

## EASTER

### THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

By St. Alphonsus de Liguori

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is for us a sure pledge of our own resurrection and of the glory we hope one day to have in Heaven in our soul and body. Jesus came into the world not only to redeem us, but by His example to teach us all virtues, and especially humility, and holy poverty which is inseparably united with humility. He chose to be born in a cave, to live as a poor man in a workshop for thirty years and at last to die, poor and naked, on a Cross, seeing His garments divided amongst the soldiers before He breathed His last; while, after His death, He receives the winding-sheet for His burial as an alms from others.



Let the poor be consoled at seeing Jesus Christ, the King of Heaven and earth, thus living and dying in poverty in order to enrich us with His merits and gifts. For this cause the Saints, in order to become like Jesus in His poverty despised all earthly riches and honours, so that one day they might enjoy with Him the riches prepared by God for those who love Him. St. Paul says, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor hath it entered into the heart of man what things God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Cor. 9). Jesus Christ, then, rose from the dead with the glory of possessing all power in Heaven and on earth not only as God but as Man. All the angels and all men are therefore subject to Him. Let us rejoice in thus seeing in glory our Saviour, our Father, and the best Friend we possess. And let us rejoice for ourselves, because the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is for us a sure pledge of our own Resurrection, and of the glory that we may hope one day to have in Heaven in our soul and in our body.

The bliss of Heaven consists in seeing and loving God face to face. "Everything we expect," says St. Augustine, "is expressed in a word of one syllable, namely, God." The reward God promises to us does not consist altogether in the beauty, the harmony, and other advantages of the city of Paradise. God Himself, Whom the Saints are allowed to behold, is, according to the promises made to Abraham, the principal reward of the just in Heaven. *I am thy reward exceeding great.* (Gen. xv. 1). St. Augustine asserts that were God to show His face to the damned, "hell would be instantly changed into a paradise of delights." And he adds that were a departed soul allowed the choice of seeing God and suffering the pains of hell, or of being freed from these pains and deprived of the sight of God, "it would prefer to see God, and to endure those torments."

### THE FEAR OF NOT LOVING GOD, AND OF NOT BEING LOVED BY HIM, IS THE GREATEST AFFLICTION WHICH SOULS THAT LOVE GOD ENDURE

The delights of the soul infinitely surpass all the pleasures of the senses. Even in this life, Divine love infuses such sweetness into the soul when God communicates Himself to it that the body is raised from the earth. St. Augustine says that when St. Laurence was laid on a red-hot gridiron, the fervour of Divine love made him insensible to the burning heat of the fire. Even on sinners who weep for their sins, God bestows consolations which exceed all earthly pleasures. St. Bernard says: "If it be so sweet to weep for Thee, what must it be to rejoice in Thee!"

How great is the sweetness which a soul experiences when, in the time of prayer, God, by a ray of His own light, reveals to it His goodness and His mercies towards it, and particularly the love Jesus Christ has borne to it in His Passion! It feels its heart melting and, as it were, dissolved through love. But in this life we do not see God as He really is: we see Him, as it were, in the dark. *We see now through a glass in a dark manner, but then face to face.* (1 Cor. xiii. 12). Here below God is hidden from our view; we can see Him only with the eyes of Faith. How great shall be our happiness when the veil is raised, and we are permitted to behold God face to face! We shall then see His beauty, His greatness, His perfection, His amiableness and His immense love for our souls.

The fear of not loving God, and of not being loved by Him, is the greatest affliction which souls that love God endure on the earth; but in Heaven the soul is certain that it loves God and that He loves it; and sees that the Lord embraces it with infinite love, and that this love shall not be dissolved for all eternity. The knowledge of the love Jesus Christ has shown it in offering Himself in sacrifice for it on the Cross, and in making Himself its Food in the Sacrament of the Altar, shall increase the ardour of its love. It shall also see clearly all the graces God has bestowed upon it, all the helps which He has given it, to preserve it from falling into sin, and to draw it to His love. It shall see that all the tribulations, the poverty, the infirmities and persecutions which it regards as misfortunes, have all proceeded from love, and have been the means employed by Divine Providence to bring it to glory. It shall see all the lights, loving calls, and mercies which God had granted to it after it had insulted Him by its sins. From the blessed mountain of Paradise it shall see so many souls damned for fewer sins than it had committed, and shall see that it is saved and secured against the possibility of ever losing God. Justly, then, has St. Augustine said that to gain the eternal bliss and peace of Paradise, we should embrace eternal labour.

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Saturday: 5pm  
(Anticipated Mass)  
Sunday: 9am, 11am & 5pm  
Monday – Wednesday 8am  
Thursday Mass/Novena:  
8am & 7pm  
Friday, Saturday, Holidays: 9am  
(Fridays in July & August: 8am)  
Reconciliation  
Saturday: 4-4:45pm  
Adoration  
Saturday 9:30-10am  
Library Hours  
Sunday: 10-10:45am, 4:30-5pm

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm

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## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

A joyful and blessed Easter to all of you! Let us join in the praise of the psalmist who sings, "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad." It has been a very busy Lent. These past weeks we learned about the Joy of Love in *Amoris Laetitia* presented so well by our own parishioners who examined the Pope's apostolic exhortation and shared their life experiences in connection with it. We also learned about the gift of God's mercy and the Eucharist in our Lenten Mission with Deacon Bob and his wife Joan. I was happy to see so many of you make the time for these opportunities to feed the soul. If you weren't here, I am hoping you were at a retreat or prayer gathering at one of the many parishes around the Archdiocese offering faith-enriching activities.

Despite our Lenten practices of prayer and sacrifice, I am sure you will find that the challenges of daily life do not simply evaporate at the hail of Alleluias. It is providential for us to remember that Jesus died for us to give us hope in all circumstances. Scripture is full of messages of this hope. In the Old Testament, we see it in Jeremiah 29:11. "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you ... plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope."

