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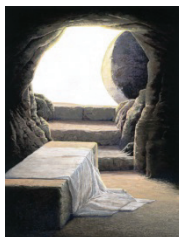


Christ is Risen!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 17, 2022

“John saw the empty tomb and believed”



What was it like for the disciple who had stood at the cross of Jesus and then laid him in a tomb on Good Friday, to come back three days later and discover that the sealed tomb was now empty? John, along with Peter, was the first apostle to reach the tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning. Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, John was not ready to see an empty tomb and to hear the angel's message, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? “

What did John see in the tomb that led him to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? It was certainly not a dead body. The dead body of Jesus would have disproven the resurrection and made his death a tragic conclusion to a glorious career as a great teacher and miracle worker. When John saw the empty tomb he must have recalled Jesus' prophecy that he would rise again after three days. Through the gift of faith John realized that no tomb on earth could contain the Lord and giver of life. John saw and believed (John 20:8).

John had to first deal with the empty tomb before he could meet the risen Lord later that evening along with the other apostles who had locked themselves in the upper room out of fear of the Jewish authorities (John 20:19-23). John testified as an eye-witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ: “What we have seen, heard, and touched we proclaim as the eternal word of life which existed from the beginning” (1 John 1:1-4). John bears witness to what has existed from all eternity. This "word of life" is Jesus the word incarnate, but also Jesus as the word announced by the prophets and Jesus the word now preached throughout the Christian church for all ages to come.

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 Christ and to know him personally as our Lord and Savior. Do you accept the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection with skeptical doubt and disbelief or with trusting faith and joyful wonderment?

“Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won for us new life and resurrection power. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love for us and your great victory over sin and death.”



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?

THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS



The Rosary Apostolate has been faithfully visiting our classrooms once a month to pray the Rosary with our students for over 15 years.

They are a great inspiration to our students! They are seeking people who have a great love for the Rosary and who are willing to visit our schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month for a total of only 8 days a year. If you are interested please contact Betty at **647-239-0987**.

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

MONDAY, APRIL 18 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Aiden Noronha
+ Renato Aguilar
+ Gloria Guertin

TUESDAY, APRIL 19 – 8:30 A.M.

+ Alfred Quinless
+ Gloria Guertin

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. In Thanksgiving
S.I. The Valenton Family
+ Hugh Davids

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 – 8:30 A.M.

S.I. For healing and reconciliation in troubled
marriages and families.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. In Thanksgiving for Richard, Celissa and Family
S.I. Lily Pasco and Family
+ Anne (Delorey) Hubert

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Jane Quigg
+ Michael O'Sullivan
S.I. Marlene Collaco and Mary Parris

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

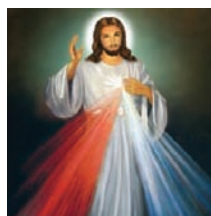
S.I. Parish Community

ShareLife is making a difference



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Thank you for supporting ShareLife! The next ShareLife Sunday collection is May 1.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & MERCY SUNDAY

Please join Fr. Damian live on the parish You Tube channel to pray the Divine Mercy Novena beginning on **Good Friday, April 15**. The novena will then continue until Saturday, April 23. **On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24**, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sung Chaplet and Silent Adoration from 3:00-3:50 p.m., followed by Reposition, Closing Prayers and Benediction. From 4:00-5:00 p.m. there will be Veneration of the Sacred Image. Fr. Damian will be available for reconciliation (confession) from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK
April 17, 2022

WATCH **ECHO WITH BISHOP DONALD HYING**
ECHO is a series of short and engaging videos that introduces fundamental Catholic teachings and provides an inspiring start to personal growth in the Faith. This beautiful work of cinematography is hosted by Bishop Donald Hying of Gary, Indiana.

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Bishop Donald Hying

LEARN **ST. FRANCIS DE SALES AND THE CHARACTER OF A CHRISTIAN**
In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales' Introduction to the Devout Life and the proper character of a Christian. We hope you enjoy these conversations on an incredible Counter-Reformation saint whose work has instructed generations of believers.

LISTEN **SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON**
In this brilliant talk, Bishop Barron uses Dante's Divine Comedy to show how we combat sin through the cultivation of virtue. This fascinating journey shows the path that God has designed to lead us to health, happiness, and holiness.

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STEUBENVILLE TORONTO



Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest annual conference for Catholic teens. The conference is designed for groups of Catholic teens. Anyone currently in grades 9-12 can attend as part of a

group. A group can be a youth ministry from a parish, a high school chaplaincy group, or even simply a group of friends with parent chaperones.


The next conference is scheduled for July 15-17, 2022. Participants arrive in the late afternoon on Friday, July 15, and the conference ends on Sunday, July 17 after Mass which is usually around noon. The exact schedule will be released once it is finalized. Please go to <https://www.steubenvilletoronto.com/> for more information.

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