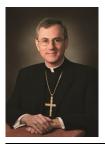


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I join with Bishop Fabbro and our parish pastoral team and staff in wishing you a Blessed Faster.

Once again Holy Week has helped us reflect. Palm Sunday reminded us of the victory of Jesus over death. Jesus washing his disciples' feet was a reminder of the call to service. Good Friday displayed the unconditional love Jesus has for us. Holy Saturday taught us patience as we waited.

Easter is the most important date for Christians to celebrate. We remember the resurrection of Jesus following his death three days earlier. It is our yearly ritual to recognize the sacrifice Jesus made even though we don't totally understand. It is about the possibility of being renewed and strengthened in a world that, at times, we can't understand. We, as those who experienced the death of Jesus, with its pain and loss have a glimpse of hope and new possibilities.

What does hope sound like? We have all heard or spoken it at one time or another. In April of 2011, I travelled to Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland-Labrador for the Ceremony of Installation of Bishop Anthony Daniels, a former cathedral rector. Words of Welcome from representative groups in the diocese are always shared at the beginning. I can still hear the words of the woman representing the youth of the diocese who spoke of the hope she and her friends had experienced already at a young age in the midst of hardships. She said: "Over the years we have weathered the child sexual abuse scandal that hit our province. The fishery collapsed. The mine closed. But one thing that remains and did not get beaten down is the goodness of our people. Our parents not only told us but taught us to rely on God's presence at all times and we are here to work with you to build the church into a living community of faith. We all stand here because we and our faith are as rugged as our coastline."

Today we continue to be in the midst of a pandemic and yet Easter speaks of hope and who doesn't want to hear of hope in a time of crisis? This past year there has been more than enough evidence to give us hope. We have become people who have allowed ourselves to do a lot of soul-searching. While missing opportunities to gather we have discovered new forms of prayer and quiet reflection. We have come to appreciate the invitation from Psalm 46 "Be still and know that I am God". We are continuing to examine our lives alone and together to discern what God is teaching us through this time in our history. The result of examining our lives has shown itself as we witness countless acts of compassion, and people advocating for equity, diversity and inclusion. We have moved beyond our own interests and looked to those in need. We have realized we are part of something bigger than ourselves. It calls us to new opportunities, get rid of old grudges and eliminate prejudice in all its forms.

We can do this regularly not only because we believe in a call to grow and make a difference but also, and most importantly of all, because we choose to respond to a person - Jesus - who is God in the flesh who endured everything for you and me. We respond in gratitude and gratitude will always lead to God and the humble service of others.

One question lingers... "When will we return to normal?" If we are Easter people, people of the Resurrection and lived faith, we won't ask that question, because we see no need to go back to what was normal but rather change and run forward in order to love better, serve more genuinely and to live meaningfully. The world is desperate for hope. The deepest meaning of Easter brings it to us.

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Fr. Jem Mockler

CELEBRATING THE EASTER SEASON

Living Ambassadors of Christ

"IF CHRIST IS NOT RISEN, then our faith has no meaning. Easter, not Good Friday, is the climax of Holy Week. The resurrection is not just an appendix to Jesus' death, a "proof" of his divinity.

Jesus leads the way by going through death to a life that can never be taken away from him again. "We know that Christ, being raised from death, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him." And that life is shared with us. "I have come that they may have life, life in abundance", says Jesus.

Finally, Peter in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles speaks of the mandate that follows from the resurrection. He and his fellow disciples are to proclaim the Good News about the Risen Jesus. The Jesus who will give new life to every single person who accepts him as Lord, who accepts him as the Way, Truth and Life. Peter and his fellow disciples are called "apostles", people sent out on a mission, "ambassadors for Christ", Paul calls them.

We, too, share that mission. We are not just disciples, followers of Jesus. We are also meant to be his living ambassadors. No one will know about Jesus and what he means for our lives unless we tell them.

The Good News about Jesus is not to be kept a secret. There are many people out there waiting to hear it. They are depending on you and me, members of Christ's Body, to tell them."

Excerpt from Living Space, Commentaries on the Daily Readings, Easter 2021; https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/ea011g/



EASTER FLOWERS DONATIONS - Thank you!

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We remember and pray for those who have died:

All the deceased who now share in the resurrection of our Lord; Johnny Boado & Elizabeth Matchett; Reg & Connie Bouchard, and Clarence & Emily Gnatkowski; Russell Culp, Deceased Member of the Culp and Harrison Family; Giovanna & Gildo Di Cola; Deceased Members of the Forbes & Briglia Families; Deceased Members of the Gray & McLeod Families; Howard & Zula Hall; Shari Houghton; Deceased Parents of George Joseph; S.E. Kwan; Helen & Max Nitschke; Rudolf & Gertrud Schöenborn; Drago, Barbara, and Steve Sever; Deceased Members of the Stewart & Bokor Families; Rafael & Leonora Sopoco; Teresita P. Sopoco; Winifred Wojtak; Dennis Xuereb; All Souls in Purgatory.

