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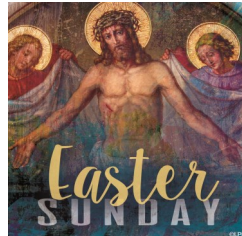
Sunday, April 21st, 2019



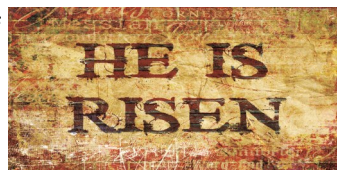
Easter Sunday

Can you imagine that moment? Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: "It's all true. All of it is true! The past three years weren't a dream that ended horribly wrong." Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb.

It didn't start that way, of course. "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This frantic news from Mary Magdalene would have been another unexpected blow. After all that happened, now his body has been stolen? The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent. They don't wait to collect more information or stop by the tomb when they have a chance. They run to the site. When is the last time you ran for something? This isn't a run for exercise, but a huffing and puffing bolt fueled by desperation. Can you imagine that moment?



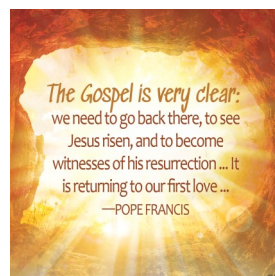
The fear pounding in their temples, matching their accelerated heart rate. Can you imagine the impatient affection of John, who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone? And then, upon entry, "He saw and believed."



This is the drama of our great feast! The promise that seemed lost has been found. The dead are raised. Long before the Easter eggs and ham, we are invited to meditate on this divine reality. We are invited to feel the desperation and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones. Because it is not just Mary's story, or just Peter and John's story. It's our story. From the greatest defeat can come the most awe-inspiring victory, and this is true not just for our God, but for each one of us. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving: Good and gracious heavenly Father, we come before you on this Easter Sunday with full and grateful hearts for the gift of the Paschal Mystery that you showed us in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love. Bless and convert those who have yet to profess belief in you. You are God for all. We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.

AN EASTER PROCLAMATION: The hosts of heaven exult and sing aloud in mighty triumph! Let the earth be glad as glory alights and night reigns no more. Let the Church rejoice at the victory of her Lord and Master, Who paid the debt of Adam, Who frees those doomed to die, Who heals the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds, Who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly, Who destroys death forever, Whose Kingdom shall have no end. God our Father, eternal is your love for us! Christ the Son, in victory you reign! Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts. Together you live and reign and ransom your people, one God forever and ever. Amen.



Offertory April 13th & 14th, 2019

84 Envelopes	\$2, 103.00
Loose Collection	\$ 130.65
Total Offertory	\$2, 233.65
Share Lent	\$ 500.00
Maintenance	\$ 530.00

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP



This Easter, in churches all over the world, people will be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. Those who have come from another Christian denomination have already begun their journey with Jesus Christ. But for those who are baptized at the Easter Vigil, a new reality has come to pass. Each newly baptized man, woman, and child have become new creations in Jesus Christ. They have died and risen with the one who rose on the third day on Easter Sunday morning. That morning they awake after many months of RCIA and all have the same question before them: "Now what?"

When one finds themselves having journeyed through various thresholds of conversion and now they bear the name of Christian, the time comes to chart the course of life as a disciple. Stewardship is that course of life. How one lives out their life from now on is the life of stewardship. The less one understands true stewardship and the value of their gifts and talents to the Body of Christ, the harder the journey.

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Evening of Praise and Worship with ALOB: St. Kevin's Parish Youth and Family Ministry, in conjunction with Notre Dame College School, is hosting an Evening of Praise and Worship with ALOB on Tuesday, May 7th at St. Kevin's Parish (303 Niagara Street, Welland), beginning at 7:00 pm. ALOB - Andrew Laubacher - is a recognized praise and worship leader, singer, and featured speaker at the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conferences. Doors open 6:30pm; all are welcome to this free event – families, young people, and all those young at heart.

Holy Cross Cemetery's ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP, will begin on Tuesday April 23, 2019. All wreaths, tin cans, glass jars, flower pots, and similar articles not removed, will be disposed of on April 26, 2019. If anyone is unable to pick up their wreaths etc. by that date they can call the cemetery at 905 734-4172 and make arrangements for the staff to hold the articles for a short period of time.

