

St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia

Easter Sunday

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	April 20 th	7:00 p.m.	+Conrado & Isabel Mendoza +Publea Reyes
Sunday	April 21 th	8:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Paul's
Sunday	April 21 th	11:00 a.m.	+Jose Faller +Gabriella Varga Kovacs Intention of Giuliana Marrelli



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
+JULIE CLUNE



EASTER SUNDAY

“On the third day he rose again, in fulfillment of the scriptures...”

The unconditional and overwhelming love of God for us made visible in the incarnation does not disappear and fade with the death of Jesus on the cross. Indeed, that passionate love of God for us is enthroned upon the cross, which becomes the pulpit of God's truth. That message of divine love is deepened in the death and entombment of Jesus. That love transcends the tomb in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The Church exults: “Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave!”

The chains of death are truly broken. Just as the divine nature took on our humanity (in all things but sin), so too the resurrection of Jesus was accomplished in a real human body. The Risen Lord is not a ghost who returns to haunt the disciples, nor some sort of resuscitated corpse. The resurrection of Jesus is a passing over from death into a new life, a new existence. The Church sings: “Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!”

The resurrection is a glorious mystery that deserves a full throated “alleluia” from every believer. And yet this wonderful gift from God to us comes at a price that Jesus is willing to pay. It is continuous with the mystery of the cross. Jesus Christ is the Crucified, Risen Lord, in whose resurrected body wound marks are visible. The Church gives thanks: “This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers!”

That Jesus rose from the dead is an actual, historical event and not a psychological or spiritual experience of the disciples. This is not some myth or wish-fulfillment on their part, or ours. Those first disciples witnessed something totally unexpected and surprising which they only gradually understood. And in understanding it, they were willing to be martyred in telling the good news of the resurrection. The Church proclaims: “What good would life have been to us, had Christ not come as our Redeemer?”

The implications for us believers is that by the resurrection God ratifies Jesus' whole life and teaching. Baptized into his death by our plunging beneath the waters of the font, we rise as adopted children of God, whose inheritance is the resurrection. Even now we taste the promise of new, risen life in the Eucharist. The Church glories in this mystery: “Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness!”

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. **Happy Easter!**

April 21, 2019

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The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters.

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr.**

Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,
Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations

Cardinal Collins has designated Friday, May 3, 2019 as the Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. We have three prayer intentions on this day: for the right discernment of vocations still unfolding; for endurance in committed vocations; and for an increase of priestly and religious vocations. Check poster on our bulletin boards for details. If you are unable to attend this event, please take a moment to pray for vocations on Friday, May 3. Vocation resources can be found on the Office of Vocations' website:

www.vocationstoronto.ca.

Come out for a fun-filled evening to support a worthy cause! Mary, Mother of God School invites you to its annual **Fundraising Gala on Saturday, May 4th at 7:00 pm** at the King's Garden Banquet Hall (Queensway & Islington.) Tickets are \$125 each. Join us for a delicious meal, silent auction, balloon surprises and lively entertainment! Call Stephanie at the school for more information: 416-531-7897 (last day of ticket sales: April 23, 2019.)

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