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Happy Easter

On Sunday we celebrate the joy of our Feast Day of Resurrection Parish, and on this day the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and God, the Savior Jesus Christ. He is Risen, Alleluia!

Resurrection Parish will have a "virtual" Easter food blessing via LiveStream on Saturday April 11th at 3:00 pm (see the main page of our web-site for the link). Also, we will be distributing Holy water and the "Little White Book" – devotional book for Easter, on Easter Sunday (April 12th) from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm at the main doors on Windsor Park Drive.

"Death has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54)

As we enter this Easter Season this year it's not easy to talk about victory. Sadness and loneliness, fear and anxiety surround us. Leading up to that first Easter Mary and the apostles, those who had followed Jesus and believed in him as the Messiah could not find much consolation. We can identify with them more than in a risen Jesus.

I have in front of me an article written by Father Joseph Casti, a Missionary from Matunga, Mumbai, Africa that I find quite graphic and inspiring. I would like to share some of that article with you.

Father Casti writes, "There is nothing so irrevocable as death, nothing so final as the grave, nothing so crushing as the tomb. You can't get a round-trip ticket to eternity, for it has well been called the land from which no traveler returns. Once we enter upon this 'great adventure' there is no coming back. Death is a one-way street. Jesus Christ, our God and Savior really died. There can be no doubt about that.

"He died a public death, in the presence of a notable throng. Some were His friends. Some were His enemies. Roman Soldiers, appointed to carry out His execution, stood at the root of the cross until He had expired. One of them opened His side with a lance. The remnant of the howling mob was there, too, still jealous of their Victim. They had shouted madly for His blood, and now were not to be cheated of their ultimate satisfaction.

"A handful of the Savior's followers also waited upon Calvary during His last agony, faithful to the end. And afterwards they reverently took down His lifeless body from the cross, laid it away in a sepulcher and sealed the tomb with a great stone.

"BUT CHRIST OVERCAME DEATH. And that is the marvel of Easter. The third day He rose again to burst the bonds of His grave and to walk with glory in the Easter garden.

"As He really died, so just as surely He lived again".

Easter celebrates humankind's greatest triumph and our ultimate destiny: the fullness of life. The fullness of life means more than just living forever. It means living forever free from the bonds of fear, of loneliness, of guilt, of the need to control or possess, freedom beyond our imagining. Jesus has won this for us. Let us rejoice. Let us live in hope as we enter into His, and our, victory.

May we be evermore an "Alleluia" people.

God bless you and your families this Easter Season, Father Rick

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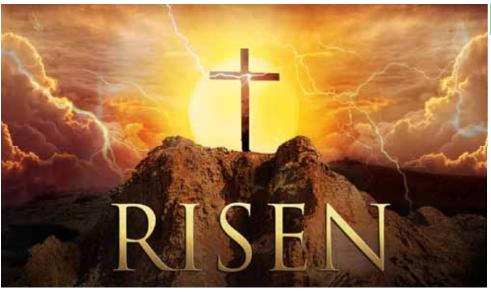
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April 12, 2020 - Easter Sunday

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Today's Readings

Acts 10.34, 37-43 Psalm 118.1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Colossians 3.1-4 John 20.1-18



MASSTIME

Livestream links on our website at resurrectionparish.ca

Pastoral Team Father Rick Krofchek (306-352-0988) Deacon Joe Lang - Seminarian Chris Lindenbach

INFORMATION

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RECONCILIATION

Offered prior to all Mass times or by appointment by calling the Priest

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / MINISTRY TO THE SICK Please call the Parish Office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill, preparing for surgery or home-bound. We can visit upon request

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Priest to make arrangements at least nine months in advance

SACRAMENTS

- Baptism
- Confirmation/First Eucharist (Grade 2+)
- First Reconciliation (Grade 4+)
- Rite Of Christian Initiation For Adults
- Rite Of Christian Initiation For Children

Contact: sacraments@resurrectionparish.ca

FUNERALS

Our staff are able to assist you during this difficult time. Once you have contacted the funeral home, please call the Parish Office to plan the funeral Mass and other arrangements

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms are available on the Resurrection website, at the parish office or at the Welcome Desk. Please notify the Parish Office of any address changes.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

Hospital chaplains visit patients and their families to address any spiritual needs, to pray, to provide a friendly face and comforting presence, to talk about people's fears and concerns, to bring Communion, and to contact a priest for anointing of the sick.