We remember and pray for the intentions of those living:

Dorothy Palmer; In Thanksgiving; Recovery of Glen Armstrong; Healing of Remy Hobbins, Rafael Sopoco, Jr. and Jasmine Sopoco.

Family Resources for Easter 2021

The Diocese of London has prepared resources for the Easter Season including: Tips for Family Prayer during the Easter Season, a Liturgy of the Word for Easter Sunday, and a video Easter Sunday Gospel Reflection by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA.

Click here to access all resources.

Easter Celebration-RCCO

The London Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO) will be posting an "Easter Celebration" on YouTube on Saturday April 3. The program will involve Easter Readings chosen and read by Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton from Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church, London; Organ & Vocal Solos performed by local musicians Angus Sinclair, Ian Sadler, Owen Spicer, Katy Clark, and Paul Grambo; Trumpet Solo performed by Shawn Spicer; and the Choristers from Metropolitan United Church Choir School. This Easter Celebration will remain up for 2 months for you to access. The program link will be posted on the RCCO website on Saturday April 3.



Easter Greetings from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

"There is something unique about the Easter Liturgies, and that is, the reality of movement – not just activity, but a joyful movement of going forth

- the Church that goes forth!

We certainly see this in the Gospel for Easter Sunday with Peter and John running towards the empty tomb, after Mary Magdalene had run to them with the news that the Lord was no longer in the tomb! We read again, in the same Gospel, that Mary encounters Jesus outside the tomb after Peter and John had hurried off and she, in turn, runs to tell the disciples: "I have seen the Lord!" Mary was not only the first disciple to see the risen Lord, but she was a missionary disciple -a running disciple -she is the Church that goes forth with a message of hope and joy!"

Excerpt from the 2021 Easter Message of The Most Rev. Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

To read the full Easter Message, click here.



Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph

As we continue our celebration for the Year of St. Joseph, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, the Office for Family and Life, the National Liturgy Office and the Office national de liturgie have created this online resource page that

offers various prayers, devotions, catechetical resources for adults and children, as well as Church documents, all of which are dedicated to Saint Joseph. Click here to access.



Laudate Si Group Study -St. Michael's Parish

What does caring for the planet

have to do with our faith? Come and explore Pope Francis' historical Encyclical Letter, "Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home"! It is his appeal to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of God's creation. You are invited to an 8-session group study series hosted by St. Michael's. Instead of meeting in person for this series, we will meet using Zoom. Internet access is necessary to participate. Coinciding with the wondrous spring season, sessions will be held Tuesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM starting on April 20th. All are welcome. For more information and to register, please contact St. Michael's office (519-433-6689), before April 9th.

The Encyclical Laudate Si can be found here.

The guide that will be used for this series can be found here.



Knight's of Columbus Trivia Night

Coming up next month, enjoy fun and prizes at our parish's Trivia Night. It will take place on Zoom and is hosted by the Knights of Columbus. More to come in the weeks ahead.

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April 7—Wednesday 12 PM

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April 10—Saturday 5 PM

Dan Harris; Janet Anderson; James Mullaney; Kelly Johnson; Guillermo Catalan; Intns of Jack & Margaret Armstrong

April 11—Sunday 8:30 AM

Mitchell Koh: Cune Gunda Flores: Robbie Howard McLandress; Paul Pustai; Horatio Esguerra; Living & Deceased Members of the CWL

April 11—Sunday 10:30 AM

For the intentions of the parishioners of St. Peter's Cathedral

April 11—Sunday 12:30 PM

Monique Van Marwyk; Steve Dittrich; Socorro Herrera; Lualhati Romero; Doreen Sheridan; Intns of the Augustine Family

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died; and comfort those who mourn.

We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:

Ms. Francine Visser, Pastoral Minister; Mrs. Virginia Eade, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Jose Seminati; Ursuline Sisters of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus; Rev. Alan Dufraimont; Rev. Alan Momney

READINGS FOR APRIL 11, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

First Reading - Acts 4.32-35

They were of one heart and soul.

Responsorial - Ps 118.2-4, 16-18, 22-24 (R.1)

R. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Second Reading - 1 John 5.1-6

Whatever is born of God, conquers the world.

Gospel - John 20.19-31

After eight days Jesus came and stood among them.



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