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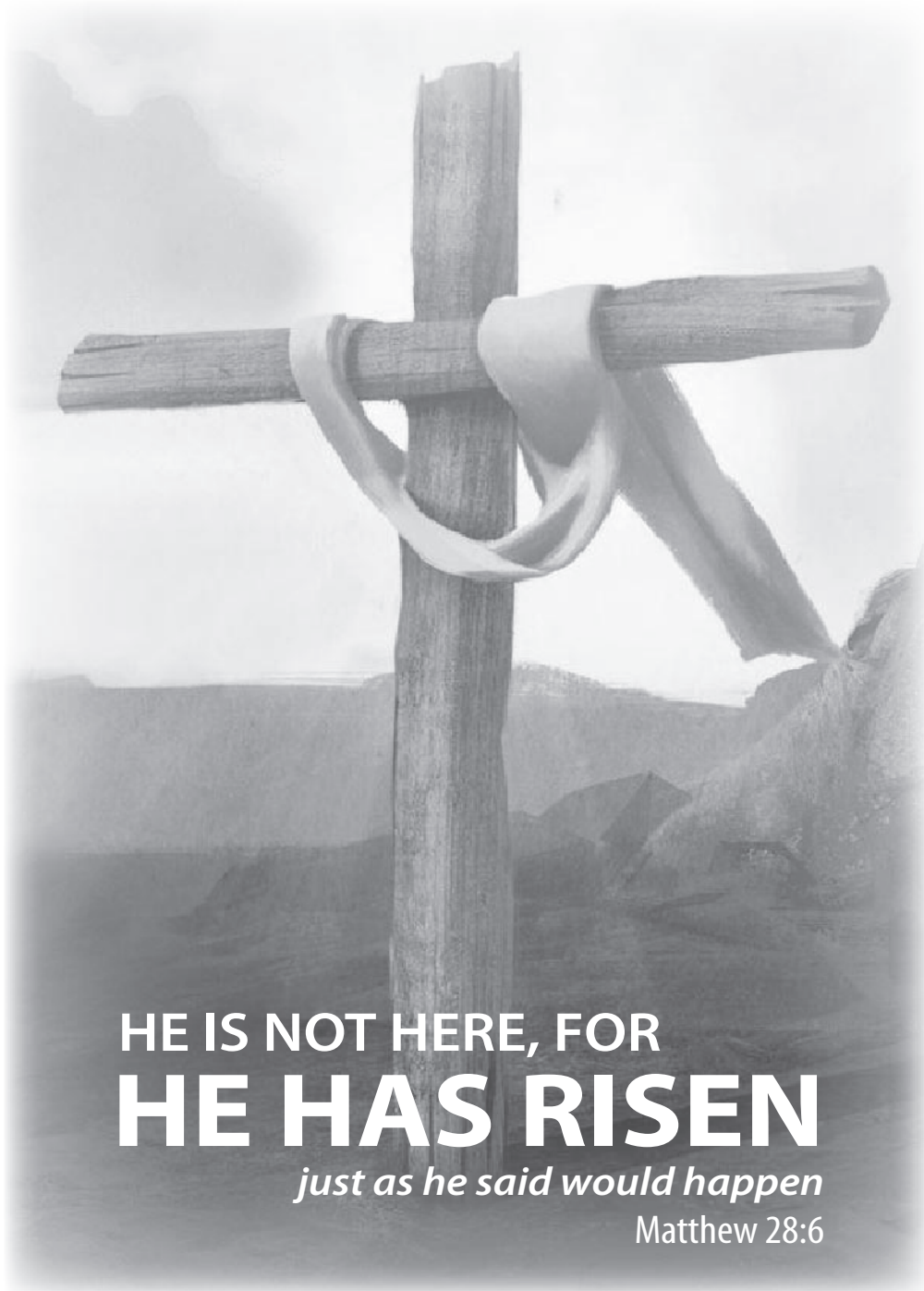
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HE IS NOT HERE, FOR
HE HAS RISEN

just as he said would happen

Matthew 28:6



Easter Octave

Tuesday April 11

12:05 Intentions for Romelda Morson
Requested by Jim & Yvonne Bowen

Wednesday April 12

12:05pm +Norma Jivcoff
Requested by David Jivcoff

Thursday April 13

12:05 +Michael Maguire
Requested by Dolores & Charles Maguire

Friday April 14

11am – Holy Hour
12:05 +Paul DesRoches
Requested by Jack & Janice Swick and Family

Saturday April 15

10 am +Lillian Dobson
Requested by Margaret Power

Second Sunday of Easter **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Vigil Mass – Saturday April 15

5 pm Intentions of Toddy Blaicher
Requested by Mila Benedicto

Sunday – April 16

9am +Joanne Martin
Requested by Adele & Kerry Heins
11:30 am Mass for the People

Christ is Alive!

