



April 7, 2024 ❖ Second Sunday of Easter

YOU'RE INVITED TO OLPH'S 2024 GALA

MONTE CARLO
SOIRÉE
RAISE THE STAKES
FOR THE FUTURE

APRIL 20 6:30pm
WESTIN BAYSHORE HOTEL

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As a Parish family, we greatly appreciate your generous support of our school's 2024 Gala. With your generosity and support, the entire new playground and sport court will be ready to go for the 2024-2025 school year! As a community of faith and learning, we can bring this project to a close together while keeping our school in pristine condition.

Tickets will be on sale until April 9. To buy tickets or to make a donation, please scan the above QR codes or visit the following links: **TICKETS** <https://olphbc.ca/donate/buy-tickets/> **DONATIONS** <https://olphbc.ca/olph-gala-donate/> or drop off a cheque at the school/parish office. Thank You!!!



The Paschal Candle is one of the most significant elements of liturgical celebrations during the Easter Season, representing the light of the risen Christ that dispels the darkness of sin and death. (by Cleiton Ramos)

THE SYMBOLISM OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE The Paschal Candle is a large, decorated candle that symbolizes the light of the risen Christ. It is lit during Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and remains lit in all celebrations until Pentecost Sunday. The candle represents Christ's victory over death and darkness, and the hope He brings to the faithful.

THE INSCRIPTIONS & SYMBOLS ON THE PASCHAL CANDLE ALSO HAVE SPECIFIC MEANINGS:

THE CROSS: In the center of the candle is a cross, which symbolizes the sacrifice of Jesus and his victory over death.

THE GREEK LETTERS ALPHA AND OMEGA: These letters represent that Jesus is the beginning and the end, indicating his eternity and constant presence in our lives.

THE CURRENT YEAR: The current year inscribed on the Paschal Candle reminds us of the continuity of faith and the presence of Christ throughout all time.

FIVE GRAINS OF INCENSE: Inserted in the shape of a cross, the five grains symbolize the five wounds of Jesus and his sacrificial love for us.

THE PRESENCE OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE IN CELEBRATIONS

The Paschal Candle occupies a prominent place in liturgical celebrations during the Easter season. It is lit and used on several occasions:

Easter Vigil: On the evening of Holy Saturday, a new fire lights the Paschal Candle and leads the procession into the church, symbolizing the entrance of the Risen Christ. The candle is used to light all the other candles of the faithful, sharing the light of Christ with all.

Easter time: The Paschal Candle remains lit during all the liturgical celebrations during the Easter season until Pentecost Sunday, to remember the presence of the Risen Christ among us.

Baptisms and Funerals: The Paschal Candle is also lit during the sacraments of Baptism and funeral celebrations, symbolizing the baptized's participation in Christ's resurrection and hope in eternal life for the deceased.

The Paschal Candle is a powerful symbol of the light of the risen Christ and his presence in liturgical celebrations during the Easter season. It reminds us of Jesus' victory over death and darkness, and the hope He offers to all believers.



May the light of the Paschal Candle inspire us to live as witnesses to the Resurrection and to share the light of Christ.



❧ Pastor's Pen ❧

Happy Easter! Yes, this great season continues for the next number of weeks - all the way to Pentecost. Having just celebrated with you the central mysteries of our faith, my heart is filled with deep gratitude. I am particularly pleased and proud of our young people. The reenactment of the Exodus story and the Last Supper on Holy Thursday at the school was spectacular. Coupled with this, on the same day, the school children led the Stations of the Cross.

The children's Good Friday Service was very well attended and well executed.

There was palpable joy and excitement when the Easter bunny arrived on Crown Street, after both morning Masses on a beautiful Easter day. Twelve adult Baptisms at the Easter Vigil is a natural parish highlight that speaks to our hearts. Please continue to pray for our newly baptized. The RCIA is an effective gauge of the vitality of our parish family. Thank you so very much to all involved.

There is so much to acknowledge and so many to thank for dedication, hard work and generosity of spirit. Full days and great team work are the trademark of our small parish with a mighty big spirit!

May the Spirit of our Risen Saviour continue to permeate your lives and homes. During these Easter days we now turn our attention towards our parish families preparing to celebrate Eucharist and Confirmation. Peace and gratitude ~ Fr. Leo



❧ UPCOMING EVENTS ❧

Food Bank Donations	Every Weekend	Before and after Masses, Foyer
First Holy Communion Parent Meeting	April 17	By Zoom
First Holy Communion	May 5	2:00pm
Confirmation	June 3	7:00pm

❧ OLPH SCHOOL NEWS ❧

Parish Education Meeting (PEC)	April 9	7:00pm OLPH School - please inform the school if you plan to attend
OLPH 2024 Gala	April 20	6:30pm Westin Bayshore Hotel
Celebration of Learning	April 26	9am - 3pm OLPH School - for school families only

❧ NEWS & NOTICES ❧

- ◆ For the present time, the Church will be closed after all daily and weekend Masses for security reason. Please visit the grotto for private prayers.
- ◆ If you are a baptized Catholic in a Catholic high school and have yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the Parish office if you are interested in joining our celebration on June 3.
- ◆ If you are a Catholic over 18 but missed out on Confirmation or any other sacraments, please join our Adult Confirmation Classes in May to prepare yourself to enter fully into the Church. To signup, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-48272477-adult#/>



MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5pm

Sunday Masses: 9am, 11am, 5pm

Daily Mass :

Mon – Fri 8am

Thurs OLPH Novena: After 8am Mass

Sat & Holidays: 9am Mass

Sat Adoration: 9:30am – 10am

Reconciliation: Sat 4pm – 4:45pm

Or by appointment: 604-224-4344

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:30am-4pm

Stat Holiday, Sat & Sun: Closed

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