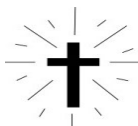


## **Easter is Rebirth!**



Easter is a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour – his amazing defeat of sin and death and the rebirth of life and hope! At this time of rebirth, it is a great time to look at ourselves, and renew our commitment to the growth of the Church. What commitment of time, talent and treasure will be your pledge for this coming year? Think about “time” as your personal commitment to spiritual growth and discipleship. What would you like to do to grow in your relationship with Jesus? Maybe this is the year you make a renewed effort to enrich your prayer life, study Scripture or join a class. “Talent” is about serving others with your God-given gifts (and yes, you have them! We all do!) So many ministries would love to have you! Where could you feel happy contributing? “Treasure” is about giving in proportion to your ability. Our financial gifts bear fruit for so many in our parish. Perhaps this year, you’d like to commit to supporting our ministries through the pre-approved withdrawal options. We want you to be part of our community and to grow in your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. May this Easter season be full of blessings for you and your family!

### ***Spring's-A-Bloomin Bazaar***

St. Mark's Catholic Church, invites you to get into the Spring of things at “Spring's-A-Bloomin’ ” Bazaar, *Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.* in the church hall. Admisson: Free-Will Offering .The Bazaar will provide over fifty vendors offering art, food, cosmetics, jewellery, crafts, etc. Come out and have lunch and enjoy the day. For additional info: Call Mary Alice Glasgow 849-6392. All proceeds go to the Building Fund.

## **Parish Pastoral Council Election**

The Lord has blessed us all with special gifts. We are challenged to share these gifts with our parish and our community. Parish Pastoral Council Election will take place May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Please consider letting your name stand. Call the office to leave your name and telephone number if you are interested.

Required Weekly	\$ 5,550.00
Sunday Collection, March 20th	\$ 4,345.40

Pre-Authorized Debit System - If anyone would like to start this system of donation, forms are available in the foyer. Please fill out and drop in the collection basket next week along with a VOID cheque.



**Fellow Parishioners,**

**March 27, 2016**

## **“Christ Has Risen”**

### **Alleluia**

*Easter is the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. It is by virtue of this feast that we are called resurrection people. In the risen Jesus we have received the gift of new life.*

*This new life is expressed in our willingness to die to self and live for others. This is called service. This service is evidenced by the various ministries in St. Mark's parish and our care and concern for others as expressed in our outreach to those in need, our fellowship with our sister parish of St. Luke's in Peru and our solidarity with third world countries via our development and peace collection.*

*This generosity of spirit has recently been witnessed as we sponsored and welcomed a Syrian family (the El Zohbie's) to a new life here in Canada. May they enjoy a bright future.*

*This service is expressed in the secular society when many of our people out of a spirit of faith and charity become involved in programmes and groups whose prime aim is to build better communities and promote peace, understanding and tolerance. We salute all these laudable efforts.*

*In that spirit we wish all a Happy Easter.*

Parish Priest

Chair Parish Pastoral Council

### **Announced Masses**

Fri. April 1	9:00 a.m.	Earle Pitt
Sat. April 2	5:00 p.m.	Dr. John Leger
Sun. April 3	9:00 a.m.	For Parishioners
	11:15 a.m.	Bridget Gorman (Anniv.)

**Please note:** There will be no masses at St. Mark's from Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> while Father Don is on a break.

### **Condolences to:**

Barb and Tony Bogliuni and family on the death of Barb's brother Gerald Quinlan

### ***Scheduled Events—March 28—Apr. 3***

Mon. Mar.28	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Tues. Mar. 29	Seasons of Hope	7:30 p.m.	Family Rm.
Wed. Mar. 30	Brownies	6:30 p.m.	Hall
	Fundraising	6:30 p.m.	Room#5
	CWL General meeting	7:00 p.m.	Room#1
Sun. Apr.3	Pathfinders	6:30 p.m.	Family Room
	Religious Education	K-9	Hall
	Grade 2 children and parents—Family Catechesis		
	10:05 a.m. upstairs in the church		

### **Confirmation—April 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**

Confirmation will be celebrated Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 a.m. *There will be no Confirmation at the 9:00 a.m. Mass so if time is a factor please attend this Mass.*

**Gr. 8 Ministry Service** – A few Gr. 8 young people and parents are needed to assist in serving at the confirmation and first eucharist receptions. Please call Wendy Ellis at 849-8162 if you are able to assist.

1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Date - Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Donations have been made to the building fund in Memory of Gerald Quinlan

