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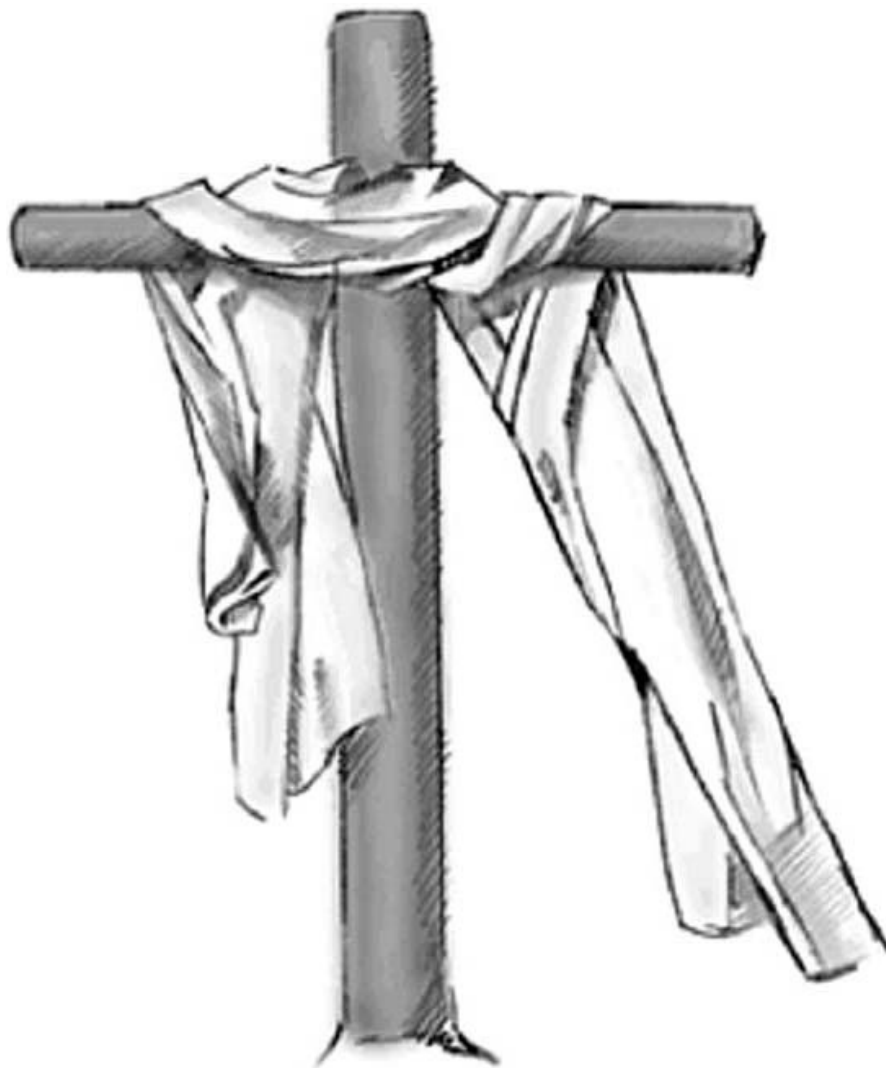
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Rejoice!

For the Lord is truly risen!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday March 27 th	8:00 am † Charles Gardner Requested by: Mary Gardner
	9:30 am † Barbara Nugent Requested by: Fazari Family
	9:30 am † Maria Pereira † Isaura Duarte Requested by: Maria Medeiros
Tuesday March 29 th	8:30 am † Louise Marr Requested by: Bill Taylor
Thursday March 31 st	8:30 am † Louise Marr Requested by: Allan & Maryann Weishar
Friday April 1 st	8:30 am † Maria Prior Requested by: Suzanne Prior



THE DAY DEATH DIED

What we commemorate today with great joy is the simple but astonishing truth that Jesus is alive. Jesus of Nazareth, born over two thousand years ago, raised by a simple carpenter and his humble wife, and who died the death of a common criminal, is alive! The Jesus about whom we read in Scripture is watching over us at this very moment, pleading on our behalf to his heavenly Father. Jesus has broken the bonds of death, he has risen from the tomb, good has triumphed over evil, and we receive the gift of forgiveness and the hope of everlasting life. Thanks be to God! As we sing in today's Psalm: "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed; the right hand of the Lord is exalted! This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes."

Nevertheless, many people shake their heads in disbelief, "How can Christians, in our enlightened, technologically advanced age, believe such foolish nonsense?" they ask. It's not an unfair question. We have to admit that believing what we believe involves a giant leap of faith. Jesus' disciples, his closest friends, who had heard him predict his resurrection, and who had witnessed his miracles—which included restoring the dead to life— even they scoffed when they first heard of the resurrection.

