

APRIL 17, 2022

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: EASTER SUNDAY

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Christ is Risen Alleluia

The tomb is empty! Today we celebrate the love Jesus has for you and me. A love that's stronger than death. A love that enabled Jesus not just to accept, but to embrace the cross. Today we remember that Jesus died, freely gave up his life, to free us from sin and death, to give us life. And today on Easter we remember that he rose from the dead. This is true today and always: Jesus is not dead; he is alive.

This changes everything! Jesus is alive and is truly God. He has conquered sin and death. And since Jesus is alive, we are able to know him, speak to him, and hear from him. He is intimately present to us in this moment.

So often in life it's possible to feel alone, isolated, or abandoned. Today we celebrate the truth that Jesus is who he says he is. He is the light that shines in the darkness. He is the bread of life that nourishes and strengthens us. He is the way, the truth, and the life who guides us at every moment. He is the door through which we are brought back into union with our Father. He is with us always, at every moment, and will never give up on us or abandon us.

This indeed is the Good News! It's the message Peter preached in the first reading. It is reflected in our psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. This Good News is what Paul wrote to the Colossians: (through baptism) they have died with Christ and now their life is hidden with Christ in God. Their hope is quite literally in Christ in heaven, who will one day return and raise them to be with him in glory. This Good News is what the three disciples witnessed but did not yet fully understand, when they found the empty tomb. This Good News is why we are here. It is why we celebrate this wonderful, miraculous paschal mystery with the firm conviction that one day, too, we who have been baptized into the life and death of Christ will be raised to eternal life with him.

The Resurrection is the beginning of a new chapter. Jesus rose from the dead and now lives forever as Savior, Lord, and King. Jesus is not dead. He is alive!



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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM 10:00 AM
HOLY DAY MASSES	9:00 AM 7:00 PM
CONFESSIONS	4:00-4:30 PM, SATURDAY OR BY APPOINTMENT

ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday	April 16 Easter Vigil
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
8:00 PM	Mass: Living & Deceased Parishioners
Sunday	April 17 Easter Sunday
8:00 AM	Mass: Trish Pohorilak (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Albert Varatta (RIP)
Monday	April 18
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Ida Blair (RIP)
Wednesday	April 20
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Healing for Ali
Friday	April 22
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Mass: Living and Deceased Parishioners
8:00 AM	Mass: Lillian O'Connell (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: Deacon William Carl LaFleur (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST



Holy Saturday, April 16
Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter
 8:00 PM (There is no 5 PM Mass)

Easter Sunday, April 17
Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
 8:00 / 10:00 AM

Easter Monday, April 18
 Parish Office will be Closed



April 24
 We all know that the greatest story ever told is the story of our salvation through Jesus Christ in the Gospels. **But, do you know the second greatest story ever told?**

At the beginning of the 20th century, Mary appeared to three peasant farm children in Fatima Portugal, warning of great calamities if Russia wasn't consecrated to her Immaculate heart. In 1934, Jesus appeared to a young religious sister - soon to be St. Faustina Kowalska and told her that the world needed to appeal to God through His Divine Mercy.

The second greatest story ever told is the story of this most powerful devotion as revealed through great saints - from the Fatima Seers, to St. Faustina, to St. Maximilian Kolbe to St. John Paul II. It is the story of God's work in the 20th century to end the joint scourges of communism and fascism corrupting humanity. And His Divine Mercy is just as powerful against our troubles today.

We will have the Special Divine Mercy Devotion with The Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, right after our regular 10AM Mass.



Thanksgiving for New Life!

Easter, being the celebration of our new life in Christ because of his Resurrection, is when we welcome new members into his Church, the Body of Christ.

Please welcome these newest members of our family in Christ whose Sacraments of Initiation we celebrate:

Andrea and Cory White who received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Jesse Cole who joins our community through the grace of Confirmation and reception of the Eucharist.

Keep them in your prayers as they continue their lifelong journeys of faith.

Second Collection—Help Ukraine
 Next weekend we will be taking up a special collection to support the Help Ukraine appeal.

“The situation is getting worse every day. We live now from hour to hour” - Bishop Honcharuk, Diocese of Ukraine.

All of us have been stunned by the horrifying images of suffering and death we have been seeing from Ukraine. For more than 70 years, Aid to the Church in Need, an international charity under the guidance of the Holy Father, has been helping persecuted and suffering faithful around the world, including in Ukraine, where we have a well-established network of priests and religious who, despite horrific circumstances, courageously continue addressing the needs of their people. **Help us help them.** Thank you for your support.

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GIFTS RECEIVED	
Offertory Collection –April 9/10	\$3,139.00
Operation Rice Bowl –April 9/10	\$1,302.00
Thank you for your support!	

St. Paul's Cookbook
ARE YOU READY TO HAVE FUN?

This year we're celebrating 50 years as the Catholic community in Foster. And we're invited to share our favorite family recipes for a commemorative cookbook to be available this October.

Exchanging recipes fosters community now and into future generations. So, please include the “story behind the recipe” –those recollections that make some of your recipes extra important to you. Include a photo or two, not just of the food but of the people who make your dish so special.

Submit Recipes by May 1, 2022

Go the parish website at stpaulsfoster.org/cookbook to submit your recipes online or to download a printable form.

40th Anniversary Ordination

On Sunday, May 1 we will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Fr. Dore's Ordination. The 10AM Mass will be celebrated for Fr. Dore's intentions followed by a small reception downstairs. Thank you to all who signed up to share a dish or made a donation toward items we will pick up for the celebration.

Living the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

Alleluia, Christ is risen! What a glorious and holy day. The resurrection of Christ speaks of freedom, new life, restored faith and enduring, unconditional love. The huge stone, separating death and life, has been moved, allowing God's radiant power to usher in eternal life. When we see the truth of Christ's resurrection through eyes of love, we see the fullness of timeless beauty, truth, and wonder revealed. The emptiness of the tomb is filled with the eternity of love. We have many stones and boulders blocking the path to freedom, love, and joy. They are often too big for us to move, and they cripple us. We can take a leap of faith today and believe with all our heart, mind, and soul that there is much more than can be seen by the naked eye. There is something very holy, sacred, and eternal stirring within us. We want to live forever! Christ's resurrection brings us joy and allows us to see ourselves as we are meant to be seen, as God's children destined for glory!