

Cluster Parishes of

St. John de Brebeuf

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The Lord has Risen!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favourite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China and Persia.



Just as the long hard winter is over, the eggs burst with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant colours. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ "Easter in us".

THE RISEN CHRISTIAN

It has been said that the most convincing sign of the Risen Christ is the Risen Christian. Today, in parishes around the world, new life is drawn from the waters of Baptism, and new Christians are thrilled to see the crowds pour in to join in the Solemnity. On Easter, we do not say the Creed, but rather Renew our Baptismal promises with hearty responses. We are taking the first joyful steps on a fifty-day-long celebration. In the Southern Hemisphere, the world is slipping into winter, but for us in Canada, the earth seems to sing hymns to Christ's victory. Look this morning for the fresh paschal candle standing near the Ambo. It was consecrated in the hours of the night, will burn brightly for fifty days whenever we gather for prayer, and will glow again at every baptism and every funeral in the year ahead. Even though we may be gathered around the candle someday in sadness, today's victory over death will shine through.

For everything there is a season.....

A time to die....**Ann Kosokowsky,**
William Diemer

May they rest in peace



THIS IS THE DAY TO REJOICE!

Easter time is not remembering something that happened long ago, for Easter is made present in the neophytes, the newly baptized among us. Easter is made present in the newly confirmed and those who are brought to the table for their First Eucharist. It is Christ dead and risen in our midst, it is the Spirit breathing in us today. We welcome the many women and many throughout the Diocese of London who have been baptized or received into Full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church, especially **Todd Parker** who professed his faith on Holy Thursday at St. Anthony's.

THE GREAT FEAST OF EASTER

During the first three or four centuries of Christianity, if you asked a Christian to name the feast days of the Church, your answer would have been a puzzled look, for there was only one feast: **the Resurrection of the Lord**. Every Sunday was a feast, celebrating the great feast. Even though our calendar now has many beautiful and holy feasts, we must continually be called back to the fact that all these other feasts exist because of Christ's Passover from death to life. The Psalm today proclaims this message well: **"This is the day!"** It is not one of many days, but it is the day of all days, the one that gives all the others their origin, purpose, meaning and destiny. Listen carefully to Peter's speech in the Acts of the Apostles with its recollection of the Passion; to the words of the Apostle Paul, and to the account of Mary Magdalene and John and Peter finding the empty tomb. You will hear the many wonderful works that God has done for us through Jesus Christ. **Rejoice and be glad!**

BLESSING FOR EASTER DINNER

Leader

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. All: Amen.

Leader

Jesus Christ is Risen today.

ALL: **ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

Leader

Lord Jesus Christ, we celebrate your Resurrection and we rejoice in your love. You are with us now as we share our family's Easter meal, offering us forgiveness, peace and new life. Help us to recognize your love in the eating of this food. We ask this through Christ our Lord. All: **Amen.**



**Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord**
April 8, 2012

Acts 10:34a; 37-43



**Alleluia!
Christ
is
risen!**

— S. PALUCH, C.S.P.

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We welcome our parishioners and visitors of our Cluster Parishes of St. Anthony and St. John. Easter is the most important solemnity of the liturgical year. It celebrates Christ's Resurrection from the dead, which is the central truth of the Church's faith. Easter Time lasts 50 days. Besides being the most important period of liturgical time, it is also the most joyous. The Church is filled with flowers and plants. The altar is decorated with a white cloth. We sing Alleluias, we pray the Gloria, and we ring bells. Why? Because, through his Resurrection, Christ has conquered death and sin. Death and sin no longer have power over us. On behalf of Fr. Rick, Deacon Dennis and Lisa we wish you a Happy Easter!

PLEASE NOTE:

No weekday Masses April 10-13th.

Office closed: Monday and Tuesday,
April 9 & 10th.

Adoration at S.J. Wednesday,

Apr. 11-3:00-7:00pm (**please sign up**)

Senior's Lunch, S.J. Thursday, Apr. 12-12 noon.

THANK YOU

Father Rick, Deacon Dennis and Lisa wish to express thanks and appreciation from the Parish Cluster to everyone who helped make our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies inspiring and faith-filled. A very special thank you to our office staff, Janet and Nita and their many volunteers; our sacristans, decorating committees and custodians. We also appreciate the fine work of all our Ministers of the Word, the Eucharist and Servers; the Ushers and Sunday school teachers. To our CWL and K of C members who hosted the reception following our Easter Vigil celebration. To everyone: thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

FIRST COMMUNION



Over the upcoming weeks, our Grade 2 students will be coming forward to receive Jesus for the first time. Truly, a special day in their lives and I am sure it was in yours. Many families will gather to celebrate with them and our parish family. Acknowledgement of these little ones will take place at the end of Mass. Your presence to the very end of the celebration will be greatly appreciated and a sign of your faithful support now and in the years to come.

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