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“The Disciples Rejoiced, Alleluia, Alleluia! When they saw the Risen Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia!”

This responsory to the readings at Morning Prayer in Easter sets the theme for us.

We who have fasted for Forty days now enter into the Great Week –
a Week of Weeks

Fifty days of Feasting is our call – more than that –
it is commanded of us:

Rejoice! Feast! Be Happy! Make the joyful noise: ALLELUIA!

Do you think that *fasting* is a challenge? What about *feasting on joy*?

A priest friend once commented,

“It is hard to pray the Easter Preface [at Mass] for 50 days. ‘Therefore, over
come with *paschal joy*, every land, every people exults in your praise’.

I mean, ‘overcome’, really?”

Yes, REALLY!

Christ is truly Risen. His Resurrection is our Resurrection.

Our bodies – baptized into the Risen Christ – will Rise **again**.

Every land every people *exults* because in the Light of the Risen Christ every
person and every part of Creation points to God and Eternal life.

Only those who have been baptized in Christ and who live humbly and
faithfully in the Light of Christ, “*whoever keeps his word*” (1 Jn. 2:5) are able
to see the Risen Lord. **That is us!**

So, the call of Easter is to see the Risen Lord and to Feast in Rejoicing. How?

To practice an *examination of joy*. To develop the habit of seeing the Risen Lord showing us His Face.

- In our families – of kinship, faith, and friendship – to cease rushing with our noses in our phones and our minds on the next challenge and to stop and look and see love.
- In our world – not to be so preoccupied with our thoughts that we do not pause and notice the wonder of spring.

In the challenging faces – not to be so caught in the judgmental spirits of division that we do not see what they often cannot: that Jesus is “*expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.*” (1 Jn. 2:3)

I think of Saint Gemma Galgani, whose feast was April 11. She lived a short life filled with incredible hardship – poor, orphaned with siblings to care for, afflicted with an unfolding grotesquely painful terminal disease, and denied acceptance into the Religious community to which she felt called. Yet how raw, how honest her visions of Jesus. Upon a miraculous reprieve from her terminal illness she writes:

I saw clearly that Jesus had taken my parents for me and sometimes this made me discouraged, because I believed myself abandoned. That morning I complained to Jesus about this and He always so good and tender said to me: “my daughter I will always be with you. I will be your father, and she will be your mother. ... Come, draw near to me; you are my daughter. Are you not happy to be the daughter of Jesus and Mary?” The overwhelming affections to which Jesus gave rise in my heart kept me from answering. After about two hours had passed, those in the house wept for joy. I, too, was happy, not because I was cured but because Jesus had chosen me to be his daughter. Before leaving me that morning, Jesus said to me: “to the grace that has been given you this morning there will be added many more and greater ones.” And this is been so true because Jesus is always protected me in a special way. I’ve treated Him only with coldness and indifference, and in exchange, He has given me only signs of infinite love.” (Diary of St. Gemma Galgani)



**You and I have been freed from the terminal illness of death,
so let us weep for joy
and keep our eyes open to His signs of infinite love.**

Fr. Stefano



MONDAY, April 15, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Klaus Knackstedt*)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, April 16, 2024

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

WEDNESDAY, April 17, 2024

St. Kateri Tekakwitha (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Victor & Christine Pawluk*)
1:00 pm - Eucharistic **Adoration** until 5:00pm
6:30 pm - 1st Communion
7:30 pm - Choir

THURSDAY, April 18, 2024

Bl. Marie-Anne Blondin (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*SI Maria Mann*)
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, April 19, 2024

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

SATURDAY, April 20, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*SI Donaleene McKinnon*)
7:00 pm - Melodia Singers Concert

SUNDAY, April 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am - **Mass**
10:00 am - **Mass**
7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**
8:00 pm - **Mass**

Priests' Pension and Retirement Fund - Thank you for your generous support in the past, and we ask you to continue supporting the Priests' Pension and Retirement fund. Ways to give:

1. Online at www.dscf.ca/waystogive
2. Mail or drop off your donation in the offertory collection – Please make cheques payable to DSCF and add PP&R in the memo.
3. Or call 306-659-5837 for assistance

Happy Easter to you, from the Renovation committee. What a blessed time it has been!

Fundraising: In addition to receiving nearly \$5500 in February, and \$6800 in March - the committee received an incredible commitment **from two parishioners for \$25,000 each** to be directed towards altar rails. Thanks be to God!

We are also grateful to the K of C who have committed to donating proceeds of their Spring Super fundraiser to the renovation project.

Construction: You may notice in the coming weeks some construction at the rear doors of the church. This is some preparatory/exploratory work needed to inform the next steps of project planning.

As always, we invite you to reach out to us by email at renovationfeedback@stpaulscc.com, with any questions or comments you might have.

Melodia Singers present a Spring Concert with the St. Paul's Children's Choir

Saturday, April 20 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral

Admission \$15 Children \$5

Tickets at the door

Teen Aid Spring Fundraising Banquet

Sunday, April 21 at 5:00 pm at St. Anne's

Tickets are by donation at the door

A night of live entertainment, delicious food and inspiring speeches from grade 12 students

OFFERING for April 7, 2024

Cash Donations	\$ 787.50
Envelopes	\$ 4,345.00
Renovations	\$ 2,090.00