

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 4, 2021

“Why Do You Seek the Living among the Dead?”



Early Sunday morning the women went to the tomb to pay their last tribute to a dead body. The disciples thought that everything had finished in tragedy. Neither was ready to see an empty tomb and hear the angel's message. The angel urged them to believe that Jesus had indeed risen just as he had promised. In joy then went to share the good news with the other disciples.

Is it any small wonder that it was the women, rather than the apostles, who first witnessed the empty tomb and the resurrected Lord? Isidore of Seville, a 7th century church father comments on this: "As a woman (Eve) was first to taste death, so a woman (Mary Magdalene) was first to taste life. As a woman was prescient in the fall, so a woman was prescient in beholding the dawning of redemption, thus reversing the curse upon Eve." The first to testify to the risen

Lord was a woman from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons. What is the significance of the stone being rolled away? It would have taken several people to move such a stone. And besides, the sealed tomb had been guarded by soldiers! This is clearly the first sign of the resurrection. Bede, a church father from the 8th century, comments: "[The angel] rolled back the stone not to throw open a way for our Lord to come forth, but to provide evidence to people that he had already come forth. As the virgin's womb was closed, so the sepulchre was closed, yet he entered the world through her closed womb, and so he left the world through the closed sepulchre." (From Homilies on the Gospels 2,7,24) Another church father remarked: "To behold the resurrection, the stone must first be rolled away from our hearts" (Peter Chrysologus, 5th century). Do you know the joy of the resurrection? It is significant that the disciples had to first deal with the empty tomb before they could come to grips with the fact that scripture had foretold that Jesus would die for our sins and then rise triumphant. They disbelieved until they saw the empty tomb. Bede explains why the Risen Lord revealed himself gradually to the disciples:

One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Lord and to know him personally. Do you celebrate the feast of Easter with joy and thanksgiving for the victory which Jesus has won for you over sin and death?

2021 SHARELIFE COLLECTION DATES

Having completed the 2020 ShareLife campaign last fall, and with the limitations still effect in some areas, the ShareLife office has reviewed the dates for the 2021 campaign. The ShareLife campaign will now move to April 17/18, June 19/20 and October 2/3. The ShareLife envelopes in the offertory boxes have the incorrect collection dates on them but feel free to use these.

SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE

Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at 6:40pm).

The link to our parish YouTube channel is:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkSQAZ_Buk3g-bhw?

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

MONDAY, APRIL 5 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Rose Kovalchuk
+ Gil Ruiz

TUESDAY, APRIL 6 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Jack Gilchrist
+ Gertrude Jerrera
+ Manuel Cordeiro

THURSDAY, APRIL 8 – 8:00 A.M.

S.I. For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Religious
Life and Permanent Diaconate.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Purissima Melchiorre
+ William Kovalchuk
+ Nestor Bautista

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Teotonio and Rutilina Goes
+ William Kovalchuk
+ Aldo Pietrantonio

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

S.I. Parish Community

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Fr. Damian would be grateful if you are able to come to the office to pick up your box of envelopes. If you are not able to, either Fr. Damian or a parish volunteer will be happy to bring you a box. Offertory envelopes for 2021 are also located at the back of the Church for those who are attending the weekend Communion Services. Brochures outlining our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan and Parish Registration forms are also available. If you would like a PAG form, please contact the parish office.

SONGS FROM THE SEMINARY: AN EVENING OF MUSIC IN HONOUR OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

The pandemic prevents us from gathering in person, so we will bring this concert to your home. On Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. join us virtually from the seminary for an evening of music in honour of Our Blessed Mother. Join online at: www.youtube.com/archtoronto

Our parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you.

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2. Enter our parish code: L5K
3. Enter your name and email

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK
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WATCH
SYMBOLON - SESSION 6
THE PASCHAL MYSTERY:
THE MYSTERY OF JESUS'
DEATH AND RESURRECTION
Through Jesus's Death on the Cross, God reveals himself most profoundly as the God who is Love. In this episode of the Symbolon series, see how Christ's sacrificial love saves us from sin and shows us the pathway to true human happiness.

LEARN
FORMED NOW:
EVANGELIZING MILLENNIALS
After his Resurrection, Christ told his disciples to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mk 16:15). To continue this evangelical work today, we have to adapt to diverse audiences. In this series, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss how to reach one of those audiences—millennials.

LISTEN
PINTS WITH AQUINAS:
WHAT IS GRACE?
WITH MICHAEL GORMLEY
As Catholics we believe that grace allows us to participate in the life of God. In this episode of Pints with Aquinas, Matt Fradd sits down with Michael Gormley to discuss what this means in our daily lives.

WHAT IS GRACE?

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI REOPENING FOR MASS

On March 12, the parish received notice from the Archdiocese of Toronto that churches are able to reopen to 15% capacity. Our regular weekend Mass schedule will be in effect starting this weekend. Due to the scheduling of First Reconciliation celebrations, Monday Masses will not resume until March 29th, the Monday of Holy Week. Please be advised that the dispensation from the Sunday obligation is still in effect.

If anyone is in need of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Fr. Damian is available to hear confessions in the Reconciliation Room every Saturday from 4:00pm to 4:45pm and at other times by appointment.