Pasqua Hospital: 306-519-1380 Wascana Rehabilitation Centre: 306-530-6511 General Hospital: 306-519-1405

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This Weeks Readings

Please read this weeks readings at home with your family



Monday, April 13th

First Reading: Acts 2.14, 22-23 **Responsorial Psalm:** PS 16.1-2+5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 **Gospel:** Matthew 28.8-15

Tuesday, April 14th

First Reading: Acts 2.36-41 Responsorial Psalm: PS 33.4-5, 18-19, 20+22 Gospel: John 20.11-18

Wednesday, April 15th

First Reading: Acts 3.1-10 Responsorial Canticle: PS 105.1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Gospel: Luke 24.13-35

Thursday, April 16th

First Reading: Acts 3.11-26 Responsorial Psalm: PS 8.2+5, 6-7, 8-9 Gospel: John 13.1-15

Friday, April 17th

First Reading: Acts 4.1-12 Responsorial Psalm: PS 118.1-2+4, 22-24, 25-27 Gospel: John 18.1 - 19.42

Saturday, April 18th

First Reading: Acts 4.13-21 Responsorial Psalm: PS 118.1+14-15, 16-18, 19-21 Gospel: Mark 16.9-15



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Resurrection Parish is seeking a part-time Finance & HR Manager. If you have experience in

accounting (or are an accountant) and are interested in human resource management in a supportive workplace, we encourage you to email us your application or to drop it off in the mailbox outside the Parish Office.

Closing Date is April 17.

OUR PARISH HAS AN ACTIVE PRAYER MINISTRY. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS IN NEED OF PRAYER, OR IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THE PRAYER MINISTRY PLEASE CONTACT Sharon Schauerte at 306.586.9143 or via email at sharon_schauerte2@hotmail.com



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PLEASE NOTE: For the duration of the building closure we will not be printing bulletins. Please check the online bulletin for up to date information.

JUMP & HIGHER YOUTH CORNER

ProjectYM - Join us for an evening of youth ministry right from the comfort of your own home! Every Sunday night, ProjectYM is presenting an hour of ministry devoted to middle and high school years students filled with games, presentations, and worship music! Join us from **6-7 pm** in watching and partaking in the love of Jesus with over 1,500 parishes around the world! To learn more about ProjectYM, please visit: <u>https://projectym.com/live/</u> This week's guest speaker is Father Mike Schmitz. Check him out on YouTube, you won't want to miss out!

Join our Google Hangout for discussions and comments on the sessions. Please use the following link with Google Hangouts installed on your device:

https://hangouts.google.com/group/C5gPQ63vsm56dHaA6

Hope to see you there! Resurrection Youth Ministry **A**

Join the Resurrection Parish FlockNote system to stay informed, Text ourparishonline to 514–900–0130

K nights' Corner

Any Knights of Columbus Council member, spouse or family member who is ill or hospitalized can request a visitation from a Knights of Columbus member or Father Rick, and can request a Knights of Columbus Honour Guard for a funeral mass.



Help needed!

We are looking for Good Samaritans who would be willing to run errands, as needed, for those who are ill or quarantined. The efforts would be coordinated through the Archdiocese of Regina Samaritan Project. There would be no contact with people who are quarantined or ill, as all deliveries would be left on the doorsteps.

We need volunteers in all areas of Southern Saskatchewan. It would be required that the volunteers pay for the items up front (to a maximum of \$50), and would be reimbursed when the items are delivered (via cash, cheque, or e-transfer). The Archdiocese of Regina will monitor things closely, to ensure that neither volunteer nor participant are taken advantage of.

The Archdiocese of Regina fully respects our government's request for social distancing at this time. It will be the expectation that the volunteer would do this in the safest and quickest way possible, without compromising their health or the health of others.

