

## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – EASTER SUNDAY

### **A BLESSED EASTER FOR ALL OF YOU from Fr. Jacob:**

"To behold the resurrection, the stone must be rolled away from our own hearts. The women at the tomb were the first to honor the Risen Christ. The Apostles were the first to suffer for Him (Peter Chrysologus). The daily transformation of the early morning from darkness to dawn is forever hallowed by the Resurrection (Augustine). The Resurrection was revealed gradually, respecting the frailty of beholders to grasp its significance. The apex moment of the diffusion of darkness is the time of the Resurrection (Bede). The holy Sabbath gleams even brighter under the new covenant as the weekly celebration of the Resurrection (Athanasius). As the Virgin's womb had been sealed and yet He entered life, so also the sepulcher was firmly sealed and yet He was raised to new life (Purdentius, Bede). Christ is present where the sign of the cross is rightly exalted---not the material cross itself as a piece of wood but the crucified one who now lives (John of Damascus). Between Jesus' resurrection and the general resurrection, death is, for those who have faith, in effect dead and lacking in power, as a lion slain (Augustine). God does not lack power to raise us also.

Here is a litany I found for you and can use during Easter Season.

**Lord of Easter promise, I live in faith of the Resurrection, but such is the nature of my faith, that so much of me remains entombed.**

**Break open the tomb. Where I have buried my compassion:**

**Break open the tomb. Where I have buried my sense of mercy:**

**Break open the tomb. Where I have buried my sense of humanity:**

**Break open the tomb. Where I have buried my love for my Heavenly Father:**

**Break open the tomb. Where I have buried my sense of joy:**

**Break open the tomb. Where I have buried my willingness to forgive:**

**Break open the tomb. Lord in you I have found a Savior no grave can withstand.**

**Help me roll away this stone and find the miracle of a new life**

**that I may live more fully in your grace.**

**Be witnesses to the Resurrection of Christ.  
Amen.**

(Fr. Stephen Humphrey)



***“According to the Scripture: Jesus must rise from the dead.” – John 20.1-18***

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>MARCH 31 – APRIL 8, 2018</b>		
<b>Saturday, March 31</b> <b>EASTER VIGIL</b>	7:30 p.m.	Mary C. Chelamootil
<b>Sunday, April 1</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Brewer and Montford families
	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Drake family
<b>Saturday, April 7</b>	5:15 p.m.	Deceased members of the Robertson family
<b>Sunday, April 8</b>	8:30 a.m.	For Parishioners
	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Prayer Group
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for:</b> <b><i>Father Jacob and his family</i></b>		
<b>Weekly Target:</b> \$3500.00	<b>Actual Offering –</b> March 25: \$3564.04	<b>Operating Surplus:</b> \$ 64.04

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Remember in your prayers: Reggie Bernardo, Armand L'Anglais, Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Dorothy Meaney, Stella Alberry, Heidi Reid, Gerald & Irene Moriarty, Bibin John, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice Belec, Margaret Smith, Grant Marshall, Margrite Dezainde, John Beriau and Brian Brougham.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME:** to **Ella Walker and Jesse Franklin**, their families and sponsors as they were received through the Initial Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation into the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Alleluia!

**WORDS OF THANKS FROM FATHER JACOB:** I thank everyone who helped me make our Easter celebrations more meaningful and Blessed. Many hands joined together: the musicians, the choir, the Altar Servers, the Liturgy Committee, the RCIA team, the decorators, the volunteers for the Washing of the Feet, volunteers to receive the Sacred Oils, the flower donors and the staff – for the special services of the season. These are but a few names or titles but I know there are many other members of the parish who joined hands to celebrate Easter at St. John Bosco parish. I thank you all and pray that the Risen Lord may bless you and increase your gifts and talents.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** You are invited to celebrate **Special devotions to the Divine Mercy of the Lord on Sunday, April 8 at 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. at St. John Bosco Parish.** There will be Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Everyone is invited to attend.