When Mary Magdalene ran and told them about the angels and the empty tomb, they dismissed her story as a silly tale, a hysterical delusion, perhaps even a lie. It wasn't until Jesus

appeared to all of them in person that they finally accepted the truth. And just to make sure that they didn't mistake him for a ghost Jesus asked for and ate a broiled fish.

Like the disciples, there are many today who find talk of the resurrection a bit hard to swallow; they just can't fathom the reason for our Easter joy. But yet here we are, gathered in this place to celebrate an event and profess our belief in something our neighbors may think utterly absurd. God has touched our lives in some way, and we have bowed our heads in gratitude and said, "Yes Lord, I believe!"

But you know what? Big deal! So what if we believe in the resurrection? Someone said, "That and ten cents won't buy you a cup of coffee." Or to quote Jesus himself: "Even the demons believe— and shudder!" You see, belief in the resurrection won't do us a lick of good unless we allow the Resurrected One to change our lives. Our gathering here is of no consequence whatsoever unless we allow the Lord to mold us into his image.

Those first disciples who had once found it so hard to believe: How did the resurrected Jesus change their lives? Most of them gave their life for him. Which begs the question: What is Jesus worth to us? An occasional Sunday morning? Or is he worth our life? There is no better day than today on which to renew our faith and allow Jesus to begin transforming us. As St. Paul teaches in his letter to the Colossians: "If you then have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God."

Allow the joy of this day to re-ignite the fire of your love for God; approach the altar with a renewed intention to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Receive the Body and Blood of Jesus with the resolution to go forth into the world, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to serve him wherever and whenever he chooses. Let Jesus take control of your entire life. Let us not pigeonhole him into a little corner at the fringes of our life labeled "religion." Instead, let the joy of this day fill your hearts and minds with a new zeal for the faith once delivered to the saints.

Jesus Christ has indeed overcome death and opened for us the gate of everlasting life. Without a doubt, this is an outrageous, but most wonderful truth. The Lord is risen; He is risen indeed!



Warmest of greetings and welcome to our church family. We are glad that you could be with us today and share this Easter with you as we worship God's risen Son. We hope that God touches your life and that you leave us today with the peace of God in your heart. New parishioners are invited to register by filling out a parish registration form available in the church vestibule or visit us in the Parish Office. Pre-Authorized Giving forms and Offertory Envelopes and are also available. Wishing you a blessed Easter.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CLASSES

A reminder to all parents who have registered their children to celebrate the Sacraments of First Holy Communion (St. Francis of Assisi) and Confirmation (St. Gabriel the Archangel School) that your classes will begin this month.

First Communion: Classes begin on **Tuesday March 29th from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm** in the parish hall

Confirmation: Classes begin on **Wednesday March 30th from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm** in the parish hall



Baptismal Preparation Kits (Registration Forms) are available at the Welcome

Table in the Parish Hall or on the table in the church vestibule. Baptisms take place the first Sunday of the month (unless otherwise indicated). Attendance at a baptism preparation class is mandatory before baptism takes place. Please fill in the applicable form(s) and submit them to the parish office. A meeting with the Pastor will then be scheduled prior to attending the preparation class.



Couples wishing to be married must contact the pastor at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office at (705) 726-8007 to book an appointment.

Our catholic faith has been passed down from generation to generation. Please ensure our faith lives on for generations to come by remembering your parish in your Will.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOR SUMMER 2016



Check out our website for more information on the following Youth events.

www.stjohnvianney.ca

Stuebenville Toronto (grades 8-12) July 22-24, 2016

St John Vianney Summer Day Camp (grades 1-8) August 15-19, 2016

EDGE Adventure Camp (grades 5-8) August 29- September 2, 2016



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3. Final payment (\$300) due by June 1st, 2016 (Cheques can be made payable to *St John Vianney Parish*)



MARRIAGE MATTERS

Celebrate Your Marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. **Upcoming Weekend: April 15-17, 2016 (Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga).** For more information and application, please go to www.wvme.org or contact: **Gerard & Marge McCauley** at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925



Please pray for those who are sick:

Phyl Taylor, Patsy Parent-Johnston, Baby Oaklan Mallory, Herman Jacobs Sylvia Burch, Mary Dickson, Nathan Hobbs, John Durnin, Carl Wachowiak, Gina Racco, Gerald Borho, Lillian Pottage, Baby Avery Maset & Carson

Batters. And for those who have died recently:


† Regina Sim



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