

Len cont'd The Church continues to celebrate Easter until Pentecost because this is the greatest feast in our liturgical year. So let us greet each other in the joy of Easter. "Christ is Risen!"
"He is Risen indeed."



Easter Blessings on you and those you love.
Len Ernst, Parish Minister

Father J.B. cont'd Jesus resurrects as our springtime, bringing us warmth from months of cold winter, not excluding the budding of flowers, mosquitoes, crocuses and readiness to farm our lands once again. The farming or gardening or planting of seeds to die in the ground – only to rise again to newness and abundance must become *ontological* media through which we continually prepare our hearts with the view of remaking ourselves into spiritual beings as Jesus. We must not be afraid of being "frozen" by past sins or errors or miscalculations! We must not remain forever in the bosom of the ground! We must rather re-surface in courage and anticipation, love and friendship with God and neighbour! Our past struggles must not blind us to God's promise of NEW LIFE in our everyday activities. I am urging that the ground of our heart never remain frozen or infertile – lacking vitality and presence of each other as parents – spouses – siblings – relatives – friends – parishioners – as Church and as People of God. At this Easter, I implore you to come along with me, believing that when we stand tall over darkness – every kind of "darkness," God will shine upon us a LIGHT of hope and richness.

Moreover, unlike bubbles beneath the thick ice of the Arctic and Antarctica that never see light, let us rise above the *deaths* of defeat and failure or complacencies and dance in hopefulness with the resurrected one – JESUS!

Happy Easter from your friend and brother,
Father John-Baptist Okai

Children's Liturgy

Children ages 3 to 10 are invited to join us during Sunday masses to hear the Gospel message in words they can understand. A craft or activity reinforces the message. Parents are welcome to accompany their child.

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Easter Baptisms

We celebrate our
newest members



Nicholas Monteith
Parents Tyler & Melissa



Chloe Marko
Parents Jaime & Warren
Brother Joseph

Carson Gane, son of Tara and Justin

Isabella Barraza, daughter of Andrea and Brad

Rihanna Antonio, daughter of Mary and Craig

Cody Knapp, son of Bev and Shane

Greetings from Father J.B. Okai

JESUS IS RISEN! And yet, I do not doubt that some of us still *hang* upon the cross, overwhelmed with grief, disappointment, of not knowing what to do with your life or how to direct it now. I urge you to believe that the God of grace is with you to overcome your "*darkness*" and to bring you back into LIGHT.

I greet you in the name of our risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and urge you to rise and shine in the Lord Most High. I thank you for not having seen Jesus with your naked eye and yet have come to believe. Jesus confirmed this saying, "Happy are you that have not seen but have come to believe." I am however, aware of those of you struggling to believe that Jesus' death and resurrection bring you any promise of new life – spiritual intuition and healing. (cont'd back page)



From the Desk of Len Ernst

Welcome to our celebration of Easter at St. Cecilia! This weekend we recall the death of Jesus and His Resurrection from the dead to a new life, one which never ends. Now He is the Risen Lord, the Christ. The Resurrection expresses our hope that we too will inherit eternal life one day as a gift of God, just as Jesus did.



Baptism is an integral part of the Easter celebration. It is our acknowledgement of the living spirit of God within us. We too have a new life which never ends because we are children of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus. We are participants in His death and Rising. **WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE!**

Each of us has experienced resurrection in our lives. When we are feeling lonesome, defeated, afraid, abandoned and filled with sorrow, we somehow recapture a spirit of purpose, a sense that life is worth living again. Our spirits are lifted by those who have a kind word to share, or who revitalize us with an act of compassion and acceptance. One way of bringing Christ to others is to generate a resurrection for those who are in need of a "little Easter". (cont'd back page)

From St. Cecilia to Australia

Harmony Landgraf of our parish along with Kristen Schneider (Holy Trinity, Regina) and Melanie Giambattista (St. Joseph, Balgonie) are planning to attend World Youth Day. The largest youth event in the world will be held in Sydney, July 15-20. Organized by the Catholic Church, World Youth Day gathers young people from around the world to build bridges of friendship and hope between continents, people and cultures.



Kristen, Melanie, Harmony

Their fundraising goal is getting closer, but they're still looking for support. If you would like to help, contact the parish office – 545-4051.



Harmony attended St. Francis School and is in grade 12 at Archbishop M.C. O'Neill High School. She is heavily involved in the O'Neill music program: in choral, vocal jazz, the Sax Pistols, and liturgy choir. She is also in the drama program and has performed in every production over the last four years (eight shows).

She also has two part-time jobs: at the Ladies California Fitness child care centre, and at Burns-Hanley Church Supplies on 13th Avenue (owned by her parents Ed and Carol Anne).

Harmony also enjoys playing recreational soccer, being outdoors and spending time with friends. She is very excited about participating in World Youth Day and making new friends from other countries.
