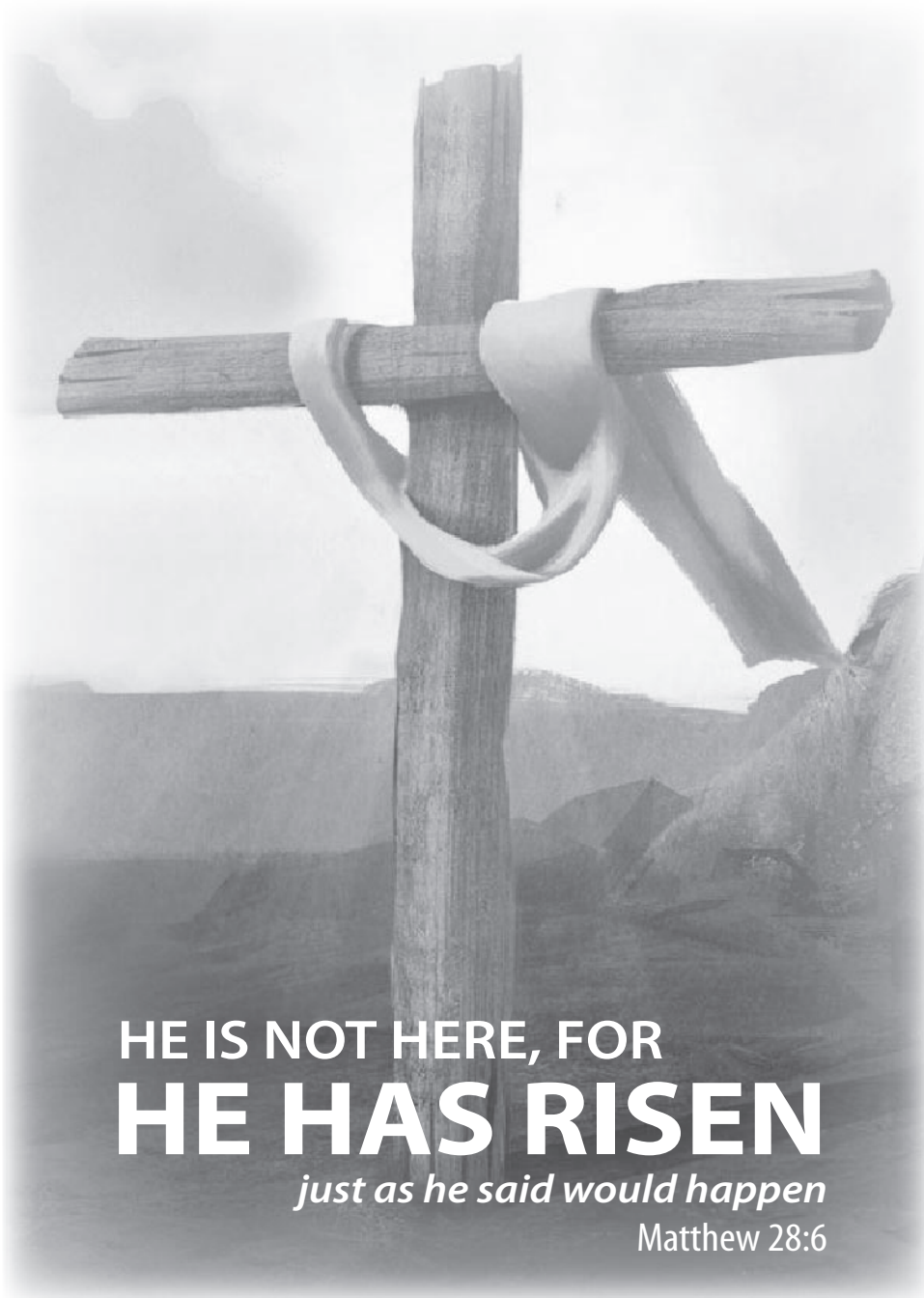
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HE IS NOT HERE, FOR
HE HAS RISEN

just as he said would happen

Matthew 28:6

Mass Intentions for the Week

April 2 - 8, 2018

Monday, April 2

9:00 am + Veronica Martyn

Tuesday, April 3

9:15 am— Birthday blessings Brandyn
7:00 pm - + Jobi D’Cruz

Wednesday, April 4

7:00 pm + 8th death anniversary
George Peter Elmo; + 40 days death
Catalina Magno; + John Mariyanaya-
gam; Thanksgiving for favors received.

