



# EASTER SUNDAY – 16 APRIL 2006

**“I am ascending to my Father and your Father,  
to my God and your God.”**



(Today's Readings: Acts 10:34, 36-43; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; John 20:1-18)

## ***Announced mass intentions...***

Sat., Apr. 15 8:30PM **EASTER VIGIL** – followed by a reception in the hall

Sun., Apr. 16 **EASTER SUNDAY**  
 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
 9:30AM Mass – Pauline Forgues+ Suzanne Desjardins+  
 11:15AM Mass  
 7:30PM **NO** Mass

Mon., Apr. 17 12:15PM **NO** Mass

Tues., Apr. 18 12:15PM Mass – Ella Ross+

Wed., Apr. 19 12:15PM Mass – Gerta Patry+

Thurs., Apr. 20 10:00AM Mass at Landmark Court  
 12:15PM Mass – Pro Life

Fri., Apr. 21 10:00AM Mass at Billingswood Manor  
 12:15PM Mass – Martin Culo+

Sat., Apr. 22 5:00PM Mass – Patrick Chatelaine+

Sun., Apr. 23 **SECOND EASTER SUNDAY**  
**Divine Mercy**  
 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
 9:30AM Mass – Gerta Patry+  
 11:15AM Mass  
 7:30PM Mass– Madelaine & Norman Jackson+

Gertrude Kennedy, Alice Haughton (wife of Bob), Frank Laturus (husband of Edwina), Eveline Lavoie, Reg MacDonald (husband of Joan), Odette MacKinnon (wife of Leo), Deacon Bruce McLeod, Yolanda Miron (mother of Mina), Mary O'Connor (wife of Al), Grace & Bill Reid, Barbara Riggins, Margaret Ross, Claude Thibault (husband of Geneva), Ray Valin (husband of Betty), John Whelley

**-relatives-** Andy Besserer (son of Colin & Eileen), Barbara Burke (mother of Margie Kennedy), Richard Calagoure (brother-in-law of Barbara Riggins), Patricia Esmond (mother of Liz), Sonya Fernandez (granddaughter of Xavier & Brigitta), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarceвич), Anastasia Gorecki (sister of Theresa Sarceвич), Betty Holmes (sister of Edwina Laturus), Vivian Hunt (brother of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Marian Lane (sister of Betty Dillon), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Jerry Lorbetskie (brother of Dorothy Daub), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Louise MacAdam (daughter-in-law of Helen Castle), Patricia McGowan (daughter of Ray & Betty Valin), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Dominci O'Hara (brother of Monica Ryan), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Sonia Pereira (cousin of Marlene Braganza), Simon Schmidt (nephew of Rosemary Uren), Jonathan Seepersad (nephew of Robert Lee), Eleanor Spafford (mother of Barb Goski), Paul Sowinski (brother of Theresa Sarceвич)

## ***Events Calendar***

Sat., Apr. 15 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A

Sun., Apr. 16 9:30AM **NO** Children's Liturgy

Mon., Apr. 17 **OFFICE CLOSED**

Tues., Apr. 18 7:00PM Finance – Rm. A  
 7:00PM RCIA – Library  
 8:00PM A.A. – Hall

Wed., Apr. 19 7:30PM Choir (7:30) practice – Church  
 7:30PM K of C general meeting – Hall

Thurs., Apr. 20 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A  
 7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church

Fri., Apr. 21 1:00PM African Angels – Rm. A  
 6:00PM K of C Anniversary Dinner – Hall

Sat., Apr. 22 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
 4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Apr. 23 9:30AM Children's Liturgy  
 10:30AM Children's Choir Practice – Rm. A  
 3:00PM Celebration of the Divine Mercy – held in the Church

## **We remember in our prayers the sick...**

**-our parishioners-** Laurette Allen, Morris Anderson (husband of Joyce), Allan Brooks (husband of Gloria), Helen Charbonneau, Emile Chartrand, Germaine Denomme, Clare Desjardins (husband of Alicia), Ron Dexter (husband of Diane), Margaret FitzGerald, Marie Claire Grandbois,

**We also pray** for our RCIA Candidates: Ron Black, Eric Kramers, David Williams and Wanda Sherratt

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## **COLLECTION REPORT**

*~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~*

April 09 – \$5,917.41 (env.) / \$ 825.15 (loose)

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## ***Pastor's Column...***

“Christ is risen from the dead!” Death was the last enemy to be overcome by him. In life there are innumerable little deaths that we undergo: Losing one's reputation, job, dear and near ones; collapsing of our plans and projects; unexpected and painful life situations; sickness; loneliness etc. Are we rising from all these little deaths? Can we really visualize the resurrection? Resurrection is a reality that cannot be taught; it is to be experienced through a life of continued faith. It is a unique and very personal experience, which is beyond our expectations and calculations. It could be experienced only through an act of total surrender in love, faith and hope. As poet A.S.J. Tessimond depicts, when the reality of resurrection breaks upon the entire humanity we know for sure that:

“...people will touch and talk perhaps easily,  
 And loving will be as natural as breathing and

warm as sunlight,  
And people will untie themselves,  
as string is unknotted...  
And work will be simple and swift as a seagull flying,  
And play will be casual and quite as a seagull settling,  
And the clocks will stop, and no-one will  
wonder or care or notice,  
And people will smile without reason, even in winter,  
even in rain."