If you are willing to serve in this way, please register ASAP at <u>www.regpacks.com/ArchReginaHelps</u>.

Melissa Gurash Support Staff - Archdiocese of Regina

Watch the Masses from Resurrection Parish online

During the temporary suspension of Church services, Masses from Resurrection Parish will be broadcast online via livestream. Please see the main page of our website at www.resurrectionparish.ca for a list of upcoming livestream broadcasts.





Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Even though we didn't gather last night and celebrate as a parish that doesn't change importance of the day that changed the world forever. Perhaps you have found, the Lord's Passion is even more poignant and the Resurrection made more joyful as we await our freedom from the pandemic.

Were you with us at all the Masses and Liturgies? Do you attend Tenebrae too?

In the quiet time to prepare for the celebration of the Easter Vigil, did you spend any time in reflection about how the celebration this year would be different and how it would be the same?

While the Sacraments of Initiation were not part of this Vigil celebration, we look forward to celebrating with all of you as soon as is safely possible.

Did you think about Easter being our Parish's feast day? Hopefully the celebration of the Resurrection you started at the Vigil continues today and you are remembering our Parish community as you do.

As parishioners of Resurrection, you wait as we do for the time when we can be in communion with one another and share in the Eucharist.

Our hunger for the Sacraments grows with each passing day. A hunger that in October we thought would be quenched last night.

Please consider sharing with us at <u>rcia@resurrectionparish.ca</u> how your wait feels.

What do you do to sustain yourself during this fast from physical communion while remembering that spiritual communion still brings Christ present to each of us?

Questions? Contact: rcia@resurrectionparish.ca or Danica Love @ (306)789-7628

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Waiting to join you at the **Table of our Lord**



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Nathan



Will

Pray for Us as we wait!



2019 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The 2019 Audited Financial Statements are complete. Final year end results align closely to the preliminary financial results previously shared.

The Parish has ended the 2019 year with a Net Surplus of \$99,745 and Principal Debt Repayment of \$349,589.

Here are the primary reasons for this success story:

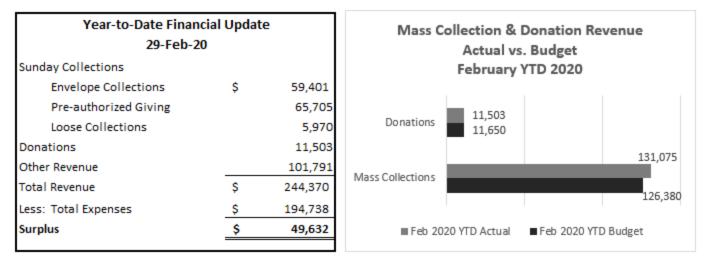
- The 2019 Toonie Campaign reached about 85% of the \$50,000 target.
 - Although this is about \$7,400 less than budgeted, this is a tremendous result. **THANK YOU!**
- Hall & Catering revenue was about \$35,000 higher than planned due to the efforts of many dedicated volunteers and the leadership of our Parish Event Coordinator.
- Effective cost management has resulted in overall expenses being about 6.7% lower than budget.

In the near future, the 2019 Resurrection Parish Annual Report will be available via the website. This annual report will include the audited 2019 Financial Statements.

Resurrection Parish has been truly blessed by your support and generosity. THANK YOU to all who have shared your Time, Talent and Treasure in 2019. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

FEBRUARY, 2020 YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL UPDATE

February year-to-date financial results are positive with a Surplus of \$49,632. Thankfully, at this point in time, Mass Collections and Donations combined are trending higher than planned by approximately \$4,500. In addition, the Fundraising Dinner and Dance held in February has been instrumental to this successful start in 2020.



Also, as a result of the positive 2019 year-end results and the very optimistic start to 2020, the focus on debt repayment continues. In February, a lump sum principal debt payment of \$252,766 was made:

- \$100,000 was applied to the Church loan; and
- \$152,766 was applied to the Rectory loan, and the Rectory is now PAID IN FULL!

