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He Lives!



Alleluia, Alleluia!!



PASTOR'S EASTER MESSAGE

... He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" Lk 24:25-26.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised". Lk 24:6. That was the testimony of "two men in dazzling garments" that appeared to Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary the mother of James. He has indeed been raised and has defeated the power of evil, sin and death. It is that tremendous miracle that we are celebrating at this paschal time.

Our world is bedeviled by lots of uncertainties that breeds lots of confusing emotions amongst us. There are a series of unanswered questions. We sometimes feel forgotten and/or overwhelmed. The message of hope and trust in God's love for us sometimes sounds hollow. That was precisely the way the disciples of Christ on their way to Emmaus were sounding. A lot was not making sense to them and then came Christ in their midst. It was a rude awakening.

Dear friends, let us, as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ, remind ourselves of who we are, as the children of God. We need to remind ourselves of 'the type of blood with which we were redeemed' and the special position that we occupy in the heart of our loving Father.

It is true that in our world today there is lots of chaos and uncertainties. There is a rude awakening that our lives can change in an instant. But there is one thing that cannot change, there is a love that is immutable and eternal, a love that God has for us and sent His only son to die for our sins. Let us encourage each other with that.

In our parish community, let us allow that love to prevail in the way we live, the way we relate with each other and the way we make ourselves available to the activities that unite us here. The plans God declared for us are "*plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future*" (Jer 29:11). Let us then, as we sing and pray the 'Regina Caeli Laetare', be joyful for God's love for us and unshakeable commitment to our course. May His mighty name be blessed both now and forever...Amen! Alleluia!!

Have a wonderful Easter celebration.
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Emeka

Lectors	
April 26 th /27 th Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	
5:00 pm	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu
	#1 Ian Moffat
	#2 Mary Ellen Agnel
8:00 am	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu
	#1 Sabrina Pedulla
	#2 Rexita Xavier
10:30 am	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu
	#1 Chris Pereira
	#2 Judith Gray

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled,
Please ensure that you have found a replacement.*

Dates to Remember

April 26th – Hike for Life

April 27th – Divine Mercy Sunday

May 3rd/4th – First Communions

May 7th – Seniors Mass and Social

May 10th - Confirmations

HIKE FOR LIFE – SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

You are invited to participate in Action Life's 34th Annual Hike for Life on **Saturday, April 26th**, a fun event for the whole family: refreshments and prizes. Rain or shine, **registration takes place from 8:00am – 10:00am** in St. Theresa's Parish hall at 95 Somerset St. West. The Hike is a 5 km route.

Pledge forms are available at the entrances of the church. Enjoy a walk on the "side of life" while earning much needed support for Action Life, Ottawa's pro-life educational organization. For more information visit www.actionlife.org



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy There will be no Children's Liturgy this weekend, so families can celebrate in the Church together. It will resume again next **Sunday, April 27th**.

Children's Liturgy takes place at every 10:30am Mass. Kindergarten aged children through grade 6 are welcome to join us in the main hall for a child friendly liturgy. Parents are welcome to attend with younger children!



SUNDAY SMILE

What do rabbits say before they eat?
"Lettuce pray".

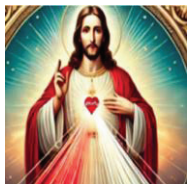
What sport are eggs the best at?
Running!

Why did the Easter egg hide?
He was a little chicken!



Next Seniors Mass and Social Wednesday, May 7th at 1:00pm

Bring a friend, bring a mug and bring some goodies. Coffee and Tea provided.
Everyone 55 plus is welcome. We are looking forward to seeing you!



Pilgriming with Deacon Victor

Deacon Victor has now launched his new youtube channel and is happy to share the link with you:

<https://www.youtube.com/@pilgrimingwithdeaconvictor>

Share the link with your family and friends, and journey with the Deacon to explore sacred places.



EVERY **FIRST FRIDAY** OF THE MONTH
After 9am Mass until 10:30am.
Come spend some time with our Lord.

Mass Intentions

Sun. April 20th – 8:00am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Sun. April 20th – 10:30am

✠Raoul Nzisabira by the family
✠Matilde Brunetti by Adriano Brunetti and family
✠Sheila Berrea by the family

Tues. April 22nd – 9:00am

For the conversion of Jerome Mourits

Wed. April 23rd – 9:00am

Thurs. April 24th – 9:00am

Fri. April 25th – 9:00am

✠Anne Brown by Angela and John Beimers

Sat. April 26th – 5:00pm

✠Arlene Noonan by Robert Noonan
✠Diane and Alex White and deceased members of the family by Peter White
In thanksgiving for favours received in our family by Renilde and family

Sun. April 27th – 8:00am

✠Hazel Kelly by Lenora and Paul Chamailard
✠Alverna Burnett by Jamie Burnett
✠Edmond Mullane by Monica Mullane

Sun. April 27th - 10:30am

For the intentions of all our parishioners

✠ indicates deceased



Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them, especially Bosco Huang, Paul Chamailard and Deborah LaRicca.



Easter is not just a day to celebrate; it is a season to live with renewed faith and hope.

St. John Chrysostom



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