May we wish you the peace and joy that the risen Lord breathes in to our lives. Let us live our lives fully as Christians (Christ-in) in the spirit of Easter. Our humble prayers and love are always with you.

Your Pastors,  
Fr. James & Fr. Lukose

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**CIRCLE YOUR CALENDARS...the "BIG HIT" of last year is back again...HOLY CROSS IS HAVING AN INDO-CANADIAN GALA DINNER on SATURDAY, MAY 13 at 6 p.m.** Enjoy many exotic varieties of Indian and Canadian dishes prepared by Coconut Lagoon Restaurant; cash bar, silent auction, Mexican dancers and much, much more! Cost: \$35/per person. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses on April 22 & 23 and April 29 & 30. You may also come to the parish office during working hours as well. This **FUNDRAISER is to help the parish with roof repairs.** Donations of good quality articles will be greatly appreciated for the silent auction and may be dropped off at the parish office.

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### *Parish News and Community Life...*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Parents are reminded that there is a **PRACTICE FOR THE SACRAMENTS** on **Tuesday, April 25 or on Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m. in the Church.** Please ensure that you attend one of those evenings with your child and your child's sponsor. If your sponsor is unable to attend, bring their complete address with you the night of the practice.

**JOIN US ON MERCY SUNDAY — APRIL 23** (Second Sunday of Easter). We at Holy Cross Parish have celebrated this beautiful feast now for many years. The world is in great need of God's Mercy and we invite everyone to come and pray with us on **Sunday, April 23 at 3 p.m.**

**ELECTIONS** to fill one position on Parish Pastoral Council will be held on April 29 and 30. Those elected will serve a two-year term. Please consider putting your name forward to serve the parish community. The nominating committee consists of Fr. James Raphel, Jean Bélanger and Karen Flynn. Nomination forms are available at the Walkley Rd. and parking lot doors and must be **submitted no later than April 22/23.** For questions or information, contact Karen Flynn at 822-9527 or Jean Bélanger at 241-6786.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)** for Holy Cross Parish will be held on **Sunday, May 07** following the 11:15 Mass. Lunch will be served and all parishioners are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to discuss changes in the coming year as well

as the highlights of last year. Please consider spending an hour out of your day to hear about the activities within your community.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Guest Speaker Angie Wallace of "Child Find" will discuss how their organization assists in the search for missing children, how they are seeking to eliminate the problem of missing children through educational and awareness programs and who they are advocating the **rights of children.** All parishioners are welcomed to hear Angie Wallace on Wednesday, April 19 at 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

**IT'S OUR BIRTHDAY**—Holy Cross Knights of Columbus Council is Fifteen years old and we invite you to help us celebrate by attending a Semi-Formal dinner/dance on Friday, April 21 at 6 p.m. in the parish hall. Tickets are \$35/per person and can be purchased by calling George Lavack at 738-0121.

### PASTORAL CARE

**Happy Easter** to all our parishioners from your Pastoral Care Team! The monthly Mass at **Landmark Court** will be offered on Thursday, April 20 at 10 a.m. Mass will also be offered on Friday, April 21 at **Billingswood Manor** at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

**Our trained Pastoral Care team** is available to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick, house-bound, lonely, or bereaved. If you would like to access our services please call Theresa at 523-7674 or the Parish Office at 731-7834.

### *Social Action...*

#### MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

We received an interesting e-mail from Sister Jeremia in Zambia thanking us for the support they have received from the AIDS Angels project. "We couldn't do much without our supporters from abroad like you. We are working on the front line but mostly using the means provided by others. And this is the wonderful cooperation in the service of the poor we are all called by Christ. May the Risen Christ fill your hearts with joy and peace...Happy Easter!" From MPD we wish all a happy Easter as well.

#### **EASTER THOUGHT – THE PROUD LILY**

Lily lore abounds. It would be enough for it to be a spring flower, representing life's renewal and the spirit's rebirth—but there's more. According to legend, the lily lost its self-respect on the night of Christ's agony in the garden: The other flowers bowed their heads in sorrow in Christ's presence, but not the lily. How would it, being the most fragrant and beautiful flower in the garden (according to its own estimation)? Upon Christ's display of humility, however, the lily belatedly hung its head in shame, and has humbly remained so ever since. (As a matter of fact, our Easter lily is not native to Palestine, but was imported in the 1880's from Bermuda. "Croft's Lily" is grown mainly in the Pacific Northwest and California).

(The Catholic Source Book)

*ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!*  
*ALLELUIA!*