

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

REFLECTION:

Recognizing the Risen Lord Rejoice, the Lord is risen, truly He is risen! Today is the Solemnity of Solemnities, the most holy day in the Church's calendar. Let us take a moment to rejoice in the glory of the resurrection. These past forty days we've been preparing for this great feast where we will be met with the risen Christ. However, let us ask ourselves, how often do we fail to recognize Him in our daily lives?

In the Gospel today, we hear the account of

Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene. Mary is face-to-face with Jesus risen from the dead and yet she didn't recognize Him. She has spent the last couple years of her life following Him and now she cannot even identify Him as the man before her. While we may be quick to judge Mary, we should remember that Christ makes Himself present to us in countless ways that we often don't perceive.

One way that Jesus comes to us is through our neighbour. St. Teresa of Calcutta says "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus." This Easter, let us rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and seek to find Him in our neighbours. The same way that we would run to serve Christ, let us serve Christ dwelling in those around us and fully live out our call of stewardship.

Summary:

These past forty days we've been preparing for this great feast where we will be met with the risen Christ yet how often do we fail to recognize Him in our daily lives? St. Teresa of Calcutta believes that we encounter Jesus through our neighbour as she says "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him." This Easter, let us rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and seek to find and serve Him in our neighbour by being good stewards.



APRIL 4, 2021 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



On the brightness of Easter day, we gather to celebrate not only the resurrection but the great lengths to which our God is willing to go in order that we, the lost, might be redeemed. Our God was willing to go to the cross for us. You see, without the risk of losing one's life, the willingness to suffer, the humility to carry a cross, the resurrection is impossible.

Over these past three days, we have devoutly recalled how Jesus was willing to bear the humility of being a man, how died upon a cross, how he descended into hell, unlocked the gates of heaven, and conquered the darkness of evil and sin. From the hopelessness of the tomb and from the emptiness of the grave, the Son of God has risen, and he comes to us this day with the promise of eternal life.

I extend a word of appreciation for all your generous spiritual and temporal support to our parish community, to all those involved in our Triduum Liturgies, as well as those members of our pastoral ministries. Indeed the spirit of prayer and stewardship is a sign of a vibrant parish community.

We are called to bring into life the new life of the resurrection what St Augustine referred to as an "Easter People", a people transformed into disciples and stewards who commit to giving their time, talent and treasure in witness.

I would like to take this opportunity to greet you all best wishes and all of the joyful blessings of Easter. May the grace and blessings of Easter strengthen as to live as people deeply touched by the resurrection and proclaim: Christ is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Fernan



Monday 8:30 am **APRIL 5, 2021**
FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
Tuesday 8:30 am **APRIL 6, 2021**
THANKSGIVING FROM CHUNG FAMILY
Thursday 8:30 am **APRIL 8, 2021**
DECEASED & LIVING MEMBERS OF RIMBAO & FERMIN FAMILY
Friday 8:30 am **APRIL 9, 2021**
AGRIPINA BEREDO (†)

BURNING THIS WEEK:

SANCTUARY LAMP:

- FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONER



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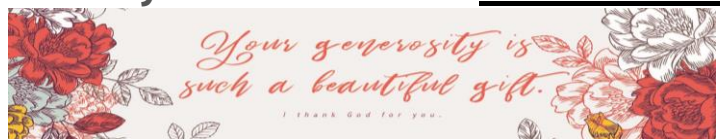
Kindly support our "Out of the Cold Program". The "Loonie & Toonie" bins are in the lobby.

Remember the needy by bringing non-perishable food items. Let us share our Easter blessing.



March 27-28, 2021

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