This Easter, let us pray that families and nations may come together in hope and trust of God's plan for us. Let us pray also for peace in so many parts of the world where Christians are persecuted for their belief in Christ. Let me take this opportunity to thank all for your Easter prayers and good wishes. Fr. Bill and Fr. Joseph also extend their prayers and warm wishes to all for a happy Easter.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Babu Mathew, C.Ss.R



*This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad. - Psalm 118*

## NEWS & NOTICES

**CWL Meeting:** Please note there will be no CWL meeting in April. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 17th.

**PEC Meeting:** This meeting will be held on Tuesday April 18 7pm in Madonna Room.

**Easter Monday:** Mass is at 9am on Easter Monday.

**Bishop Monroe Mass and Dinner:** Bishop David Monroe will be celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> Priestly Ordination Anniversary on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Mass will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 5:10 p.m., followed by a ticketed dinner at the Italian Cultural Centre at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in booking a table of 10 for \$550 before tickets are open to all, please let us know.

**Insurance and Estate Planning:** The Development Office at the Archdiocese of Vancouver is holding an informative workshop about how to use insurance as part of your financial and estate planning. Our speakers will provide a short talk and then take questions at the end of their presentation. Speakers from Rogers Financial Group (Patrick McGuire, Bryn Hamilton and Stefano Pannou) and Knights of Columbus (Joseph ven der Buhs) will present at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 7:00pm – 8:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm). Please sign up online at <http://rcav.org/epg/> or by calling Esther Jang, Associate Director, Planned Gifts at 604-683-0281 ex

**Dying Healed Workshop:** This program is a “pre-training” program giving formation and knowledge on end-of-life issues, understanding of human suffering, human dignity, and the power of human presence. Workbook and refreshments included, but please bring a bagged lunch. Join us Saturday, April 8, 10am – 3pm at Christ the Redeemer Parish, West Vancouver, in the meeting room or Sat April 22, 10am – 3pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church hall. Cost: \$15/person. Please pay at the door. To register, visit <https://lifecollective.io/vancouver> or contact 604-733-6266.

**Euthanasia Prevention Help Line:** The Euthanasia Prevention Society has an emergency help line for all who have concerns about matters regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide. Their number: 1-855-675-8749.

## MARCH COLLECTIONS

Sunday Offering	\$6734.60
Collection for the Needy	\$1663.80
St. Joseph's Society	\$2160.10
Food Bank	\$476.75
Children's Mass Offering	\$63.00

## Stewardship Reflection

*“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”*

– COLOSSIANS 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God.

# MOTHER'S DAY DANCE!

6-9:30pm Saturday May 13, 2017 @ OLPH School Gym

Buffet Dinner | Dancing | Silent Auction | Door Prizes

\$40 Adults | \$15 Kids (3-12 Years) Tickets on sale after weekend Masses and at the Parish Office!

IT'S ABOUT TIME MOM HAD SOME FUN!!

AN OLPH YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER!

## CALENDAR

### APRIL

#### Food Bank

Food Bank will be on April 22 and 23 this month and items which we are donating are canned protein foods such as tuna/salmon, peanut butter, etc. Cash donations are also accepted.

### MAY

#### Six Dates for Couples

The experience of dating is natural/organic to the marital relationship. In today's busy world spouses know that spending time together is good for their marriage, but often other priorities take precedence. 6 Dates for Couples invites spouses to go on regular dates. Couples bring their children to the parish for childcare, watch a short video, and then go to their date on their own, as they did before they got married. This 6-week program hosted by Derek and Silvana Carr is from 7-8pm starting Wed May 10 and ending on June 14. Please email Bertilla bwatanabe@rcav.org to register. Also let us know if you need a child-minder to attend the program.

#### Mother's Day Dance

**Mother's Day Dance Volunteers**  
We need volunteers to help with ticket sales, set-up and clean-up for the Mother's Day Dance. Please contact our Volunteers' Coordinator Lara Garcia. You can reach her at [olphchurchvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:olphchurchvolunteers@gmail.com)

**Mother's Day Auction Item Donations**  
We are also looking for donations of items for the Silent Auction which mothers would love – spa tickets, wine baskets, restaurant vouchers, a weekend at a cottage! Please contact Kathy or Jing at [communications.olph@rcav.org](mailto:communications.olph@rcav.org) if you can help.

**Mother's Day Dance Ticket Sales**  
Tickets are available for sale after all weekend Masses as well as at the parish office during the week. School parents can also buy tickets on Fridays before and after the 9am School Mass as well as on Mondays before and after Assembly.

#### Youth Praise & Worship

**Praise & Worship:** The OLPH Youth Ministry will hold their next Praise & Worship before the 5pm Mass on June 11. There is no P & W in April and May.



He was wounded for our transgressions, and He was crushed for our iniquities, and the punishment that made us whole was upon Him, and by His bruises we are healed.

- Isaiah 53:5



## Alleluia! He is risen!

Easter Sunday! A day of great rejoicing, the day we celebrate the victory of Christ over sin and death so that we may be with Him in heaven. Let us welcome into our midst those receiving Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

- BAIKAN ADELE CAO
- ADRIENNE PUIFUN CHENG
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## Easter Dinner Prayer

Lord,  
As we gather together as family and friends we invite you once again into our lives.

May the hope of your resurrection colour our days.

May the promise of your spirit working in us light up our lives.

May the love you revealed to us shape our giving.

May the truth in your word guide our journeys,

And may the joy of your kingdom fill our homes.

As we gather together underneath the banner of your life,

We thank you for all the wonderful food that we can now enjoy,

And celebrate your glorious resurrection.

Thank you Lord.

Amen.