



Our Lady of Victory Memorial Parish

"We, the people of Our Lady of Victory Memorial Parish, accept as our mission to be a welcoming, diverse parish family who shares our gifts and talents that God has given us to serve others in need as we grow in our Faith."

March 30 & 31, 2024

Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY—4:00 P.M.
SUNDAY—9:30 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUES, THURS, FRIDAY—9:30 A.M.
**ROSARY AT 9:10 A.M.
WED—10:00 A.M. AT RIVERVIEW

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Readings for Next Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday

1st Reading—Acts 4:32-35
2nd Reading—1 John 5:1-6
Gospel—John 20:19-31



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Easter Sunday

Introduction: The significance of Easter - "Easter" literally means "the feast of fresh flowers." Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for four reasons:

- 1) **The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith.** It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain" (I Cor 15:14). "Jesus is Lord, He is risen" (Rom 10:9), was the central theme of the kerygma (or "preaching"), of the Apostles.
- 2) **Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection.** Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies..." (Jn 11:25-26).
- 3) **Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears.** It reminds us that life is worth living. It also gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.
- 4) **Easter gives meaning to our prayers:** It supports our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in and around us, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven, hearing our prayers, and so gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayers.

Life Messages

- 1) **Let us live the lives of Resurrection people:** We are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord Who loves us in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain, and tensions of our day-to-day life.
- 2) **The conviction of the Real Presence of the Risen Lord with us and within us and all around us,** enables us to lead disciplined Christian lives. It will help us to control our thoughts, desires, words, behaviors, and actions.
- 3) **This salutary awareness of the presence of the Risen Lord within us** inspires us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure and free from evil habits and addictions. Our conviction that the loving presence of the Risen Lord dwells in our neighbors and in all those we encounter, should encourage us to respect them and to render them loving, humble, selfless service.
- 4) **We need to become transparent Christians,** radiating the Risen Lord around us in the form of selfless and sacrificial agape love, mercy, compassion, and a spirit of humble service.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

According to an ancient Russian Orthodox tradition, the day before Easter was devoted to telling jokes. The reason behind this tradition was to reflect the joke God pulled on the devil in the Resurrection. Satan thought he had won on Friday, but God had the last laugh on Easter Sunday.

Mother-in-Law in Jerusalem

George went on a vacation to the Middle East with most of his family including his mother-in-law. During their vacation and while they were visiting Jerusalem, George's mother-in-law died. With the death certificate in hand, George went to the Canadian Embassy to make arrangements to send the body back to Canada for proper burial. The Consul, after hearing of the death of the mother-in-law, told George that the sending of a body back to Canada for burial is very, very expensive. It could cost as much as \$5,000. The Consul continued, "In most cases the person responsible for the remains normally decides to bury the body here. This would only cost \$150." George thought for some time and answered, "I don't care how much it will cost to send the body back; that's what I want to do." The Consul, after hearing this, said, "You must have loved your mother-in-law very much, considering the difference in price." "No, it's not that!" said George. "You see, I know of a case many years ago of a man who died and was buried here in Jerusalem. On the third day he arose from the dead. I just can't take that chance!"

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CWL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped make the celebration for our Archbishop a very memorable one. You were all very generous with your donations and your support and it was much appreciated.

REMINDER – CWL Sunday is on April 7, 2024 with a short meeting to follow the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The meeting will be in the church hall and all ladies are invited to attend.



Happy Easter to Everyone!

40 Tins for Lent

Thank you everyone who helped make this a big success. Your donations has and will continue to help many people who are in need. May God bless you abundantly.



Saint for the Week

Saint Peter Regalado's Story—March 30

Peter lived at a very busy time in history. The Great Western Schism (1378-1417) was settled at the Council of Constance (1414-1418). France and England were fighting the Hundred Years' War, and in 1453, the Byzantine Empire was completely wiped out by the loss of Constantinople to the Turks. At Peter's death, the age of printing had just begun in Germany, and Columbus's arrival in the New World was less than 40 years away.

Peter came from a wealthy and pious family in Valladolid, Spain. At the age of 13, he was allowed to enter the Conventual Franciscans. Shortly after his ordination, he was made superior of the friary in Aguilar. He became part of a group of friars who wanted to lead a life of greater poverty and penance. In 1442, he was appointed head of all the Spanish Franciscans in his reform group.

Peter led the friars by his example. A special love of the poor and the sick characterized Peter. Miraculous stories are told about his charity to the poor. For example, the bread never seemed to run out as long as Peter had hungry people to feed. Throughout most of his life, Peter went hungry; he lived only on bread and water.

Immediately after his death on March 30, 1456, his grave became a place of pilgrimage. Peter was canonized in 1746.

Reflection

Peter was an effective leader of the friars because he did not become ensnared in anger over the sins of others. Peter helped sinning friars rearrange the priorities in their lives and dedicate themselves to living the gospel of Jesus Christ as they had vowed. This patient correction is an act of charity available to all Franciscans, not just to superiors.



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