

April 4, 2021

Resurrection of the Lord ~ Easter

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, April 3rd

Holy Saturday ~ Easter Vigil

7:00 Deceased Parishioners from Covid-19 by Father MacEachen

Sunday, April 4th

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10:30 Kate and Ed Sampson by Ann & Louis Mallette

Monday, April 5th

Easter Octave

9:00 Special Intention of Theresa Doyle

Tuesday, April 6th

Easter Octave

9:00 Ulric de Verteuil by Frances de Verteuil

Wednesday, April 7th

Easter Octave

9:00 Tony Hamel-Smith by Frances de Verteuil

Thursday, April 8th* *No Mass

Easter Octave

Friday, April 9th

Easter Octave

9:00 McCauley and O'Donnell Families by Constance O'Donnell

Saturday, April 10th

Easter Octave

7:00 Mario Leschiutta by Teresa Rochon

REFLECTION

Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! Our readings today reveal how we can live out the joy of Easter all year long in our day-to-day lives.

Our Gospel portrays the third day after Jesus' death when Mary of Magdala visits Jesus' tomb. Once she saw the stone removed, she ran to tell Simon Peter and John. They ran to the tomb as well, and upon seeing, they believed. We can tell the relationship that these disciples had with Jesus because of the way they responded about Him — they “ran.” Mary didn't see the empty tomb and think, “someone else will figure it out.” Peter and John didn't hear the news and think, “I will check on it later.” They each responded with conviction as they “ran” for Jesus.

We must ask ourselves, “Do I have a relationship with Christ to the point where I am running to Him each day?” The way these disciples responded is how we should respond to Christ. We must avoid complacency, and as intentional disciples, we must stop rationalizing our choices by telling ourselves we will someday get around to putting God first. Every moment throughout our day is an opportunity to respond to God in gratitude, compassion and eagerness. And although there will be moments when we do not “feel” like responding to Him, it is in those moments when we faithfully respond anyway that matters the most.

Let us celebrate this glorious day with prayer and feasting, for Christ is risen! And let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by how we respond to Christ each day. Happy Easter!

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The best Easter of your life!

Diocesan Microsite dedicated to Holy Week and Easter 2021!

The Catholic Church of Montreal has you in mind! We've scoured the Internet and come up with a wide range of ideas for you, taking into account your interests and the age group you belong to: adults, young adults, teens, children and families.

The time has come near...

Make this time of slowing down an opportunity to prepare for the most beautiful Easter Season of your life! The Catholic Church in Montreal has prepared “playlists” with lots of ideas of things to watch, to listen to, to do or to pray at home for all ages to help you to do so. Music, videos, acts of service, podcasts, meditations, Ways of the cross, recipes: so many ways to prepare for Easter!

In this time of conversion and of blessings, let's prepare to receive the Life of the Risen Lord and become “an Easter people whose song is Alleluia” (John Paul II)!

The website is available at:

<https://microsites.diocesemontreal.org/microsites/semaine-sainte-et-paques/en/home/>