

REFLECTION for Easter Sunday

Fr. Don

Can you see it? Can you hear it? Can you smell it? Can you taste it? Can you touch it? Can you feel it?

The air seems fresher, the winds blow a breezier warmth, winter is in the rear-view mirror of our minds if not our reality, and all nature appears more expectant, vibrant, and joyful.

In all of God's creation a sense of re-birth beacons. Seek it, yearn for it, and pray for it.

Some would say Spring is in the air. Some would say nature is reawakening.

Dare any of us say it is our inner selves who are reawakening to a new and glorious world filled with new and glorious possibilities in our lives going forward?

Hope springs eternal! Could there be a deeper underlying spiritual cause for this aura that seems to permeate this time of year- one that is of divine origin. Those of us who have participated in, and been affected by, the Easter liturgies believe a marvellous salvific event has occurred.

Christians believe that all these signs point to the graces and blessings flowing from the empty tomb, from the rolled up linens, from the belief that Jesus has been raised from the dead, and our salvation has been won. It's ONWARD Christian soldiers for us.

All these signs are the embodiment of the truth revealed through the Paschal Mystery.

This is the first day of the rest of our lives. Like Jesus, we too have been reborn.

We have the power and the ability to walk away from our former way of life. We are called to share in the Easter victory won by our Lord and Saviour.

To walk in the ways of the Lord is not an easy task. Fraught with human weakness, each of us would fail miserably if we try to walk the way on our own. But the graces and blessings flowing from Easter just continue to pour over us. Jesus is with us every step of the way. Recall that beautiful *Footprints in the Sand* poem. We may not know it, we may not think it, we may know be aware of it, but Jesus is with us. He loves us with love greater than a parent for his/her child. He loves us so much that he gave His life for us- greater love hath no man/woman.

May God continue to bless you, may God continue to bless your family, and may God continue to bless our parish community. HAPPY EASTER.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets each Thursday at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral. The April 9 talk/teaching is titled Christian Purity.

Sacred Heart Parish

Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Fr. Don Leonard

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Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Masses this Week:
Mon & Wed 7 pm
Tues, Thurs, Fri 10 am

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of each Month
2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation
Mon & Wed after Mass

Marriages:
Six month notice is required.
A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

April 5, 2015
EASTER SUNDAY

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Collection	\$2,144.00
Building Fund	100.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
Votive Candles	36.00
Dev. & Peace	140.00
Donation--Easter Flowers	45.00
In Mem. E. Dobbin	30.00
J. Cashin	50.00

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

April 6 Joan Barriault /Felix & Monica Gallant

April 7 Mary Russell

April 8 Bernadette & Anthony George

April 9 Joan Hearn

April 10 Roy Reid

April 11 Joe, Margaret, Joseph, Kevin Cain

April 12 Parish Community

NOTE Our Mass times revert to Mon & Wed at 7 pm, and Tues, Thurs, Fri at 10 am.

CONFESSIONS

This is just a reminder that private confession is always available after Mass on Mon. and Wed.

CONFIRMATION 2015

There are now 12 candidates. They will be confirmed on April 26. We thank them for their participation in our Holy Week liturgies and encourage them to continue being a vital part of our worship.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

This event is scheduled to take place in St. John's on April 24 and 25. It is sponsored by

the Archdiocese. The goal of this Summit is to INSPIRE, FORM, and CONNECT, people who feel the call to spread the good news of the Gospel.

If you may be interested please contact Wayne or Amelia Dicks.

RESPONSIBLE MINISTERIES

In keeping with the policy of Responsible Ministries, we are attempting to register all our volunteers in the various ministries.

Only those working with children or ministering to seniors or counting the collection require a police check. If you are a volunteer and have not registered, please pick up the forms and fill them out. See John Carroll or Fr. Don or call the Office 785-5025. Copies of the forms are available at the back; ask for one.

THANK YOU

-To Carol Reid and all the Choir members for providing us with blessed music and song during our Easter celebrations.

- to Assumpta Roche for the beautiful Easter banner in memory of her sister Theresa Tompkins.

- to all men and women who gave freely of their time and talent to clean the Church for Easter.

PARISH COUNCIL

This is an advance notice that the next meeting will be at the priest's house on Monday April 13 at following 7 pm Mass. All members are asked to please make an

effort to attend.

RESPONSIBLE MINISTERIES MEETING

Over the next few weeks all our ministers will be asked to fill out forms to register with the Parish as part of this Ministry.

The Committee members (Art, Pat, Christine, and Irene) will meet at the priest's house on Wednesday April 15 following 7 pm Mass.

Adult Appreciation Night

will take place on April 11 at the school cafeteria following Sat. Mass. Soup, sandwiches, & desert will be served. Music will be provided by The Griffin Family & friends. This event is free. All adult parishioners are invited to attend. Please sign up for this event on the sheets provided at the back of the church.

BINGO

Our next game will be on April 12. Those whose last name begins with A, B, C, D, & E will be asked for a donation.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

A 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday at 8:15pm in All Hallows Church basement. Please try to attend.

RECRUITING NEW MINISTERS

At our last Liturgy meeting it was suggested that the Parish hold a spring-summer recruitment drive to add new Readers,

Eucharistic Ministers, and other ministers, to our lists.

So, please consider this notice the launch of this initiative. Think about volunteering and let someone know if you are interested. We will provide training and have a formal installation ceremony.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, April 12, is celebrated throughout the Catholic world as Divine Mercy Sunday. A Service will be held at All Hallows Church at 3 pm that day.

If you are unfamiliar with this devotion, please attend and you will come to understand the history and the power of this devotion. JESUS I TRUST IN YOU.

FOR YOUTH

Easter is the most joyous celebration of our Catholic faith. It is the most important feast in the Christian calendar because it is the feast which defines us as Christians. Without Christ, there is no Christianity. What makes us Christians is our belief in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of eternal life that the Resurrection promises. We are truly an Easter people!

PASTORAL PLANNING UPDATE

The next steps in this process have been announced. Over the next few weeks you will be informed as to what these steps are and what your role is in these steps. As well it will unfold as to what the Parishes role is to be.