APRIL 1, 2018

MINISTRY SCHEDULES				
MASS TIMES	HOSPITALITY	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, April 7 5:15 p.m.	Grant Marshall Mary MacDermott	Sylvia Shackles Joanne Story	Melinda Condon Cecile Houle	Sarah and Lauren McDonald
Sunday, April 8 8:30 a.m.	Donna Brewer Heather Charbonneau	Debbie Zabloski Theresa Iddon	Marguerite Whiteland Judith Hart	Grace Whiteland Evan Duffy
Sunday, April 8 10:00 a.m.	Teresa and Kevin Tanney	Johanne Cardinal Mark Grant	Doug Roughton Mary Gilliard	Isabelle and Liam Heffernan

**A NOTE FROM FATHER JACOB:** I will be away from April 2 to May 4. In my absence, Father Dean Purdy will be filling in for the weekend Mass at St. John Bosco and Father Justin Pulikunnel has agreed to celebrate Mass on Friday, April 13 at Sherwood Park Manor and April 27 at Bridlewood Manor. There will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration during this time. Please contact Father Price at 613-342-2993 in case of an emergency. Thank you so much to Fathers Purdy, Price and Pulikunnel for their great support.

**PARISH MISSION:** Thanks to all who attended the Parish Mission on March 21- 23. We are grateful to Father Abraham for leading us through the three evenings of reflection to support our Lenten journey. We received a free will offering of \$902.60 towards the cost of this Mission of \$1200.00. Thank you to all who helped with the food – Pam Marchand, Shan Warder, Neil & Margaret Cameron, Irene Leeder, Joanne Story and Josie Bracamonte. **A word from Father Abraham - I saw for myself that you have such a great community - truly a blessing from God. For me it was a good experience to be with your community... they were very receptive and open. Wish everyone a Blessed Easter.**

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, April 2		OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, April 3	1:30 p.m.	Bible Reflection Group
Wednesday, April 4	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Friday, April 6	7:00 p.m.	Parish Movie Night
Saturday, April 7 & Sunday, April 8	Before and after Mass	Christians in the Holy Land Display

**PARISH MOVIE NIGHT:** Our next movie night will be on Friday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. and we will be showing "The Intern" starring Robert De Niro and Anne Hathaway.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries in early April:

**Robert and Darlyne Beaudry** 61 years April 6  
**Ken and Marlene O'Grady** 57 years April 8  
**Laurens and Betty deKleine** 51 years April 15  
**Fred and Jean Pankoski** 66 years April 19

**CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND:** A display of olive wood religious items will be available for sale after all weekend Mass on **April 7-8**. All the items are hand carved by Catholics living in the holy land.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SPRING FLING:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is having a *Spring Fling* Fundraising Dance on **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Brockville Legion**. Come dance or just listen to the music of the 10 piece 70's band Samsara, and DJ Tim Glashan. There will be a Silent Auction, door prizes, a light luncheon and more! Please come and support this important fundraiser. Tickets are \$25.00 per person or \$20.00 per person if bought in a group of 10 or more at both Scotiabank locations.

**AN OCTOBER 10-DAY PILGRIMAGE & CRUISE TO GREECE & TURKEY:** Join us on one of the most exciting pilgrimages and see Athens, with the Acropolis and Mars Hill where St. Paul delivered his famous sermon about the "Unknown God". This pilgrimage is from **October 18-27, 2018**. For a detailed itinerary, email [frpwhalen@gmail.com](mailto:frpwhalen@gmail.com) Father Richard Whalen or [justin.pulikunnel@gmail.com](mailto:justin.pulikunnel@gmail.com) Father Justin Pulikunnel directly. The cost of this pilgrimage is \$4190 CDN per person, based on double occupancy. Deadline to register is April 15th.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK: Rented for a weekend:** Joseph of Arimathea was a very wealthy Pharisee, a member of the council, and a secret follower of Jesus. It was Joseph who went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body after the crucifixion. And it was Joseph who supplied the tomb for Jesus' burial. I wonder if someone pulled him aside and said, "Joseph that was such beautiful, costly, hand-hewn tomb. Why on earth did you give it to someone else to be buried in?" "Why not?" Joseph may have answered. "He only needed it for the weekend."

**Please support our bulletin advertisers.**