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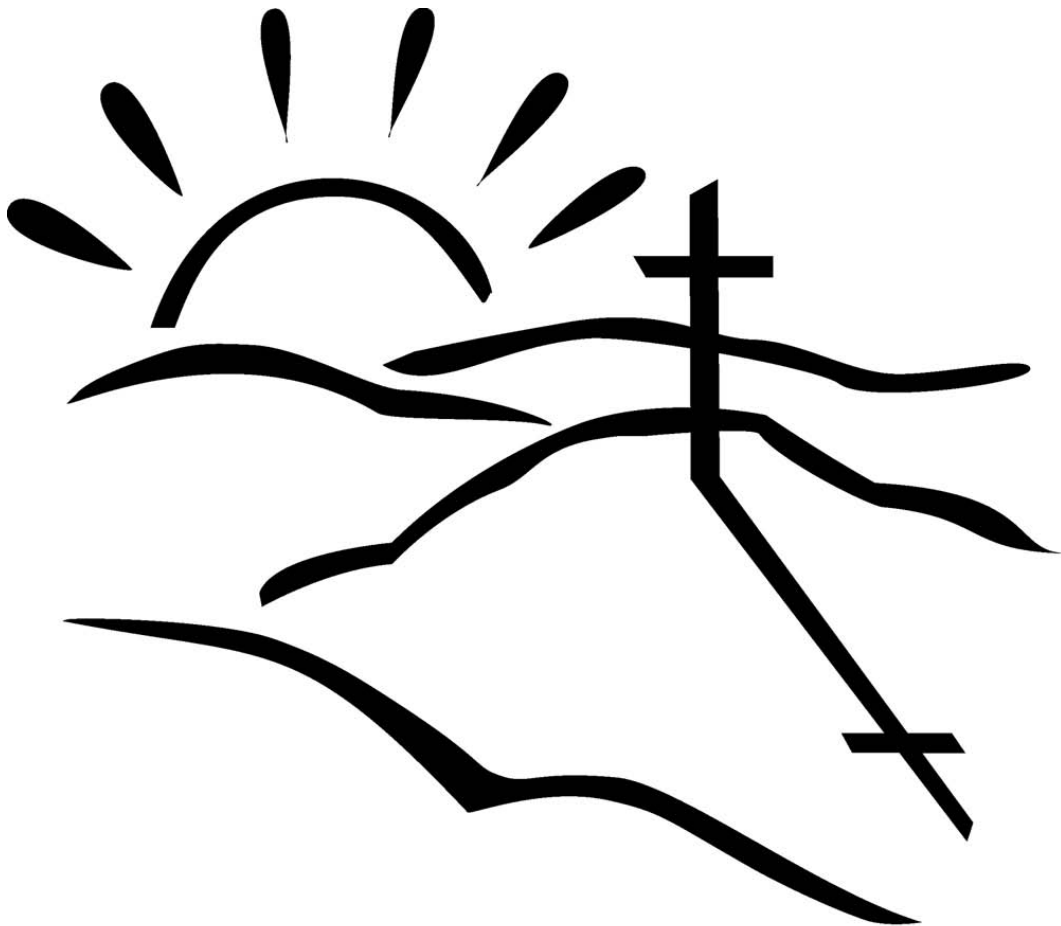
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Rejoice!

For the Lord is truly risen!

EASTER SUNDAY



Tuesday, April 3rd:

8:15 am – Claudette Wilson - Thanksgiving
Requested by Claudette

Wednesday, April 4th:

8:15 am – Rico Beltran - Thanksgiving
Requested by Beltran Family

Thursday, April 5th:

8:15 am – Federico Beltran †
Requested by Beltran Family

9:30 am – Holy Cross School Mass

Friday, April 6th:

8:15 am – Incononata Ambrosini - Thanksgiving

6:00 pm – Holy Hour

7:00 pm – Lolita Bayon – Thanksgiving
Requested by Connie & Beth Escabarte

Saturday, April 7th:

9:00 am – Pauline Taylor - Thanksgiving
Requested by Pauline Taylor

5:00 pm – Frank Jerina †
Requested by Ursula Jerina

Sunday, April 8th:

9:30 am - Gerry Boudreau †
Requested by Doumouras Family

11:00 am – Monica D'Souza
Requested by D'Souza Family

7:00 pm – All Parishioners



Collections

March 25th - Offertory: 3,584.05

Sharelife 1st Offering: 13,068.25

Thank you for your continued support

Upcoming Events

Mondays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14...

Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30pm - 9:30pm -in the Church Hall

Sundays, April 8, 15 & 22, 2018 – Sessions #1, #2 & #3 - Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation at 12:15 pm in the Church Hall

Tuesdays, April 10 –May 8, 2018 – “Know Your Faith Series”, 7:00pm – 9:00pm in the Church Hall

Sunday, April 22, 2018 – First Communion Family Gathering Session #6 – 10:15 am in the Church Hall



Altar Servers Schedule April 14th/April 15th, 2018

Saturday 5:00 pm	Angeline Beltran	Angelo Beltran	Michael Orillanes	
Sunday 9:30 am	Ruel Gutierrez	Uri Kibuthu	Sean Quinagon	Mary Joyce Gutierrez
Sunday 11:00 am	Andre Flores	Matthew Guzman	Catherine Dipasupil Giann	Nobel Wilson
Sunday 7:00 pm	Cerniel Cruzada	Cailean Cruzada	Joshua	Kirsten

RCIA Update

Our Holy Cross Family is happy to welcome Mark Sheridan, Denise and Jacob Fletcher, Chaweewan Piesuk, Shawng Bu Sayaw and Tang Li Lagang who were baptized, confirmed and received their first Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil Celebration. May God continue to bless them on their faith journey.

SSVP Food Drive



The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is holding a Lenten Food Drive in order to replenish the food cupboard. Interested parishioners are asked to bring in non-perishable food items and place them in the SSVP container located in the front foyer of the Church. We are in need of: canned tuna, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soups, canned spaghetti sauce, pasta and breakfast cereals.

CWL Activities

We are supporting the "**Good Shepherd Ministry**" this year. We are collecting items for them such as: new underwear, socks, toiletries, *soap, shampoo, lotions, etc...*

The coins for life boxes are now available at the entrances.

Thank you for your support.



Join the Kolbe 'KNOW YOUR FAITH' series for a 5 week SALVATION HISTORY study on "THE PSALMS: THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER- Part II". Through prayer, study and informative DVDs, deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own lives. **Classes begin Tuesdays, April 10th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at HOLY CROSS PARISH.** For more information see the bulletin board or visit www.kolbeapostolate.com

Resurrection – Ours too

Easter is not just the celebration of the victory of Christ. We are not just commemorating or remembering an event in the past, no matter how important that may be. It is the celebration of our victory over evil in and through Christ! Christ is no longer someone separate from us. By baptism, we partake in his life. His life is now ours.

St. Paul reminds us, *'are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in the newness of life'* (Romans 6: 3-4).

We need this celebration because often in life we get the impression that evil is so strong and we are overwhelmed by it. We hear so many bad news that we are tempted to think that there is no way to get out of evil. And worse, there is even no effort to fight it and to keep away from it. But the good news is that evil can be overcome! The devil does not have the last say. Jesus has shown us the way and has given us the power. The power of the resurrection that has been effective in Jesus is also working in each one of us.

For a Christian, there is no such a thing as a hopeless case. What could be worse than the Israelites' experience of being cornered between the Egyptian army and the sea? What could be more hopeless than being in the tomb for three days? Yet, in both cases the power of God burst forth. The Israelites marched through the sea on dry ground while Jesus went out his tomb standing and with newness of life.

This is also the life of Christians. We don't just survive evil or misfortunes; we have a new life that takes away the sting of evil. Yes, we still sin, but we are assured that God will always accept us whenever we turn to him because he has adopted us as his children. We still suffer evil but this suffering can draw us closer to God and to each other. We still die, but death is no longer the end but the entrance into God's embrace. This is our new reality as sharers in God's love. All of this comes because of the resurrection of Jesus, the Christ.

Fr. Roselle



Living the Gospel by evangelizing 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**

Retrouvaille Weekend: Help for Troubled Marriages

*Friday, April 20, 6:00 pm to Sunday, April 22, 2018
2:00 pm*

At a hotel located in Mississauga, Ontario, close to Highway 401

If you are thinking of separation or divorce or you are already separated, but want to try again then Retrouvaille can help. If you and your spouse want your marriage to work and are willing to put in a full weekend of hard work and your best effort, then you are invited to attend a Retrouvaille Weekend.

Retrouvaille is a program to help married couples through difficult times in their marriage relationships. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover one another and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

Although Retrouvaille follows the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, couples of other faith expressions are also welcome.

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"Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve."

(St Francis of Assisi)

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