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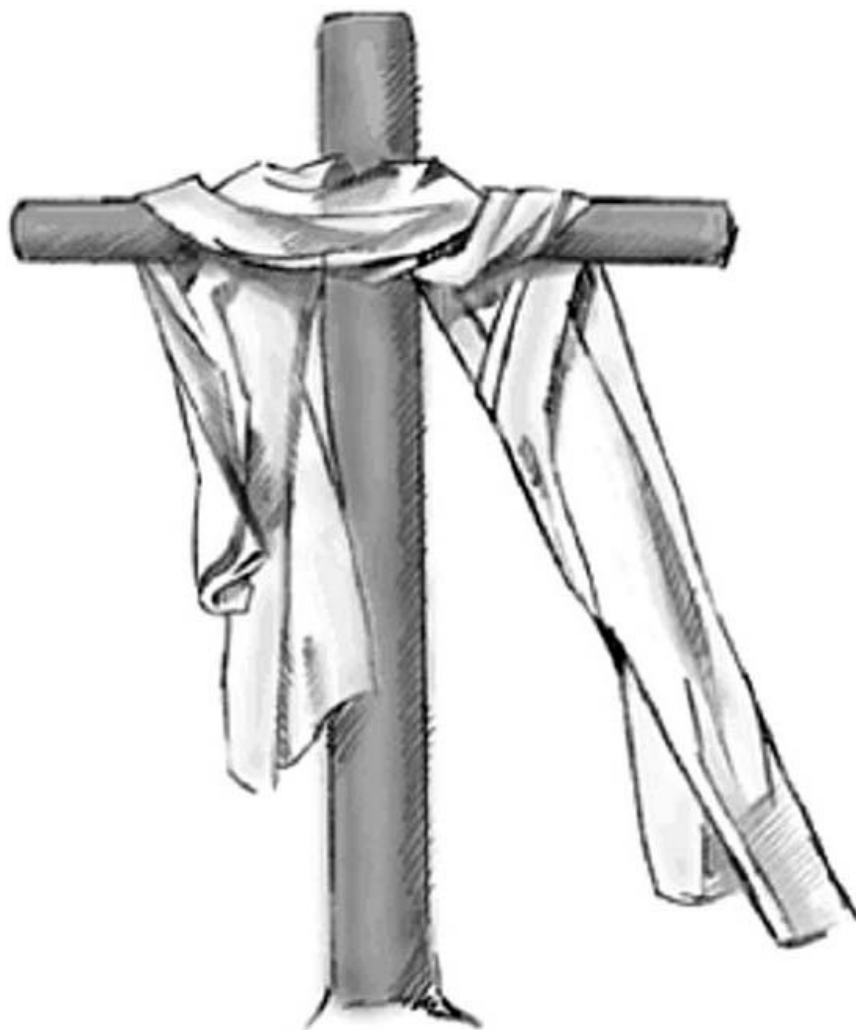
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Rejoice!
For the Lord is truly risen!

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass Intentions at St. Paul's Basilica

Saturday	March 26	7:00P.M.	+ The Smith, Shea & Murrant Families
Sunday	March 27	8:30 A.M.	+ Linda Butler Req. by Family
	March 27	11:00 A.M.	+ William C. Guerin Req. Family

Weekday Masses are held at the Good Shepherd Centre Tuesday to Friday at 12 noon



THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR:
Linda Butler



EASTER SUNDAY

“On the third day he rose again, in fulfillment of the scriptures...”

The unconditional and overwhelming love of God for us made visible in the incarnation does not disappear and fade with the death of Jesus on the cross. Indeed, that passionate love of God for us is enthroned upon the cross, which becomes the pulpit of God's truth. That message of divine love is deepened in the death and entombment of Jesus. That love transcends the tomb in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The Church exults: “Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave!”

The chains of death are truly broken. Just as the divine nature took on our humanity (in all things but sin), so too the resurrection of Jesus was accomplished in a real human body. The Risen Lord is not a ghost who returns to haunt the disciples, nor some sort of resuscitated corpse. The resurrection of Jesus is a passing over from death into a new life, a new existence. The Church sings: “

Of Jesus is a passing over from death into a new life, a new existence. The Church sings: “Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!”

The resurrection is a glorious mystery that deserves a full throated “alleluia” from every believer. And yet this wonderful gift from God to us comes at a price that Jesus is willing to pay. It is continuous

with the mystery of the cross. Jesus Christ is the Crucified, Risen Lord, in whose resurrected body wound marks are visible. The Church gives thanks: “This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers!”

That Jesus rose from the dead is an actual, historical event and not a psychological or spiritual experience of the disciples. This is not some myth or wish-fulfillment on their part, or ours. Those first disciples witnessed something totally unexpected and surprising which they only gradually understood. And in understanding it, they were willing to be martyred in telling the good news of the resurrection. The Church proclaims: “What good would life have been to us, had Christ not come as our Redeemer?”

The implications for us believers is that by the resurrection God ratifies Jesus' whole life and teaching Baptized into his death by our plunging beneath the waters of the font, we rise as adopted children of God whose inheritance is the resurrection. Even now we taste the promise of new, risen life in the Eucharist. The Church glories in this mystery: “Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness!”

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever. *Happy Easter!*

MARCH 27, 2016



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"This workshop has helped me to reflect on my priestly call, a privileged service in God's Kingdom; and has reenergized me and my brother priests to be better in our service. Given our rural and remote location, serving people who live in poverty can be draining at times. This workshop and dialogue has made a renewing impact for many of us. It has given us hope and strength to renew our enthusiasm and we do hope it continues in the future. We are deeply grateful and offer our prayers of support to ShareLife who made it financially possible for us to come together."



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Every Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS IS:

Saturday, April 2nd at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS IS:

Sunday April 3rd after the 11:00 a.m. Mass

We invite parishioners to join us for coffee and snacks after the

4:30 P.M.

8:30 A.M.

&

11:00 A.M.

MASSES ON THE WEEK-END OF:

April 9th and 10th



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