

HOLY NAME PARISH

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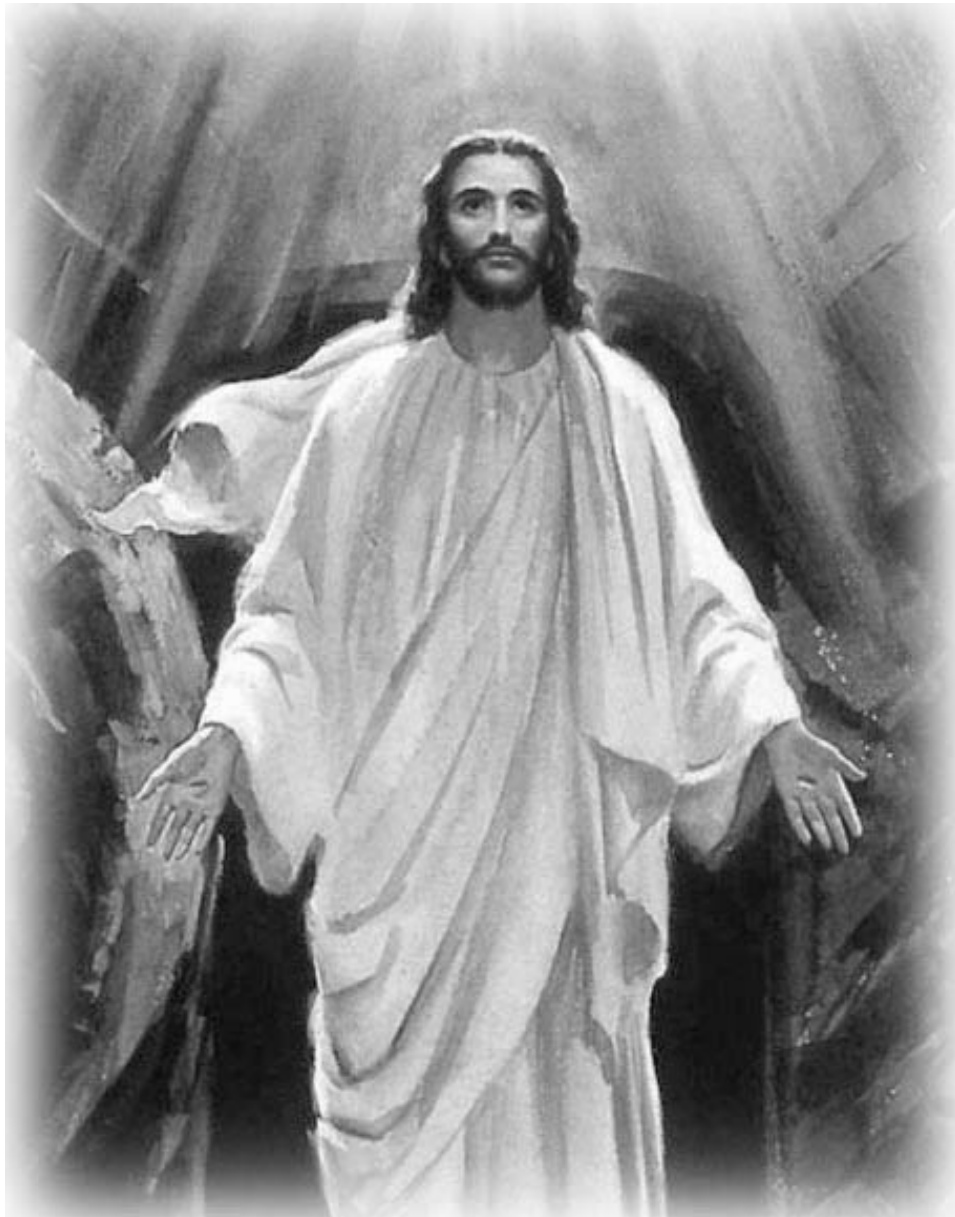
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Rejoice!
For the Lord is truly risen!

