



## St. Paul's Co-Cathedral Parish

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## 3rd Sunday of Easter May 1, 2022

**Christ is Risen, Alleluia!**

**Trampling Down death by death and to those who were in the grave He has brought life!**



So many folks are caught in the wounds of their past – and the older we are the more the wounds. The scourge of the pandemic has been that all the old wounds from relationships – especially in our families – have been deepened. We worried about the physical *co-morbidities* that often resulted if the sick dying with COVID, what is the death-toll of families as a result of relational *co-morbidities*?

‘Christ is Risen, Alleluia!’ the Holy Church sings in this great Week of Weeks. “He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!” is the Holy Response that echoes even in the empty wounds of our relationships. Did we not meet Jesus last Sunday invite us with Thomas to “put your finger in my side... in my pierced wounds”? Jesus is wounded in our wounds and He is rushing towards us with victorious love

in the wounds that divide us.

This beautiful image is by the Italian Duccio who worked in Siena in the first decade of the 1300's. There are several representations of the Resurrection stories but this one remarkable for the way in which it echoes the traditional iconography of Eastern Christianity which turns to the mystery of the **Descent into Hell** (which we profess in the Apostles Creed) in portraying Easter. We see Christ clothed in gold paint – the Eastern colour of divinity – breaking down the doors of Hell. Satan lies defeated under His feet as in his left-hand Christ carries His Cross which has now become a victorious battle flag fluttering in the wind. Christ is taking the hand of His ancestors – our ancestors – Adam and Eve. Behind him are figures of the holy ones of the Old Covenant who have been waiting for Christ to set them free. Can you identify them? I can see David and Solomon and Isaiah and Elijah ... and John the Baptist. Heaven can only be theirs – can only be ours – because of Jesus Christ!

The Cave of Hades or Hell is a gaping wound on the hill and it contains the members of Jesus' family – the Family of the Father – who are divided and waiting for healing. So too Jesus is knocking down the doors which are the scabs of our wounded families. Satan thought to trap us in the division that is his weapon – but the victorious banner over us is the Cross.

Let us be the hand of Jesus to reach out to grasp the hands of those who are divided from us with fresh pandemic hurts and old dead relationships to which we have resigned ourselves. That is the gift the Holy Spirit blowing the banner in the victory march as the gates of hell break before us.



### Is your child ready to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion?

Preparation classes will begin Wednesday, May 11th from 6:30 to 7:30. The celebration of First Holy Communion will be on the Feast of Corpus Christi: June 19th. Please

contact Shelley Timmons

[goodshepherd.catechist@gmail.com](mailto:goodshepherd.catechist@gmail.com) or call the St Paul's parish office (306)652-0033 for registration.

### MONDAY, May 2, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - Mass († **Mariano Milhomens**)  
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group  
7:00 pm - Bible Timeline Study

### TUESDAY, May 3, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - Mass († **Rose Powlada**)

### WEDNESDAY, May 4, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - Mass († **Agnes LePage**)  
3:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration until 5:00 pm  
7:30 pm - Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, May 5, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Laurice Sidloski**)  
7:00 pm - RCIA  
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer group

### FRIDAY, May 6, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Enzo Break**)  
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

### SATURDAY, May 7, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - Mass († **Georgeline Heit**)

### SUNDAY, May 8, 2022

8:00 am - Mass  
10:00 am - Mass **Livestreamed** at [stpaulscc.com](http://stpaulscc.com)  
2:00 pm - Eritrean Mass  
7:30 pm - Vespers  
8:00 pm - Mass

### Priests' Pension & Retirement Fund

When our Diocesan Priests retire from parish life, they receive both Old Age pension as well as Canada Pension, but these are reduced based on the fact that they earn far less per year than most lay persons.

When they retire, an amount of \$1350/month comes to our Diocesan priests from the PPRF through the investment of contributions and donations through the St. Joseph Mutual Aid Society.

Currently there are 15 retired priests in our diocese who rely on the PPRF for their basic needs.

Please, give generously in support of our retired Priests. You can make your gift online using the online form or download the pledge form and mail it into:

Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation: PP&R  
123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1

<https://dscf.ca/priest-pension-fund/>



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### Neophyte Teaching Mass

Father Penna will celebrate Holy Mass with the newly baptized ("neophytes") and confirmed of the Diocese of Saskatoon on **Sunday, May 15 at 12:00 pm** here at St. Paul's. The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice will be lovingly contemplated and explained during this Mass. All are invited to join in this celebration to deepen their own understanding and love of the Mass and to welcome our new brothers and sisters.

### LITTLE SISTER PARISH

For the week of **April 24 - May 1** we are asking for **SKIM MILK POWDER**. Guadalupe Parish always needs Ziplock storage bags. Drop-off bin is in the welcome area.



**Our Lady of Fatima Celebration:** 1 p.m. **Saturday, May 14** at St. Mary's Saskatoon. Mass is followed by an outdoor procession. Everyone is welcome! Live-streamed at [saskatoonmass.com](http://saskatoonmass.com)



**Campaign Life Coalition Saskatchewan will host the annual Mother's Day Walk in Saskatoon on Sunday May 8, 2 to 3 pm along College Drive between Hospital Drive and Wiggins Ave. Plan now to**

**attend this peaceful demonstration celebrating life. Life affirming signs are provided.**

### OFFERING FOR April 24, 2022

Cash Donations	\$ 1182.10
Envelope Donations	\$ 1692.00