

# THE LORD IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

The Passover of the Lord has changed the course of history forever. The world is moving toward a destiny it had never imagined: everlasting life in God.

Life, then, has become a journey, a journey into transformed life, a journey into God. And the liturgical year is the framework of that journey, leading us forward step by step to our destination.

## The Sunday Eucharist

The backbone of the liturgical year is the Sunday Eucharist, which draws us ever more deeply into the passage of the Lord.

Each Sunday, Eucharist is like a step along the way. We come together in full assembly, we hear the call of God renewed in our midst, and we share the food and drink, the body and blood of Christ, that sustains us on our way.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the foundation of the Church's proclamation of the good news of salvation. The risen Jesus was exalted at the right hand of God, and as Spirit-filled Lord, he gathers the whole world into his own glorified humanity. This is the great mystery that we celebrate today and throughout the fifty days of Easter. This is the mystery that we share.



From the Pastor's Desk

As your pastoral team, Sr. Ann, Linda, Deacon Anthony and I would like to extend our wish to all members of the parish and their families for a most Holy and Happy Easter. Easter bring our hearts together as we remember with joy the true meaning of this great feast - a risen Saviour. May the Lord bring you His blessings of peace and new life now and throughout the Easter season.

We also extend our appreciation to all those who worked so diligently during Holy Week to prepare for and enhance the liturgical celebrations. **To the Lectors, Communion Ministers, Music Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, the Enhancement Committee, those who assisted with the Easter Vigil flowers and reception, we extend a hearty Thank You!**

Our 2009 campaign theme is:  
***You Can Work Wonders***

**SHARELIFE GOAL \$139,000  
750 DONORS**

Together, we can respond to the challenge and reach our goals!

All cheques should be made payable to:  
ShareLife - St. John the Evangelist Church

You may submit post-dated cheques for your donation, however, these cheques must be dated no later than July 31, 2009, as funds are forwarded directly to ShareLife on that date and the Parish Campaign is closed.



"We don't own anything. It's really a gift from the Lord; our time, our talent. It's not ours to cling to; it's ours to share. The more we cling to things, the more we sink. The more we

share generously, the more we live. Life's too short to just exist. We need to live, live to the fullest, and we do that when we're not so focused inwards but we're reaching outward. That's the way our Lord Jesus calls us to live."

- *Most Rev. Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for ShareLife is May 3, 2009  
You can work WONDERS!

## SHARELIFE COLLECTION - Week 2

2009      2008

**\$51,299**      \$41,171

## EASTER FLOWERS

Each year you are invited to assist with the cost for decorating the Church for Easter. Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church for this purpose. You can deposit them in the regular collection. Please put your envelope number or name on the front for income tax purposes. As always, we appreciate your support and assistance at this time of year!



## A CONCERT IN THE HALL

*featuring*

**Kevin Dashney & Friends**

**April 18, 2009 – 8:00pm**

**Knights of Columbus Hall**

133 Brock St N Whitby

Munchies, Light Late Lunch Cash Bar

Tickets \$15.00

(Reserved Table with group purchase of 6 or more tickets)

Contact: Len or Sharon (905) 668-6723

**Paul: A Genius for Our Time**  
**Monday April 27, 2009 7:30pm**

Parish Centre

*A lecture by Mark McGowan on St. Paul*

## FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Despite the cancellation of Social Sunday for April, Fair trade Coffee & Chocolate is available from Mark McGowan (668-0959). He'll even deliver it!