Remaining debt at February 29 is: **\$1,240,460**, which reflects debt principal repayment of almost **\$620,000** since December 31, 2017.

Resurrection Parish is truly blessed with your continued generosity and support! *THANK YOU!*

2020 FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE - A LOOK AHEAD...

With public Masses now suspended since March 22, due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, we have entered a period where the revenue stream to Resurrection Parish will undoubtedly be negatively affected.

Resurrection Parish receives approximately 80% of its <u>total</u> revenue each year through Mass Collections and Donations. As a result, the Parish has a huge dependency on these revenues to sustain operations and manage debt repayment.

Within this 80% revenue stream, of Mass Collections and Donations, the percentage split is as follows:

- Mass Collections Pre-Authorized Givers (Electronic) = 44%
- Mass Collections Envelope Givers = 40%
- Mass Collections Loose Cash Givers = 5%
- Donations (Recurring or Periodic) = 11%

Because the Parish currently receives 44% of its Mass Collection revenue through Pre-Authorized Givers (electronic giving), that will certainly help to sustain recurring revenues and to provide regular cash flow to support ongoing Parish expenses. However, this revenue stream alone will not fully sustain the financial needs of the Parish.

In addition, because the Parish also receives about 11% of its donor revenue through recurring and/or periodic Donations via PayPal, e-Transfers, cheques or cash, and these donations are not directly linked to Mass attendance, overall donation revenue will also help to sustain revenues. Albeit, donation revenue has less predictability, as not all is recurring.

With the balance of donor revenue provided by Envelope Givers (40%) and Loose Cash Givers (5%), and with the suspension of public Masses until further notice, these Givers are no longer able to contribute in the usual way. Therefore, if you have been contributing in this fashion, please consider dropping off your envelope contributions in the mailbox at the Parish Office. Alternatively, we graciously ask that you consider the Pre-Authorized Giving option. If you would like more information on this option, please contact Terry in the Resurrection Parish Finance Office by phone (306-352-0901) or email (finance@resurrectionparish.ca), and she will answer any questions or concerns you may have and help to guide you through the process. Please know, that if you wish this Pre-Authorized Giving option to be in place only until Masses resume, you may stop your Pre-Authorized Giving at that time by contacting the Finance Office and reverting back to your usual form of giving. Also, other electronic options you may consider during this time are e-Transfer or PayPal.

We also recognize that some of you may be experiencing difficult financial circumstances at this time. Please know that we understand that you may not be able to support the Parish in a financial way right now, and we offer our prayers for each of you and your families during this time.

In summary, although revenues are certainly an important part of sustaining Parish operations, expenses must be addressed as well. As a result, and through Fr. Rick's guidance, the staff at the Parish is committed to ensuring expenses are managed carefully.

Please watch for the March financial results to be shared about mid-April. Also, please don't hesitate to contact the Finance Office (Terry 306-352-0901 or Karen 306-352-0730) with any questions or concerns you may have regarding Parish finances.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and continued generosity during this difficult time. We pray for you and your families to be safe and healthy! GOD BLESS YOU ALL!



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Easter Sunday



COVID-19 UPDATES

The Pastoral office is now closed to the public until further notice, if you need to reach a staff member, the best way to contact them is by email. A full list of their contact information, along with other resources is available on the <u>COVID-19 Updates page</u>.

SUNDAY AND WEEEKDAY MASS ONLINE

Masses are streamed live at 9:00 AM daily. <u>https://livestream.com/accounts/17094656.</u>



Holy Thursday: 7:00 PM Good Friday: 3:00 PM Easter Vigil: 8:30 PM Easter Sunday: 9:00 AM

During this difficult time, your parish needs you!

Our parishes have to be closed to protect the safety of all of us during this outbreak. Our parishes have regular and ongoing expenses, although we can't attend Mass, these expenses still remain. During this time it's prudent to consider how you might support your parish. Your donation can be made to any parish through the Archdiocese of Regina by:

- Pre-authorized direct debit
- E-Transfer
- Offline by cheque
- Phone
- Credit card

Visit our <u>website</u> for more information on how you can continue to support your parish.