Today we celebrate Easter Sunday. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus who died but has been raised and continues to live among us for all eternity. We celebrate the event that is so central and basic for our faith that St. Paul, writing to the Corinthians, could say that, if Christ had not been raised, our faith is in vain and we who claim to believe are the most pitiable of men! (1 Corinthians 15: 11 - 19)

It is such a wonderful thing to celebrate, 'wonderful' in the rich meaning of the word. It is also so wonderful that it may seem unbelievable. The Gospel accounts of the Resurrection tell us that it was difficult even for the close followers of Jesus to believe. Mary Magdalene, the doubting apostle Thomas, the Emmaus duo, the fearful Eleven in their locked room- all doubted at first, but the power of God's grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit of the Risen Lord changed their doubts and fears into conviction and commitment.

But there is more to what we celebrate today than to celebrate what happened more than two thousand years ago. We celebrate the living presence of Jesus among us and in our world today. The Gospel narratives tell us that the Risen Jesus, before his Ascension into heaven, promised his disciples that he would be with them forever, until the end of the ages. Today, therefore, on this Easter Sunday, we celebrate what we believe, that the living Jesus is still with us. The living Jesus is with us as our companion in all the joyful moments and, perhaps especially, in all our suffering moments.

Jesus who was sent by the Father to show God's love for our world still lives and experiences the problems of the world, of war and racial hostilities, of 'natural' and human-made disasters. The Risen Lord, still living among us, is still the light of hope and the challenge for all of us to live our faith.



The Pope's Prayer Intention for April

For a culture of peace and non-violence

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



How can we find and see the Risen Lord present among us? If our Easter faith is belief that the Risen Lord is still and always with us, how can we see him and where can we find him? Surely, we hope that we will see the Risen Jesus face-to-face when we ourselves have been raised on the last day. But part of our Easter faith is that even now we can experience the Lord present among us.

Jesus is present to us in what may be called 'hidden' forms: Christ in the Eucharist is one example. When we receive and share Communion at Mass, we receive the Risen Lord in companionship with our worshipping brothers and sisters. The Eucharist brings us into intimate contact with the Lord, risen from the dead and alive with us. We meet the risen Lord when in the Eucharist we break Bread with one another.

The Risen Lord is present with and among us in our companionship. Jesus tells us that 'where two or three gathered in my Name, I am there among them.' (Matthew 18: 20) In a very special way the Risen Lord is present in those who are in need among us, so that whatever we do or do not do for the needy ones, we do or do not do for Jesus (Matthew 25: 40, 45).

Today we celebrate what we hope for: to be with Jesus. Alleluia!

Grace and peace,

Father R C R A

CWL News

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday April the 11th**. We look forward to seeing members. Ladies of the parish are invited to join us and learn about the CWL activities.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Everyone is invited to pray the Divine Mercy Sunday chaplet at St. Margaret's on April 16, 2023 12:30 pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 1:30 pm. The usual conditions for a plenary indulgence apply: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion (preferably on the day, or the days before) and prayer for the intentions of Pope Francis.

Please note that confessions will be heard only at the regular times (8:30 – 9:00 am and 11:00-11:30 am).

School Mass

Staff and students from Monsignor Castex and Sacred Heart elementary schools will join parishioners for Mass at 9:30 **am** on **Wednesday, April 19, 2023**.

Confirmation Mass

Bishop Boissonneau will be visiting St. Margaret's to celebrate a Confirmation Mass at **10 am** on **Saturday, April 22, 2023**. Please keep our Confirmation students in your prayers.



Please remember the following people in your prayers : Gord Thompson; Gerard Lyons; Sherry Archer; Abigail Brown; Romelda Morson; Nicole Marchildon; Stephen Roach; Lilah Bates; Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Peter Pattenaude; Bob Kokron; Brenda Bylow; John Jerome; Marshal Laurin

Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends: Norma Jivcoff; Verna Marchand

Please contact the parish office with your prayer requests for so we may add them to the prayer list and respond.


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