

The Resurrection of the Lord: Easter Sunday
“I have risen, and I am with you still.”
Announced Masses for the Week of April 01st , 2018



Sunday, Apr. 01, 2018 - Easter Sunday

9:00 am † Arnold & Blandine by
Donna
† Margaret Mary Healy by

Joe & Cathy Healy

11:00 am For all parishioners

Monday, Apr. 02, 2018

9:00 am

Tuesday, Apr. 03, 2018

NO MASS

Wednesday, Apr. 04, 2018

7:00 pm

Thursday, Apr. 05, 2018

7:30 am

Friday, Apr. 06, 2018

7:30 am † Elizabeth Hall by her sisters

Saturday, Apr. 07, 2018

9:00 am † Maria Nancy Serrao by the Serrao family

4:30 pm † Stephen Brazeau by Mary Muldoon & family

Sunday, April 08, 2018

9:00 am † Fr. Milaney by a parishioner

11:00 am For all parishioners

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 In his sermon Peter sums up the good news, the Gospel. Salvation comes through Christ, the beloved Son of the Fathers, and the anointed of the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: Col. 3:1-4 Look to the glory of Christ in which we share because our lives are hidden in him through baptism, and we are destined to share in his glory.

Gospel: Jn. 20:1-18 or 20:1-9 Let us ponder this mystery of Christ's rising, and like Christ's first followers be strengthened in our faith.

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 25 March, 2018:

Envelope Holders: \$2524.75 Loose Collection: \$592.10; Other
Collections: \$290.00; Candles: \$229.65; D & P: \$238.00

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Columbus? Do you support the Church
and our Pastor?**

**Members of the Knights of Columbus are
committed to “Family First” and support**

the Church and our Pastor, Father Liang.

**Please read the enclosed information sheet about the
Knights.**

**If you wish to learn more about the Knights of
Columbus, join us for an information session after
Masses on Saturday April 07th and Sunday, April
08th.**

***** THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED from March 30th to April 04th inclusively. Office hours resume on Thursday April 05th)*****

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Will be held on **May 06, 2018** at 2:30 p.m., Notre Dame Cathedral. All registrations must be done before April 25th. You must have the pastor sign it. You can get a form on the bulletin board at the back of the church.



The Knights of Columbus of Immaculate Heart of Mary Canada 150 Council 16762 is pleased to sponsor a presentation by **Dr. Michael Rock, Ed.D, D.Th., Ph.D** entitled **“Pilgrimage Toward Home,**

Resurrection Reflections.”

This presentation offers reflections on the resurrection experiences of the women at the tomb and the apostles including St. Peter and St. Thomas.

The questions posed by Einstein (“is the universe personal or not”) and Jesus Christ (“Who do they say I am?”) will be addressed in this stimulating and thought provoking presentation.

Please join us at 7:00 pm, Monday, April 09, 2018 in the Parish Hall of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1758 Alta Vista Dr., Ottawa.

There is no charge although free will offerings are accepted and the Knights of Columbus will be hosting post presentation refreshments.

Each attendee or couple will receive a copy of Dr. Rock’s latest book plus a colorful programme brochure.

PASTOR’S EASTER MESSAGE

Easter is about resurrection - not just resuscitation, not just about coming back from the brink, not just about bouncing back from a difficult situation, not just about a near miss when we've been spared the worst that can happen. In fact, the pre-requisite for resurrection is that the worst - devastating loss and death - happens. And we are changed by the experience. Easter's empty tomb is the blessed hope that the Good Fridays of grief and devastation that we all experience are not the end, but can lead to new, refocused and transformed lives. The "nail marks" do not disappear or are forgotten, but God's wisdom and compassion take hold in our souls. And we are changed.

The empty tomb of Easter morning is God's vindication of his Son's life among us: that no tomb can contain the mercy and hope of God. The work of Easter is to open tombs; to restore life to the lost, the despairing, the forgotten; to free the dead from the shackles of hopelessness.

In the light of Jesus' resurrection, we're able to see ourselves as we really are and confront our failings to be compassionate and our inability to forgive with hope and understanding. Thomas saw reason to let go of his doubt and skepticism in the person of the Risen Jesus. This Easter season, may we see our lives - both our gifts and failings, our certainties and doubts - in the light of Easter hope and grace, to embrace Christ's gift of peace enabling us to forgive and "let go" of our resentments and anger and disappointments in order to re-create our hearts and spirits in the living presence of the Risen One.

The power of resurrection: that the good that exists in something - or someone - given up for dead and consigned to the abyss can be brought to life and endure. What God has done in raising his Son to life, we can do in seeking to imitate his Son's Gospel of justice, reconciliation, compassion, and peace. As the Risen Jesus appears to the Eleven "as flesh and bone," Jesus calls us to be "flesh and bone" witnesses of his resurrection, to be the "flesh and bone" of his compassion and peace for every soul consigned to forgotten graves and cemeteries of failure and rejection.

Wherever and whenever true love is present, resurrection is experienced. In the compassion and peace we are able to extend to those we love and who love us, we become "flesh and bone" signs of the hope and grace of Easter along the Emmaus roads we all walk.

Best wishes and God bless you all during this Easter season!

**Rev. Fr. Stephen Liang M.D.
Pastor**



