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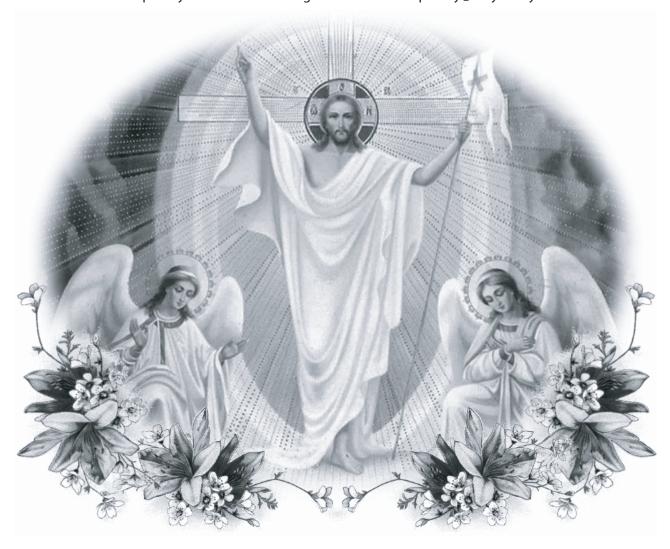
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He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

"I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia."

(Cf Psalm 138.18, 5-6)



Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord:

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Today is a day of great rejoicing. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has overcome the last enemy. Death no longer has any power over us

because of what he did for us. Even though we all must die, we no longer have anything to fear. Life will be changed, it will not come to an end (cf. Preface, Mass of the Dead).

Of all the founders of different religions, only one claimed to be God. Moreover, only one rose from the dead: Jesus Christ. The resurrection is a central dogma of our Catholic faith. In fact, our faith would be utterly meaningless had the resurrection not occurred (cf. 1 Cor 15:13-15). We would still be in our sins and separated from God.

N. T. Wright wrote a theological masterpiece entitled "The Resurrection of the Son of God". In it, he goes through all the different theories that people have come up with to explain the empty tomb. Every explanation falls short. They are desperate attempts to explain away the facts. What is truly laughable is that many of the supposed experts do not even believe in God or in the possibility of an afterlife. In one of the many interviews he gave after the publication of his book, the author mentioned that his philosophy tutor had praised the quality of his dissertation. However, the tutor refused to accept the fact that Jesus Christ had risen from the dead. He stated that he "preferred to believe in another explanation" that he could not even express. Why? Because to accept the reality of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ requires us to change our worldview. We are no longer the centre of the universe. Science and philosophy, no matter how much good they produce, are insufficient in explaining the world around us. Moreover, if Christ did really resurrect from the dead, it means that all of his teachings are true, even those uncomfortable ones that regulate our moral lives!

Nevertheless, we do recognize that we need the help of the Holy Spirit to proclaim that "Jesus is Lord!" (1 Cor 12:3) Let us ask the Father and Son to send forth the Holy Spirit upon all those who do not yet believe. May their hearts be wide open to receive the gift of faith that he offers everyone. Furthermore, may our mouths be open wide to proclaim the faith we have professed so solemnly during the renewal of our baptismal promises during the Mass. Remember, if we remain faithful to him in this life, we will "also be revealed with him in glory" in the life to come! (Col 3:4)

Announcements

1. Toonie Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be held **THIS WEEKEND**,

April 19th/20th. Please place a loonie or toonie in one of the poor boxes located at the Church entrances. Thank you for your generosity.



- 2. The Parish Office is **CLOSED** on Monday, April 21st for Easter Monday. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM. There is no 12:10PM Mass.
- 3. Please join us **next weekend**, **on Sunday**, **April 27th**, following the 12 PM Mass in the Parish Hall, for Family Ministry and Community Coffee. All are welcome!





4. Divine Mercy Sunday April 27th from 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

Join us for an Hour of Mercy with Chaplet and Exposition animated by the Shalom Community of Lay Consecrated Men and Women. All are welcome.

APRIL 20th, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 21, 2025

Easter Monday

9:00 am. Giuseppe Carnovale (Special

Intentions) & Cathay Feghali

(Birthday Blessings)

Requested By: The Family & Susan Pilon

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

12:10 pm. Fr. Gregory Haddock (+)

Requested By: Joseph Ratchford

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

12:10 pm. Rose Marie Lawless (+)

Requested By: Carmel, Jean, Kristina, Kathy

& Rosalie

Thursday, April 24, 2025

12:10 pm. Blessings for Charles

Rodrigues

Requested By: Anonymous

Friday, April 25, 2025

12:10 pm. Tulio Piccinin (+) & maria

Mendonca (+)

Requested By: Ed & Natalie Piccinin

Multiple Intentions:

Paul Artibello (+), Andrea Tuzon (+), For the dying

and Souls in Purgatory,

Saturday, April 26, 2025

9:00 am. Intentions of the Blessed

Virgin Mary and in reparation for all sins committed against

her Immaculate Heart

5:00 pm Rudy Peralta (+) & Anita

Peralta (+)

Requested By: Angelita Peralta

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners &

Doris Dalton (+)

Requested By: Bill Dalton

10:00 am. In Thanksgiving

Requested By: The Carnovale Family

12:00 pm. Roy (+) & Rose Marie

Lawless (+), & In

Thanksgiving

Requested By: The Feghali Family

Monday, April 28, 2025

12:10 pm. Danielle Feghali (Special

Intentions)

Requested By: The Feghali Family

Tuesday, April 29, 2025Saint Catherine of Siena

Saint Camerine of Stene

12:10 pm. Vito Carnovale (Blessings) &

In Thanksgiving for the

Foundation of the Missionary

Sisters of St. Peter Claver

Requested By: The Family

Our Love & Prayers
Go Out To...

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Mary Agnes Ludwick, Madeleine Mendoza, Fr. Daniel Callam, Peter Verwoerd, Paul Morisset, Mark Colbreath, Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeck, Edward Haggarty, M.M.

Mackenzie, and Jamie.

Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died, especially: Eva Tomory (+).

The **APRIL** Food of the Month donation are **BOXES OF CHEERIOS**. Please bring the donation to the Parish Office.



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