Dear parishioners,

I find it very interesting and enlightening to read how our faith was celebrated in some of the very early centuries. These were the times when the events in the life of Jesus were still quite “fresh”, so to speak, in the mind of the Church. Our ancestors in the faith were trying to understand what everything meant, and these great mysteries and truths would be expressed in rituals, ceremonies, and symbols.

At Easter time and throughout the Easter season, the Church thinks often about Baptism.

Somehow, those early Christians recognized that Baptism unites each one of us in a special way to Jesus Christ. Even more so, in a mysterious way, what Jesus accomplished with his Resurrection, somehow now belongs to each one of us when we are baptized. This is one of the reasons why the newly baptized – both babies and adults – wear white garments. In fact, in those early centuries, it was common for newly-baptized adults to stay in those white garments for a full week after Easter. It was a sign of this new, permanent identity – a new life in Christ, sharing in his Resurrection.

Another interesting ritual took place with the Baptism itself. At that time, adults were usually baptized in a small pool, by being fully immersed in the water. They would approach the water from one side of the pool, and then after being baptized, they would exit from the other side of the pool, where they would be anointed and clothed with the new garment. It might seem like a small detail, but the meaning is actually quite significant. Baptism is meant to be a complete turning point in one's life. The life one had before is meant to be buried and left behind, as it were, in the waters, so that one rises completely to a new way of living – a Christian life.

For all of us, Easter should also be a turning point. Hopefully, these past weeks of Lent have been a good spiritual time for us, in which we have tried to grow in faith. The hope is that with the coming of Easter we continue on this path of faith, rather than just returning to the way we were before.

United to Christians of the last 2000 years, let us rejoice in the Resurrection of our Saviour and allow him to lead us to his glory.

Fr. Eric

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon. April 6th
 12:05 pm: **Alfred & Rita Shulman + Richard Wong + Special Intention**
For God's Healing Graces on Frank Chau
 Tues. April 7th
 12:05 pm: **Esther Ryan & Family +**
 Wed. April 8th
 12:05 pm: **Eva Cverko +**
 Thurs. April 9th
 12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
 Fri. April 10th
 12:05 pm: **Poor Souls in Purgatory**
 Sat. April 11th
 5:00 pm: **Gladys Irene Keeble +**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Masses at 12:00 pm and
 Monday Masses at 12:05 pm
(Multiple Intentions) more than one intention

Tuesday-Friday 12:05 pm Masses -
(Single Intentions) one intention only
 Saturday 5 pm Masses -
(Single Intentions) one intention only

We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the homebound, the “forgotten members” in our community, and their families and caregivers. “Lord surround them with your healing and steadfast love.” especially

Frank Chau, Joe Doherty, Ivan Raspor, Kateri Ryan, Carl Wilcox, G. Pitrolo, Ann Gilbride, Paul Ryan, Daniel Giles, Jaden Babcock and Maria Jose Bouey.

Welcome to Our Parish Family



April 4, 2026

Sacraments of Initiation

*Mossiake Angoua
Oghenetejiri Esther Asah
Austin Samuel Bourne
Kathleen Lillian Hankinson
Victoria Alexandra McCann
Sunil Sharma
Jaelyn Truong
Xavier Raul Austin Walsh*

Rite of Reception – Profession of Faith

*Lori Ann Comeau
Dexter DrÚmond
Irene Nakimera
Eric Reid
Clive Samuel
Romel Tucker*

Sacrament of Confirmation

*Tiago Sabino da Costa
Ian Naunheimer*

Wishing you a blessed Easter from ShareLife

This Easter Sunday, we hold gratitude for the Lord Jesus, our saviour; and for you who brings the hands of Christ to our brothers and sisters in need. We witness how you live the Gospel wholeheartedly, opening your heart to the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized. It is through your love that our family of faith is strengthened. We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful Easter, blooming with hope.

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is **April 26**. Thus far we have raised **\$3,490.00** toward our goal of **\$56,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER FOR THE BEREAVED

Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre

2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

Saturday, April 11th

9:15 am – 5:00 pm

“Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?” Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey.

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