Good Samaritan Outreach Project

The Archdiocese of Regina has volunteers from all around the diocese who are willing to reach out if you are in need. If you need groceries or essential items but are ill, immobile or quarantined and so not able to leave the house AT ALL (noting that NONE of us should be leaving more than absolutely necessary!) please contact us and we will set you up with a volunteer who can help. Please also contact us if you live alone and are feeling lonely and isolated. We can arrange for someone to check in on you by phone. We are committed to operating in such a way that the Health Canada Guidelines, and provincial Public Health Orders from our Chief Medical Officer and provincial government are strictly adhered to. If you need some assistance please email outreach@archregina.sk.ca at anytime. OR call 306-541-3086 between 9-5 Tuesday-Saturday.

TF186: Suffering, Redemption, and the Cross - Part 1

Was the cross really necessary for our salvation, and how is it that one man's death obtained salvation for humanity? As Holy Week begins, Deacon Eric and Dr. Brett discuss these questions and more.

Show snippet: "...also the things he said in the resurrection appearances, especially Luke 24 and the road to Emmaus when he's explaining, we're told, the law and prophets... then what he said at the Last supper starts to register. So much so that when they get to Emmaus...something is starting to click."

http://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/suffering-redemption-and-the-cross-part-2



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Easter Basket Blessing

Lord Jesus Christ, after you were raised from the dead you prepared food on a charcoal fire, and invited your disciples to come and have breakfast.

As we celebrate your resurrection, come to our table: open our eyes to your glorious presence, our minds, to the holy Scriptures,

anmd bless our food so that we may joyfully partake in the sharing of the victory of your love over hatred and life over death,

for ever and ever. Amen.



Table Prayer for the Easter Season

During the Easter season, place the family's Christ candle in the center of the table. Alternate prayer leader and candle lighter throughout the season.

Reader:"Praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is so good, and by raising Jesus from death, he has given us new life and a hope that lives on." (1Peter 1:3)

Leader: Reassuring God, When we hear about the Resurrection, we are like the disciples. We believe. But when we feel pain and when we see suffering, we are like Thomas. We have doubts, we wonder where you are. Give new life to our faith. Help this family to trust in you. Help us to hear those who give witness to your love. Help us to believe in the Resurrection and become your presence for others.

Blessing over the Food

Loving God, bless those who gather around this table. Help us to reach out to the pain and suffering we see around us. Amen.

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Holy Week Online Retreat

Deacon Lamont Dyck of St. Joseph's Parish, Moose Jaw leads us in an on-line Holy Week retreat with prayers, meditations, and reflections offered for each day leading to Easter. <u>https://www.intheredeemer.com/</u>

Teen Alpha

Do you have any questions about your faith? Do you know who Jesus is? Are you looking to explore your faith but not really sure where to ask those questions? If you're looking for a place to have those discussions, in an environment where no question is a stupid question, come to Alpha. Bring a friend, and join us for the next ten weeks as we explore what Christians believe and why they believe it.

For students aged 14-18. https://zoom.us/i/643587934

Join Fr. Parker Love for Cold Drinks, Quarantine and Christ Facebook Live

Grab your favorite cold (or hot) beverage, and join Fr. Parker on Facebook Live <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>parker.love.3</u> for a talk about: 'The Good Place'. Each Wednesday during the quarantine join Fr. Parker for a different talk. Tune in 7:15 PM, talk starts at 7:30 PM_

19th Annual Divine Mercy Conference Online

19th Annual Divine Mercy Conference. Due to the pandemic and social isolation we will have our conference at Our Lady of Peace Church available on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th. You may participate on their website www.ourladvofpeaceregina.com the Conference will begin with a welcome and presentation by Shirley Oleskiw, EADM Director, Adoration for one hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied with prayers: Litany of the Holy Eucharist, Praises of Divine Mercy, Litany to Saint Faustina, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. Following will be the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated by Very Rev. James Owolagba and his presentation at the homily. At the end of the Mass there will be a blessing with Saint Faustina's relic. You can also visit our website EADMCanada.com

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

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