



Holy Saturday April 16 Easter Vigil 6:30 pm

Readings - 1, 3, 5 & Epistle

St. Augustine said that the Easter Vigil – the night when Jesus Christ was raised from the dead – is to be considered the “mother of all vigils.” During the night people of God keep watch as they await the resurrection of the Lord and celebrate it in the sacraments of initiation.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

“He saw and he believed.”

First Reading (Acts 10:34, 37-43)

Cornelius has heard of the new life, but now he is called to live it.

Psalm: This is the day the Lord had made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading (Col: 3: 1-4)

To think on heavenly things is not to ignore this life, it is to understand what this life is for.

Gospel (John 20. 1-9)

No one understands the Christian faith, if they do not understand Christ's resurrection. We cannot explain anything in this world unless we know that resurrection is our destiny.

Reflection:

Easter Sunday is the beginning of our resurrection time. It is the time when we consider what it means to accept this greatest of all facts about reality: that, in Jesus Christ, God came among us, accepted the death we imposed on him, yet rose in that humanity for the sake of our salvation.

In Lent we considered our sins, and the sins of the world, that led to the death of Christ. Now we have to consider the remedy for sin. Yet perhaps we hesitate like the disciples did. If we do so, it is not because we cannot accept rationally the possibility of eternal life. The grace of God is strong enough to overcome all doubts. No, it is not reason that holds us back but fear. Fear of a new life, fear of its demands, fear of what we might lose.

The resurrection changes everything.

The disciples felt afraid. So do we. In the presence of the risen Christ, we discover that perfect love drives out fear.

May you continue to experience what a relationship with God is all about as you celebrate the new life that comes from the Risen Lord Jesus.



THE LEGEND OF THE EASTER LILY

Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies spring up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and distress. Christians continue this tradition at Easter; churches line their altars and envelop their crosses with a multitude of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the hope of eternal life.

In Memory of (Easter flower contributions)

- Deceased members of Baird family and friends.
- Deceased members of Ganlaky family.
- Deceased members of Lorencio family.
- Deceased members of Thomas Mary Nathan family.
- Deceased members of S.S. Nathan family.
- Deceased members of Pabillo family.



Mass Intentions April 20 to 22

- Wed. Apr 20/10:00 am Francesco Nardi & Francesco Andreacchi - Elisabetta Nardi
- Thur. Apr 21/10:00 am Maria Rosaria Bertucci - Elisabetta Nardi
- Fri. Apr 22/10:00 am Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families - Teresa Baird

Fr. George Joseph will be away on a much deserved vacation for the months of May and June.

There will be no weekday morning masses for those 2 months. Mass intentions for May & June will be moved to July & August.

**Saturday 4:30 pm mass at St. Patricks Square
and
Sunday 11:00 am mass at the Parish will continue.**

**We wish Fr. George a relaxed, joyful & blessed vacation
&
a safe trip to and from...**

Dear Parishioner,

**Christ is Risen! Matthew 28:6 proclaims,
“He is not here; for He is risen”.**

As we approach Easter let us be reminded that, the same power that raised Christ from the dead is available to us today. Alleluia!

St John Paul II said, we are Easter people and Alleluia is our song. This sainted Pope lived through great wars, cold wars, cultural wars and even survived an attempt on his own life. Yet, his hope in the risen Lord gave him the strength to carry on everything not just with determination but with Joy.

To those who came to the tomb of Jesus on the first Easter morning, His first words to them were, “Be not afraid”. So let us put our fears aside, trusting in God that all will be well. Pray that the Lord will lift us from this pandemic and raise us to new life with our faith reborn.

I wish to bring to your kind attention, a special need for our church building. The cork panels on the inside walls of the church are water damaged and need to be repaired, and painted. The board of wardens have approved this expense, which will cost \$27,000.00. This renovation has been completed. It goes without saying the church looks brighter and the walls look better. This is an extra-ordinary expense and any donation to help meet this expense, especially during this Holy season of Easter would be greatly appreciated.

Parishioners may choose to sponsor the expense for each wall panel of the Stations of the Cross (total fourteen stations) with a sponsorship of One thousand dollars for each station. The names of the sponsors will be inscribed on a plaque at the church entrance. Sponsors may wish to remain anonymous with the inscription on their plaque “For the Glory of God”. We thank sponsors and donors who have already contributed.

If anyone needs a home visit by a priest, please call 514 488-0778.

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May God bless and protect you and your families and may the risen Lord be a constant source of hope for you in the days to come.

***I wish you and your loved ones a blessed, peaceful,
and joyful Easter.***

Fr. George Joseph
Parochial Administrator