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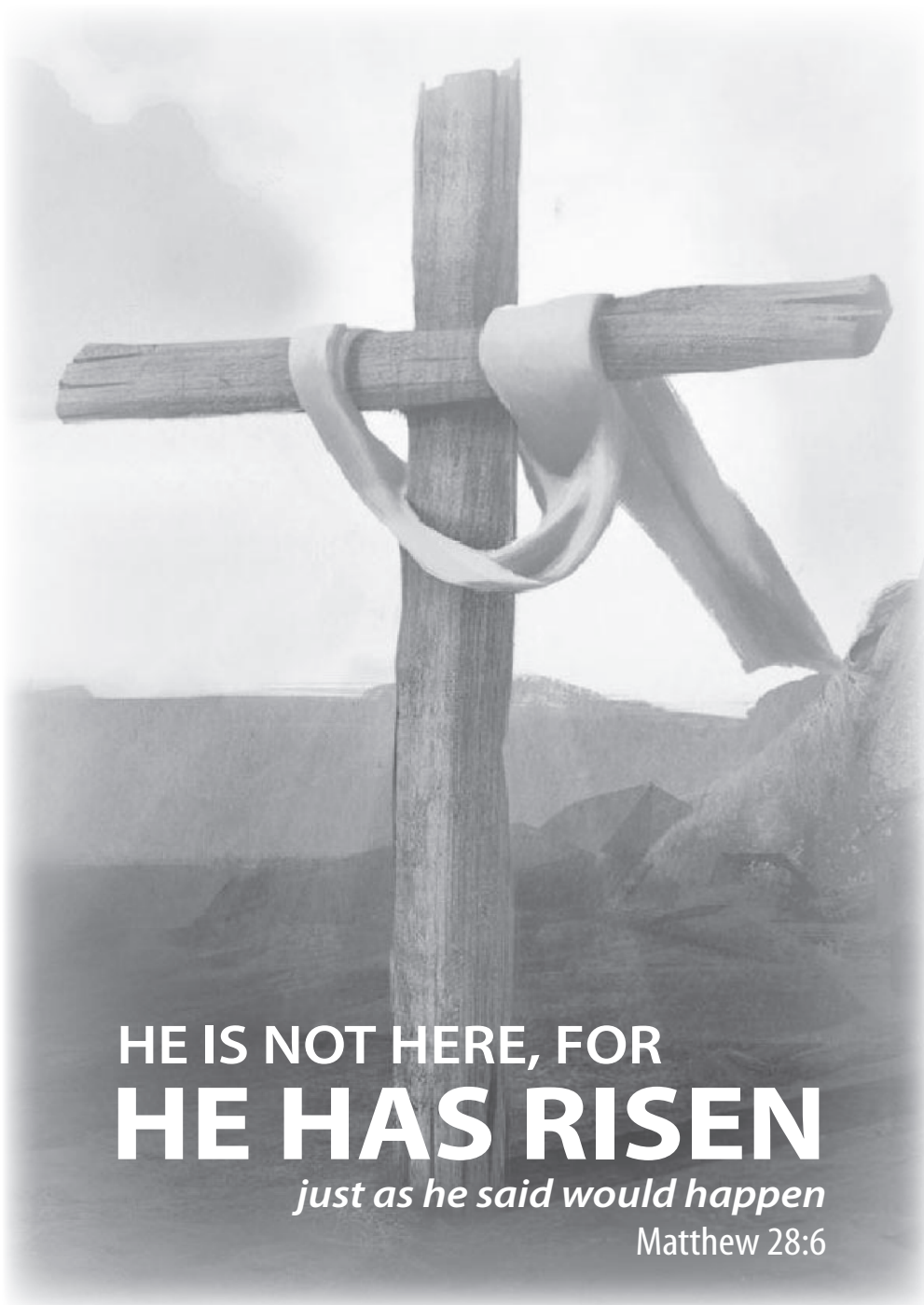
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HE IS NOT HERE, FOR
HE HAS RISEN

just as he said would happen

Matthew 28:6

**EASTER SUNDAY OF
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
APRIL 1, 2018**

*Christ is Risen!
Truly He is Risen!*

If anyone is devout and a lover of God, let them enjoy this beautiful and radiant festival.

If anyone is a grateful servant, let them, rejoicing, enter into the joy of their Lord.

If anyone has wearied themselves in fasting, let them now receive recompense.

If anyone has labored from the first hour, let them today receive the just reward.

If anyone has come at the third hour, with thanksgiving let them feast.

If anyone has arrived at the sixth hour, let them have no misgivings; for they shall suffer no loss.

