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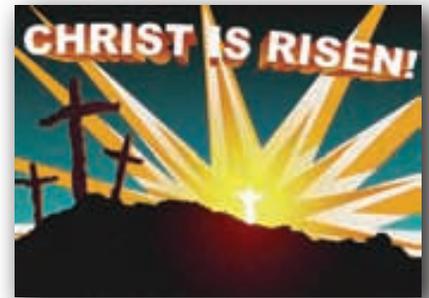


Children’s Liturgy



Children from JK to Grade 5 are invited to participate in the Children’s Liturgy of the Word during our Sunday Eucharist.

After 46 days since the time we celebrated Ash Wednesday, Easter has finally arrived. Easter is the mother of all Christian feast, but it has never captured our hearts the way Christmas does. Partly because resurrection has to do with death, while Christmas is about birth. Death is always associated with pain and suffering, grief and loss. Birth, however, is about new life, bundle of joy, and hope for the future. But, it is most likely because we do not fully grasp the mystery of the resurrection.



Resurrection is definitely not a resuscitation, coming back to the same old life. Resurrection is a new presence to life. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, he would have been merely a historical figure. But, because he is resurrected, he can be truly present to us. He is present when we pray. He is present in the Eucharist. He is present when we think about him. Not only that, his resurrection has opened new vistas for us. There was a time when people believed that the earth was flat. They thought that if they sail way too far their boat will just fall off the edge. But, when Christopher Columbus passed the falling-off point and kept going, a whole new world came into view. Life was dramatically enlarged. Man’s greatest fears were overcome. New possibilities came to the fore. The resurrection can do the same for us.

We fear death, and so we cling crazily to our present existence. There is so much mystery surrounding it that we prefer the old, familiar way of life. Just as it is easier for us to remain depressed or anxious, no matter how painful than to straighten up or settle down. Just as it is easier to be trapped in a job or situation or vice than to break free. Just as it is easier to be victims than to take responsibility for our selves, for others, or for the world. Because of the Resurrection, death is never the end. It is never the final word. We eagerly expect our own resurrection. A saint once compared our present life to a book. When likened to a book, he said, our present life is merely the introduction; the chapters have not yet been written. They will only be written in heaven. If our present life is so good, exciting, full of life, the possibility of life after this life offers tremendous possibilities.

We will not fall off the edge when we die, Christ has sailed over the edge of life for us with His resurrection. Even if we fall off, we fall up into heaven. Therese of Lisieux and Josephine Bakhita understood this very well. At the end of their journey, they both expressed the same sentiment: “if God wills it, I wish to spend my eternity praying for you...courage....I pray for you.”

Thank you to all who have made our Holy Week Celebrations possible. It takes a bit of work to organize events like these. May God reward all your efforts!

MASS INTENTION

April 9 (Monday)

9:00 AM +Violeta Visperas, +Rogelio Cruz

April 10 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM Open

April 11 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM +Adeline & Charles Gomes

April 12 (Thursday)

7:45 AM Open

April 13 (Friday)

7:00 PM +Bicat Quimpo

April 14 (Saturday)

9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM +Kristopher Pinto

Update

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

\$1,008,535.46

Please pray that one day we will have our own church building.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Bible Study is held every Thursday evening from 7:30 PM to 9 PM at the Parish Rectory Basement. The next Bible Study will be on April 19, 2012. If you are interested in participating, please inform Fr. Mark by email.



Please note that the Mass on Easter Monday will be held at 9 AM, St. Peter’s Mission Church. There will be no evening Mass.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School (VBS) "SONRISE" is coming back to St. Josephine Bakhita Parish. This is an opportunity for the children, from Kindergarten to Third Grade, to learn more about Jesus in a "fun way." The activities we offer are: Bible Lesson, Music, Arts and Crafts, Games, and Snacks. VBS runs from July 9-13, 2012 at 9:00am -12:00 noon. Registration will be announced.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you love children and willing to share your time and talents to make a difference in their faith-journey, come and join us. Volunteers from grade 8-High school, young adults and adults are welcome. Please pick-up your Volunteers Form on weekends, at all Masses, either from Sr. Nedy or Sr. Linda.

Upcoming Sacramental Celebrations

First Eucharist

Merciful Redeemer Church

May 5, 2012, 11 AM St. Bernard School

May 5, 2012, 2 PM St. Faustina School

May 13, 2012, 12:30 PM Parish Religion Class

May 19, 2012, 11:00 AM St. Edith Stein School

May 26, 2012, 11:00 AM St. Simon Stock School

Sacrament of Confirmation

7 PM Merciful Redeemer Church

April 20, 2012 St. Simon Stock/Parish Religion Class

April 27, 2012 St. Bernard School

May 11, 2012, St. Faustina School

May 18, 2012 St. Edith Stein School

ShareLife

We thank our parishioners on behalf of Sharelife for your continued support of Sharelife. The donation we have received to date is \$6,069. Our next ShareLife Sunday is April 28 & 29.

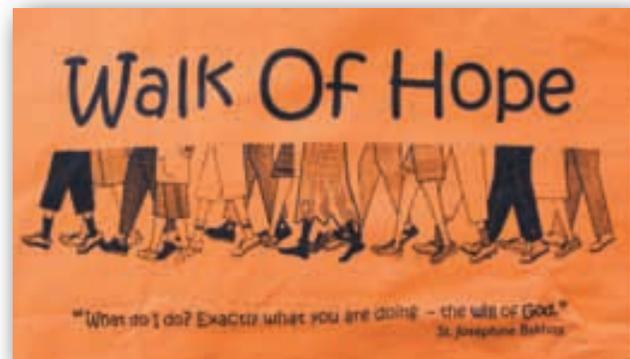
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Pastoral Visitors' Training

Office of Formation for Discipleship will be offering the Lay Pastoral Visitors Training beginning on April 12 for six weeks. This training is designed to prepare lay persons to provide pastoral visits and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins of our parish communities. Participants are required to attend all six sessions. Registration fee is \$20. For further information contact Sr. Linda at 905-858-9912 or Sally Amaral at (416) 721-3741.

4th ANNUAL PARISH WALKATHON OF HOPE 2012



This is a wonderful way for us to socialize with other parishioners, get some exercise outdoors, and raise money for our building fund! Our Walk of Hope is the biggest fundraising event for our church. Your support will help make our place of worship a reality. Registration opens at 9am, and the walk will kick off at 10am sharp in the St. Joan of Arc parking lot. We will have a picturesque 5km walk in our beautiful parish community. For those unable to complete the entire 5km, we will have volunteers available to bring you back to St. Joan of Arc if necessary. Following the walk we'll have a \$5 lunch, which includes a slice of pizza, hamburger or hot dog, drink, and ice cream! There will be face painting for the children, games, giveaways, and live entertainment!

Please register for the walk, and start collecting pledges from co-workers, friends and family right away! Registration and pledge forms are available after every mass. You can also register online. Donations can be given online, so ask your friends and family who live abroad. The top fundraisers will receive great prizes! Every walker with pledges over \$50 will receive a free t-shirt and goodie bag. Online registrations and donations will close the night before the walk. Please bring any pledges you manually receive with you on the day of the walk. All donations over \$10 will receive a tax receipt.

Walkers who register before May 13th will be eligible for our Early Bird Draw for a hotel stay!



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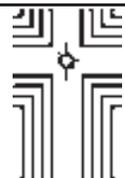
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