MASSES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH REFLECTION



7:30pm All Deceased Parishioners of Ascension by Father MacEachen

Sunday April 1st Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of the Lord
10:30 Margaret King Struthers by Sonia Struthers

Monday, April 2nd
Monday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 Anne & John Blizchuk by the Estate

Tuesday, April 3rd
Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 Mary & Edward Cross by the Estate

Wednesday, April 4th
Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 Anne & John Blizchuk by the Estate

**Thursday, April 5th** No Mass
Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday, April 6th

Friday within the Octave of Easter 9:00 Tony Hamel-Smith by Frances DeVerteuil

Saturday, April 7th

Saturday within the Octave of Easter 4:30 Deceased members of the Quinlan Family by Kathleen & Hugh Quinlan

## Congratulations and Best Wishes!

The following parishioners, having completed their program of Christian Initiation, celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil: **Bushra Khan** was baptized and fully initiated into the Body of Christ,; **Quentin Corning** 



received the sacrament of Holy Communion, and with **Lisa Marie Pichovich**, was confirmed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

May the abundant graces you have received from God bless you with joy and guide you throughout your life!

## IN THE DIOCESE

Islam: Introduction and Overview with Robert Assaly Wednesday, April 18 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Monica's Parish (6405 Terrebonne )in the parish hall: an overview of Islam and the practices of Muslims. Robert will clarify understandings of the world's second largest, and perhaps most misrepresented & misperceived religion. For those who attend this preparatory presentation, a visit to a Mosque will follow on Sunday afternoon, April 22. For information and to register by April 16, contact Anna at (514) 481-0267 ext. 22 or anna.diodati@stmonica.ca.

New Evangelization Summit On April 27th & 28th, join thousands of Catholics at the New Evangelization Summit from Ottawa, broadcast live to St. Kevin's Parish (5600 Cote-des-Neiges). Speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization will provide inspiration, training, & resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. All will benefit from this powerful opportunity to be further equipped in the mission of the Church. For more info visit www.newevangelization.ca

One of the recommended Responsorial Psalms on this glorious Easter Sunday is Psalm 118, including this from verse 24: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." In truth Easter is all about rejoicing. It is the day of Resurrection which provides hope to all of us. Throughout our diocese thousands of people are at Mass today who may not normally attend. Recent studies have shown that as many as 40 percent of those who do not regularly attend may not have been at Mass since Christmas.



That is another reason for us to rejoice and say "Welcome home."

We miss you and we love you. Christ's love for us is at the foundation of our celebration today. St. Augustine once wrote, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." We ask God's blessings on all those who have passed our amazing religion to you. Clearly you do remember your devotion and are here to honor it.

Our Catholic Church considers today to be the holiest day of the year. For us as Catholics this celebrates one of the greatest days in history — when Jesus, the Son of God, defeated death and rose from the grave giving us all hope for eternal life. St. Pope John Paul II may have put it best several years ago when he proclaimed, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

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You are not forgotten If you, or a loved one, are not able to come to church, we would be happy to pay you a visit and bring you Communion. We can also send you a copy of our Parish bulletin. Let us know by calling the parish office and we will get to you ASAP.

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