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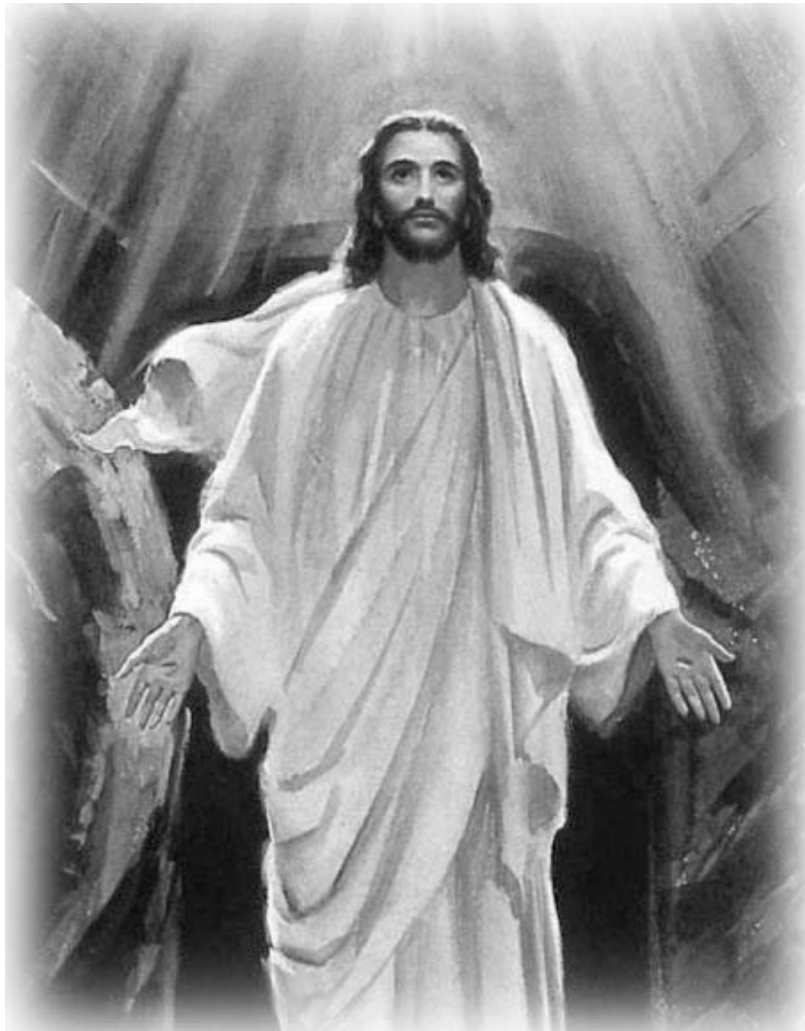
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Rejoice!
For the Lord is truly risen!

EASTER SUNDAY OF 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)

Weekly Biblical Reflection

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

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. God is in control, not us! Our lives are not meaningless. Even our suffering is redemptive and filled with God's presence. May the Crucified and Risen Christ fill us with a deep sense of awe and gratitude for what he has done and is doing in, through, and with us.

God bless,

Fr. Peter

Announcements

1. The Parish Office is **CLOSED** on **Monday, April 6th**, for Easter Monday. Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM before Mass. There is no 12:10 PM Mass.
2. **Divine Mercy Retreat:** Join us for a Day of Recollection on Saturday, April 11th, led by Sr. Donata Farbaniec of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, which is the same religious order that St. Faustina was a part of. \$50 fee includes lunch. To purchase tickets, please contact the Parish Office.
3. The next Community Coffee Sunday will be held on Sunday, April 12th, from 1-3 PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.
4. Millions of Christians around the world face poverty, discrimination, and persecution because of their faith. Aid to the Church in Need Canada is a Catholic Charity that helps poor, persecuted, and suffering Christians by supporting more than 5,000 pastoral projects each year in over 140 countries. These projects help the Church provide pastoral care, build or repair churches, train seminarians, support religious sisters, and assist communities facing hardship. Aid to the Church in Need also works to raise awareness about the reality of Christian persecution through initiatives such as Red Wednesday, encouraging prayer and solidarity with those who suffer for their faith. Aid to the Church in Need will join us to tell us more about their mission at our March 28-29 Masses. Together, we can support the Church where it is most in need. Learn more at <https://acn-canada.org/>
5. **Youth and Technology:** Are you worried about the effects of technology on your children? Join us for a talk by Fr. Peter Turrone on April 22nd at 7 PM in Room 2 of the Parish Hall. He will discuss the effects of technology on our youth and how we can mitigate its negative effects on their lives.
6. The Churches-on-the-Hill APRIL Food of the Month donation is CANNED FRUIT. Please bring your donations to the Parish Office.

APRIL 5th, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 6, 2026

9:00 am. Carmen Dolores Vasconcelos (+)
Requested By: The Family

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

12:10 pm. Vivian Daylusan (+)
Requested By: The Family

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

12:10 pm. Gilda (+) & Anibel Ponte (+)
Requested By: Ines

Thursday, April 9, 2026

12:10 pm. Cleo Buenafe (+)
Requested By: Maria Buenafe

Friday, April 10, 2026

12:10 pm. Will Byrne (+)
Requested By: Noreen Connolly

Multiple Intentions: Maria De Sousa (+), Urlinda Delgado (+), Julie (+), Jacek Ratajczak (+), Marite (+) & Valdis Vanags (+), Angela Ocheda (+), Kong Family - Conversion

Saturday, April 11, 2026

9:00 am. Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in reparation for all sins committed against her Immaculate Heart

5:00 pm. Dimas Dagsi (+)
Requested By: The Dagsi Family

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners & In Thanksgiving
Requested By: Samson & Deepa

10:00 am. In Thanksgiving,
Gerald Timmins Sr. and Jr. (+),
Mary (+), Michael (+), & Peter
Timmins (+)

Requested By: The Carnovale Family & Mary
Jane Timmins

12:00 pm. In Thanksgiving
Requested By: The Feghali Family

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Denis Connolly, Goretti Raposo, Miranda Thompson, Richard Marshall, Paul Swarney, Kaye Graham, Mary Hopkins, Peter Robinson, Dominic Curran, Gerard Gonsalves, Mary Castillo de Vega, Mary Agnes Ludwick, Madeleine Mendoza, Peter Verwoerd, Paul Morisset, Mark Colbreath, Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeck, M.M. Mackenzie, and Jamie.

Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died, especially: Urlinda Delgado (+)

Shalom Adoration Night

Join us for Holy Mass at 7 PM on April 24th from 7 PM to 9 PM, celebrated by Fr. Peter Turrone, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will be accompanied by Praise & Worship Music by the Shalom Community. We invite you and your friends to join us for an intimate encounter with the Lord. For inquiries, contact LPA@holyroary.ca.

With Empty Hands
The Path of
Spiritual Childhood
according to
St. Therese

7-8pm
May 26, June 2 & 9, Room 2,
Room 2, Parish Hall
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