If anyone has delayed until the ninth hour, let them draw near without hesitation.

If anyone has arrived even at the eleventh hour, let them not fear on account of tardiness.

For the Master is gracious and receives the last even as the first; He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, just as to him who has labored from the first.

He has mercy upon the last and cares for the first; to the one He gives, and to the other He is gracious.

He both honors the work and praises the intention. Enter all of you, therefore, into the joy of our Lord, and, whether first or last, receive your reward.

O rich and poor, one with another, dance for joy!

The Paschal Homily of St John Chrysostom (who died at the beginning of the 5th century) is still read out in Eastern Rite churches today, and its message is very clear: that above all else, the Resurrection of Christ is all about hope.

No matter how you have found the way to come to God, or when—the first hour, the third hour or even the eleventh hour—God welcomes the stragglers and the latecomers as much as He welcomes the ones who came early. He receives the last even as the first.

Our hope consists of the understanding that it is never too late to turn towards God, to ask for God's help. The only thing that stands in the way of our salvation is ourselves, our pride and our foolish insistence on trying to make life play by our rules,

not God's. We think that it's more important to have things our own way, and we imagine that we can decide what's good and what's bad entirely by ourselves.

The difficult truth is that we have been given the freedom to turn towards God, but we also have the dreadful freedom to decide to turn away.

But while we were still helpless, entirely powerless to provide for our own salvation, *at the right time Christ died for the ungodly* (Rom 5:6).

Christ is the only source of our hope: because the Resurrection of Christ proves that the future exists, that something is always ahead. In Christ, our life is not ended, but changed.

And for that much, we can dance for joy.

*Every Blessing
By Peter*



**Parish Children's Choir at 11am Mass
Led by Meredith Wanstall**

Opening hymn: This is the Feast of Victory #618

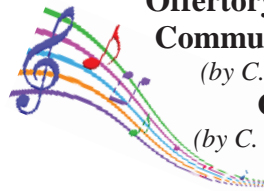
Offertory hymn: Day of Delight #625

Communion hymn: Panis Angelicus

(by C. Franck; not in the hymn book)

Closing hymn: It Is I

(by C. Cooman; not in the hymn book)



MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

Lunch and Learn Series

Topic: Introduction to World Religions

On Wednesdays after the 12:05 p.m. Mass please join us in the Church Hall for an opportunity to learn more about the 5 Major World Religions. There will be 6 sessions commencing on Wednesday, April 11th until May 16th from 12:45 until 2 p.m. Feel free to bring your brown bag lunch. Light refreshments will be served. More details will follow in next week's bulletin.



GOD'S GIFT OF LONG LIFE



Mass Intentions



Monday April 2
The Octave of Easter
12:05 pm

Tuesday April 3
The Octave of Easter
12:05 pm

Wednesday April 4
The Octave of Easter
12:05 pm † John Richardson
*requested by the Principals of the
Toronto Catholic School Board*

Thursday April 5
The Octave of Easter
12:05 pm

Friday April 6 [1st Friday]
The Octave of Easter
12:05 pm † Mr. & Mrs. Michael Missier
requested by their daughter, Loretta Leon

Saturday April 7 [1st Saturday]
The Octave of Easter
9:00 am † John Richardson on the 15th anniversary
of his death
requested by Anne & family

5 pm † Alexander Kotsopoulos
requested by the Sevilla family

Sunday April 8
2nd Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy
9 am † John Richardson on the 15th anniversary
of his death
requested by Anne & family

11 am For the People of the Parish

Monday April 02 to Friday April 6
12:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena

Thursday April 05
7:30 – 9 pm Legion of Mary Meeting

Friday April 06 [1st Friday]
12:35 pm Exposition & Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament

3:45 - 5 pm Children's Choir practice

Saturday April 07 [1st Saturday]
9:30 am Devotions to Our Lady of
Fatima

10 am 1st Holy Communion Class #7

3:45 pm Confirmation Class #4

Sunday April 8 [Divine Mercy Sunday]
3 pm Recitation of the Divine Mercy
Chaplet followed by reception
in the Parish Hall

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA SCHEDULE

❖ **Monday to Friday**
April 2nd to April 6th at 12.30 pm
[following the 12.05 pm Mass]

❖ **Saturday** April 7th at 9.30 am
[following the 9 am Mass]

❖ **Divine Mercy Sunday**
April 8th at 3 pm



SHARELIFE SUNDAY

*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 22nd is the next ShareLife Sunday.
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The office will be closed on
Easter Monday, April 2nd.

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