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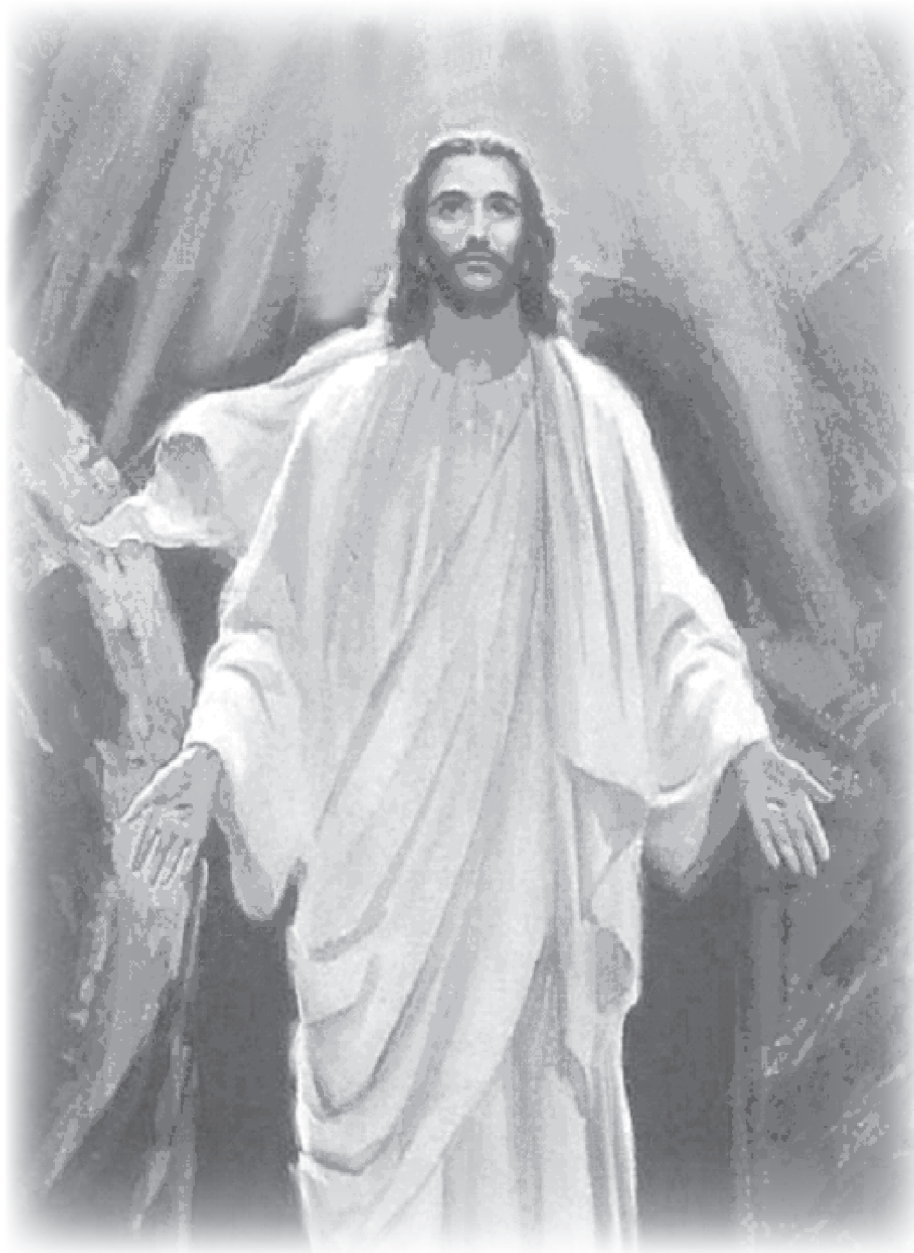
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*Christ is Risen!*

**EASTER MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**



Dear parishioners and friends,  
Each year, it is gratifying to witness the number of the faithful attending Mass grow throughout the season of Lent. I also want to commend all our parishioners who participated in the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings and those who gave generously to the annual ShareLife appeal and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. With hearts renewed and purified by our Lenten penance, may we rejoice in the salvation won by Christ's paschal sacrifice. In our troubled world, torn by war and violence and our society, disfigured by so much greed, selfishness and immorality, the Risen Christ offers hope of a new and better life. As His followers, let us strive to give our lives unconditionally to Him who gave His life for us on the Cross, so much did He love us. May Jesus, who triumphed over sin and death, bless St. Dunstan's parish family in this great celebration of our Redemption. I wish all our parishioners and friends a happy and holy Easter.