The New Evangelization Summit Inspiring Catholics. May 4th, 2019 Live in Ottawa– Streaming to Niagara Falls, Ont., St. Michael Catholic High School, 8699 McLeod Rd.. Webcast to host sites around the world. For more info contact familyandyouth@saintcd.com 905-684-0154. To save your seat, register at newevangelization.ca

Migrant Ministry: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting items for the men as they begin to arrive. Items most in need are socks, work gloves and toiletries, warm sweaters, jeans and T-shirts. Thank you for your continued support.

Welland Port Colborne ProLife Annual General Meeting and Dinner : Saturday, April 27th, 2019. St. Anthony's Hall, 360 River Rd., Welland., 6:30pm Guest speaker Angelina Steenstra—Silent No More– 50 years of legalized abortion, the impact. Tickets 905-714-0547, www.wpcprolife.com

Parish Calendar

- April Holy Saturday
- April 20th..... Easter Sunday
- April 21st.... CWL meeting 7pm
- April 23rd... Confirmation meeting 5:30pm
- April 24th..... St. Ann School Easter Mass 9:30am
- April 24th..... Youth Ministry cancelled
- April 28th..... St. V. de Paul Meeting following 11am Mass
- April 28th..... Divine Mercy Sunday

Confirmation Meeting

As we approach the end of the school year, we are looking ahead to the fall of this year when the Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered to our Grade 7 students who will begin Grade 8 in September. A registration meeting will take place in the parish hall on **Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30pm for parents/guardians and students.** The school and parish will be using the Chosen preparation program which is comprised of 24 lessons that provide everything the student needs, both intellectually and spiritually to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and to become lifelong disciples of Christ. The program is relevant and interactive, using videos, student workbooks, small group discussions and independent activities to make the journey personal and meaningful. **Registration forms and a letter were given to the Grade 7 students at St. Ann School on April 10th. Please bring the completed registration form and fee (to cover cost of books) with you for the meeting. If your child does not attend St. Ann School and will be receiving the Sacrament, please phone the office as soon as possible. Thank you.**



40 Days for Life, April 13th, 2019 –some of the participants from our parish: Thank you to everyone who participated in this "prayerful, silent vigil."

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY. April topics are "Who Am I Now" (April 22). Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. Pre-registration is not required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

Celebrate Holy Week and Easter with S+L TV : Free Preview - April 14 – May 12, 2019. Sharing the joys and hopes of the Gospel through television, radio, print, and online media. During this month long free-preview, in addition to Holy Week and Easter live Vatican events, Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation is pleased to announce the premiere of their new documentary *The Francis Impact* on May 5, 2019, 8pm EST/5pm PST. Please see this link for more details. <https://saltandlighttv.org/blogfeed/getpost.php?id=90258>

- Sat. April 20 **Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)**
 - 9-10am **Confessions**
 - Noon **Blessing of Easter Baskets**
 - 4-5pm **Confessions**
 - Easter Vigil**
 - 8:30pm † Gerry Berkhout (Karen & Michael Buckley)
 - Sun. April 21 **Easter Sunday**
 - 9:30am Missa Pro Populo
 - 11:00am † Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)
 - Mon. April 22
 - 9:30am † Thomas Nolan (John & Veronica Douglas)
 - 7-8pm **Holy Hour & Confessions**
 - Tues. April 23
 - 9:30am † Wally & Sophie Paterak (Chris Meyo & Family)
 - Wed. April 24
 - 9:30am † Souls of the Faithful Departed (Rob Novak)
 - Thurs. April 25
 - 9:30am † Thomas Nolan (John & Veronica Douglas)
 - Fri. April 26
 - 9:30am † Thomas Nolan (John & Veronica Douglas)
 - Sat. April 27 **Divine Mercy Sunday**
 - 9-10am **Confessions**
 - 4-4:45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
 - 5:00pm † Gerry Berkhout (Shelley Luchetta)
 - Sun. April 28 **Divine Mercy Sunday**
 - 9:30am † Cor Vanderlee (André & Therese Czychun)
 - 11:00am Missa Pro Populo
 - 3:00pm Prayers
- Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Share Lent donations to date: \$2, 543.85. Donations can be made throughout April.**

