



Easter Sunday




MONDAY, Apr 05, 2010
CLOSED NO MASS

TUESDAY, Apr 06, 2010 - Solemnity
12:10 pm - † - Irene Christakos
- Sister Veronica

WEDNESDAY, Apr 07, 2010 - Solemnity
12:10 pm - † - Repose of Souls of Family
- Salvacion

 -Delia N. Flores

THURSDAY, Apr 08, 2010 - Solemnity
12:10 pm - † - Rose Kelly
- Pat & Bill

 - Norberto Relucio

FRIDAY, April 09, 2010 - Solemnity
12:10 pm - † Myrt Thornburn
Sister Jean & Everett

SATURDAY, April 10, 2010 - Solemnity
5:00 pm - † Elsie Stepaniuk
Madeline Kohut & Christina Jachnowiec

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, April 11, 2010
9:30 am - Holy Mass
11:30 am - Holy Mass



Remembered on the Tree of Life



The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

Luke 24:1b-3

At the Easter Vigil, the deacon sings the great hymn of light, the "Exsultet." He calls on the heavenly powers, the earth, and the church to rejoice and exult (hence the name for the hymn) because Christ has conquered death and vanquished darkness forever. This is a song of faith! We believe that the risen Christ is more powerful than evil, greater than sin, and stronger even than death itself-that ancient enemy to which we all fall victim.

In renewing our baptismal commitment this Sunday, we profess our own belief in the communion of saints and the resurrection of the body. All of us who are baptized-those in the past, and those living today-are united beyond death by the power of the risen Lord. By uniting ourselves to him in baptism, we are already sharing in his risen life. His Spirit, "dwelling within us, gives us on earth the hope of unending joy" (Preface 34).

The rebirth of the natural world each spring puts our faith in context. God continually renews creation, bringing to birth that which seemed dead and lifeless. And God does the same for us. Even though sin may have taken hold of our lives, through Christ we are renewed and saved from our sinful past. Through repentance and conversion we are brought to new life, rejoicing again in our baptismal innocence. And, through our faith in Christ, we are saved from that final death that comes at the end. We believe that Jesus will raise up our mortal bodies to be like his own in glory. Just as that which seems to be dead comes back to life in the spring, so too, do we believe that those who have gone before us will also rise to share in the fullness of life in Christ. This is the day in which God has won the victory, and his people rejoice and are glad!

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Readings for the Week Of
April 04, 2010

- Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 36-43+/Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8/John 20:1-8++ or Luke 24:1-12 or Luke 24:13-35
- Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/John 20:11-18
- Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Luke 24:13-35
- Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Luke 24:35-48
- Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/John 21:1-14
- Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Mark 16:9-15
- Next Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31

EASTER SUNDAY - From caterpillar to butterfly!

As a child, I never quite understood the meaning and significance of the Resurrection of Jesus. As I grew older, resurrection became one of those faith issues; you believed because of faith; because the Church taught us that resurrection was really the cornerstone of our Christian belief. It is described by the gospel writers in the New Testament and in the Acts of the Apostles. You believed because that is what all Christians were taught to believe.

As a teenager I came to understand resurrection to be a kind of resuscitation: Jesus died, and three days later his body, bruised and beaten came back to life. But the gospel writers describe a Jesus who appeared to be 'different', brilliant, almost 'spirit-like' in appearance, but still fully human. He could speak, he could eat, and he even let Thomas touch his wounded hands and side. Many had difficulty recognizing him after his Resurrection. Mary Magdala mistook him at first for a gardener. Others thought he was a ghost. Slowly, his disciples began to understand that this was no ghost; and slowly I came to realize that Jesus had risen from the dead **in his glorified body**.

The New Testament passages concerning Christ's resurrection teach us that Jesus had been **transformed**. The best example I can think of, is that of the butterfly. The butterfly is one of the significant symbols of Easter. Its whole life cycle is meant to symbolize the life of Jesus Christ. The first stage is the caterpillar, which stands for Jesus' life on earth. The second phase begins from the cocoon stage, portraying the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. The third and final stage is the butterfly, representing His rising from the dead in a glorified body. Just as the caterpillar undergoes a metamorphosis, Jesus emerges from a new dimension of time and space into our world fully alive. He is the Jesus of glory. Death has been defeated, filling humanity with a new hope and the promise that where Jesus is, we will one day be as well. Our mortal bodies will also be transformed. **Resurrection is not resuscitation; resurrection is transformation!**

Jesus calls each of us to transformation: "Unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies it remains but a single grain; but if it dies it transforms and yields a rich harvest". Understood this way, transformation is a life-long process. We are gradually transformed, by dying to self daily for the benefit of others, into the likeness of the risen Christ. We are called to discipleship to imitate and to be Christ, so that one day when the Lord returns we will share in His resurrection. Then, our transformation will be complete: **from caterpillar to butterfly! Have a blessed Easter ... Jesus is risen! Jesus is alive! Jesus is on the loose! Alleluia**

-Fr. Michael

Stewardship....for Life!

Total offering for the week ended : Mar 28, 2010:

Weekday collections	\$ 634.36
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 6,267.77
Loose	\$ 1,514.73
Palms/flowers	\$ 1,618.29
Votives	\$ 371.80
PAR/PAD Contributions	\$ <u>253.63</u>
Total	\$10,660.58
Capital Campaign for Mar 28, 2010:	
Actual collection	\$ 1,159.00
PAR/PAD Contributions	\$ <u>38.49</u>
Budget per week	\$ <u>2,000.00</u>
Deficit	\$ 802.51

AGAPE TABLE

The item for April is: Powdered Milk
Items may be placed in the container in the sacristy.

Lectors - **Group 1** will read next weekend,
April 11, 2010.

2010 Group lists are available in the Sacristy.



**St. Mary's Cathedral
Catholic Women's League**

General Meeting
Changed from April 11 to April 25
after the 11:30 mass

What's New & Upcoming

- Apr 07** Finance Council Meeting - 7:00 pm
- Apr 10** Financial Presentation to Parish during Mass
- Apr 11** Financial Presentation to Parish during Mass
- Apr 14** Little Rock Scripture Study - 1:00 pm & 7:30 pm
- Apr 20** Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm in d' Youville hall
- Apr 21** Little Rock Scripture Study - 1:00 pm & 7:30 pm
- Apr 28** Little Rock Scripture Study - 1:00 pm & 7:30 pm