*Father Jeff*

**EASTER SEASON**

The seven weeks of the Easter season are celebrated as one great feast day. Saint Athanasius called the entire season "the great Sunday". These fifty days continue the Church's celebration of the Lord's Paschal Mystery. Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection, ascension and sending of the Spirit are celebrated as one event in God's plan of salvation.

The Paschal Candle, blessed at the Easter Vigil, is a reminder of the presence of the Risen Christ among His people and remains in the sanctuary near the ambo (lectern) until Pentecost. It is lit during the Easter season for all liturgical services. Thereafter it is placed near the font and is lighted for baptisms and funerals throughout the year.

The Easter water, also blessed at the Easter Vigil, is used for all baptisms in the Easter season. By ancient tradition, the Old Testament is not read during Masses of the season. The Church expresses the exuberant joy of this season by the much repeated cry of Alleluia! (Praise God!).

**DIVINE MERCY**

The Divine Mercy Novena which began on Good Friday continues this week in preparation for Mercy Sunday which coincides with the Octave Day and Second Sunday of Easter on 7 April. Novena prayers and the Chaplet of Mercy will be recited after the weekday Masses this week. We will observe Mercy Sunday with special devotions at 3:00 p.m. next Sunday that include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

*The message and devotion of Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun (1903-1938) who received revelations from Jesus about God's Mercy. The message of Mercy is that God loves us and that we can always call upon and trust in His mercy. We too can be instruments of His mercy to others. This devotion was especially dear to Saint John Paul II who established this feast for the Universal Church in 2000.*



**EASTER DUTY**

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church lists five precepts “which are meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer, the sacramental life, moral commitment and growth in love of God and neighbour”(#431). All Catholics are bound in conscience to observe these precepts which are considered “necessary for salvation” (#430). Among these precepts are the following two which constitute our “Easter Duty”: “to confess one’s sins, receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year” and “receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season” (#432). To obey these precepts is a serious obligation for all Catholics. The time for fulfilling our Easter duty annually is from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday.

Jesus founded the Church and instituted the sacraments to convey His grace to the faithful. We should, therefore, always remember that we cannot bypass the Church and her sacraments. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that “Individual and integral confession of grave sins followed by absolution remains the only ordinary means of reconciliation with God and with the Church”(#1497). Saint John Paul II entreated: “*To those who have been far away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation and forgiving love, I make this appeal: come back to this source of grace, do not be afraid! Christ himself is waiting for you. He will heal you, and you will be at peace with God.*”

**PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL**

*Parishioners are encouraged to remember the Holy Father’s intention in their daily prayers.*

For the role of women, that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**REMINDER:**

**First Holy Communion**

**Sunday, May 5 at the 12:00 noon Mass**

**Confirmation**

**Saturday, May 18 at the 5:00 p.m Mass**



<b><u>Monday</u></b>	1 April	
		<b><i>EASTER MONDAY</i></b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>		In Thanksgiving Req.by Patricia Singh
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<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	2 April	
		<b><i>EASTER TUESDAY</i></b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>		Special Intention
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<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	3 April	
		<b><i>EASTER WEDNESDAY</i></b>
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>		Jeffrey Burden Req.by Maria Bautista
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<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	4 April	
		<b><i>EASTER THURSDAY</i></b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>		The repose of Roland & Christina Gordon Req.by Patricia Gordon
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<b><u>Friday</u></b>	5 April	<i>First Friday</i>
		<b><i>EASTER FRIDAY</i></b>
		<b><i>Universal day of fasting and abstinence</i></b>
<b>12:10 noon</b>		Intentions of Jean Walsh Req.by Trac Ba Luu
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>		Mary & Anthony Albuquerque Req.by Margaret & Santan Lobo
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<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	6 April	<i>First Saturday</i>
		<b><i>EASTER SATURDAY</i></b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>		Helen & Fred Halloran, deceased relatives & friends Req.by Tardif Family
		<b><i>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</i></b> <b><i>(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)</i></b>
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>		Claire Brennan Req.by Andrew & Carol Cushing
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<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	7 April	
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>		Intentions of All Parishioners
<b>12:00 noon</b>		In Thanksgiving Req.by Anthony, Mamoni & Smia Gomes





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