Thursday, April 5

7:00 pm + Pedro & Trinidad Gaucho

Friday, April 6

9:15 am + Edmond Shun-wah Yam
7:00 pm + Veronica Martyn

Saturday, April 7

9:00 am - Healing Vaughn Lyn
5:00 pm + Joseph McGovern

Sunday, April 8

8:30 am - Community of Prince of
Peace
10:00 am + Arcadia de los Santos
11:30 am + Alfred Emmanuel
1:00 pm + Zenaida Cortez San Pedro

Jesus is Risen, Alleluia!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



CHRIST IS RISEN! For the believing Christian, this is the greatest news ever. For it is on this good news (gospel) that his faith is anchored. Take away the Resurrection and Jesus would only be one of those run-of-the-mill charlatans. Worse, He would be the biggest fraud ever for He did not come across with a promise so outlandish - to rise from the dead. But with the Resurrection, Jesus proved what He claimed Himself to be: the Son of Father, God-Made-Man, our Brother and our Savior. This is what we celebrate today. The Gospel reading (Jn. 20: 1-9)

talks about the "mystery of the empty tomb". At the end of the reading, John, speaking for himself, said that he saw and believed. At that time, he and Peter did not yet understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead. But seeing the empty tomb, he believed. The "light" began to shine on him. He believed that Jesus would not remain buried in the "darkness" of the tomb.

The empty tomb, though very important, is not enough. It is not an absence that we seek but a PRESENCE. The Easter gospels tell us of this presence. Where? In many places. Outside of the tomb, Mary Magdalene met Jesus after which she excitedly told the disciples, "I have seen the Lord." In the upper room where after Jesus showed His followers His hands and side, Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" On the road to Emmaus where the two disciples reflecting on their encounter with Jesus, said, "Were not our hearts burning inside us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" These are definitely real experiences of the Risen Lord's presence.

Experiencing the presence of Jesus changed their lives for good. They began to love and ceased to be timorous. They considered it their glory to suffer in His name. They proclaimed the Easter Message, Jesus' Gospel of Love, in the open, far and wide.

With His Resurrection, Jesus is victorious over death. He is called the first born of the dead whom we are to follow: "I came that they may have life, and have it in abundance." Following Jesus is not just being baptized and coming to life again with the grace of baptism. In between, we have to join ourselves to God by goodness, love and faithfulness. This is the difficult part. This can mean a lot of dying to ourselves as we follow in the footsteps of the Risen Jesus. When we fail, we rely on His divine mercy.

For us, the challenge of Easter is to follow Jesus in love. This is what His post-resurrection appearances did to His disciples. This is what Jesus is asking from us now. When we respond, when we also begin to love Jesus and in Him, our neighbor, then His Resurrection will finally begin to have meaning in our lives. For then Jesus has become the Light of our lives.

**May the Risen Jesus Bless you and your families
on this joyous day! HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!**

Fr. Lorenzo, Fr. Michael and the Staff



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.

Thank You For Your Generosity.

**Last Sunday Collection: \$12,971.45
Sharelife: \$1,899.40**

**EASTER MONDAY
9:00 am Mass**

The office and the church will be closed

CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

The Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding this seminar on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 9:30 am at Christ the King Cemetery (Reception Area), 7770 Steeles Ave. East, Markham. The goal is to help you protect yourselves and your loved ones by creating a well thought out estate plan that respects your wishes and Catholic Faith.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & MERCY SUNDAY



April 8TH, 2018 at 3:00PM

Exposition / Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament/Divine Mercy Chaplet

Refreshments in the parish hall (Please bring finger foods only).

For Novena details please see the flyer in the Lobby.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

EASTER THANK YOU!



Thank you all for all the wonderful and hard work you have done for our parish community especially during Lent and Easter; to our own two deacons, to all choir directors and members; to all Sacristans and Altar Servers, Ministers of Hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Decorators, Children Liturgy and those who helped us behind the scenes. With heartfelt thanks to all catechists and teachers for their dedication preparing our First Communion and Confirmation candidates for the Sacraments this Easter Season, and all the wonderful parishioners that help our Church in many other ways. God Bless!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

*To those who donated
EASTER FLOWERS*

May your dedication and gift of your time, talents and treasures be rewarded bountifully by the Risen Lord. God Bless

Looking for Donations!



As we celebrate the parish's 35th Anniversary of the Canonical Foundation this May, the parish is looking for donations to purchase 7 gold ciboria to be used for the distribution of Holy Eucharist. You may donate one ciboria in honour of your loved one or any amount will be appreciated. Thank you for your generosity and support. The price of each ciboria is **\$700 (tax included)**. For information please call the office.



THE VOTIVE LAMPS ARE OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF

1. In loving memory of Cosmo, Vincenzo & Giovannina, Luigi & Lucia, Francesco, Matteo & A.J. Andrews. Offered with love from Assunta, Giovanna & Daniela..
2. In loving memory of Robert & Amy Franco. Offered by their children, Victor & family; Stanley & family and Annie & family.
3. In loving memory of Edmond Shun-wah Yam. May he rest in peace. Offered by Isaac & Cecilia Tsang.
4. In loving memory of Bernadette Loo Lee Kim Chow on her 3rd death anniversary (April 3rd). Forever in our hearts. Gone but not forgotten. Offered by son Anthony, daughter-in-law Kim, grand-children Jessica, Jonathan & Esther.

VOCATION CORNER.....

"The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or deacon, Call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at: 416-968-0997.**

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SL ShareLife

2018 CAMPAIGN

"Living the Gospel by evangelising 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.

April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday

Please give generously

- 2016 parish campaign achievement—\$78,245.35**
- 2017 parish campaign achievement—\$88,410.35**
- 2018 parish campaign achievement—\$97,500.00**

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