



New Website

We are pleased to announce that the new parish website has launched. Visit it at www.lourdes.to
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Pastor's Note:

We believe as Christians that with the Resurrection of the Lord on the first Easter Sunday that eternal life has been opened up to us. More and more however, I think the Resurrection, or the life of the Resurrection, is not something that is exclusive to heaven. I think we live the life of the Resurrection when we live in the life of God's love. But how does the Resurrection, while initiating eternal life, so too reveal the love of God?

In the Gospel we hear the story of how St. Mary Magdalene went to Christ's tomb to mourn, to simply be with the one who had loved her with a love beyond all telling. With Jesus dead there was no life left in Mary. So it was right for her to stand among the tombs. The love that she had known in Jesus had ended when he died on the cross. If his life was over, so too in a way was hers. Her feelings changed immediately when she heard the Lord say her name. Her life was restored because his love had returned. What we can see then is that the resurrected Christ means that the love of God is eternal for us. It does not pass away, it does not die. It is infinite, it is eternal. I think this is why it is insufficient to focus merely on the Passion without the Resurrection and also on the Resurrection without the Passion. The two are really inseparable, they are one. Without the Resurrection, the Passion is only a tragedy. And without the Passion, the Resurrection seems only functional.

I think with the Passion and Resurrection it's like God saying, "I love you—always." In the Passion we can see his love in a way we can understand and with the Resurrection there is no need for us to weep outside the tomb because we know his love is forever.

In the Exsultet of the Vigil Mass we heard, "O wonder of your humble care for us! O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son! ... This night shall be as bright as day, dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness." We are filled with gladness because in the Father's sending of the Son we know that we are loved. And with the empty tomb we know that his love will never leave us. The joy of the Church is to be an Easter People. And the joy of an Easter People is to live, to breathe, to speak, to act, to think, to feel with the Father's love which envelops our very hearts. The Church at Easter is the way the Church should always be. We shout Alleluia because we are redeemed. And we shout Alleluia Amen because we know we are loved—always.

God Bless and Take Care,

Fr. John

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Come and celebrate DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY in our parish. Join us next Sunday, **April 28 at 2:30 pm**. There will be Eucharistic adoration, sung praise and worship, the Divine Mercy devotions and the celebration of the Mass. All are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 22

- 8:00 am Thanksgiving [Criseta Lazaro & Family]
- 12:10pm LORRAINE LEWIS + [Abaja & Padullo Family]
- 5:15 pm Thanksgiving [Criseta Lazaro & Family]

Tuesday, April 23

- 8:00 am Gerry Comeau + [William Wyatt]
- 12:10 pm Sr. MARIA PACIS CUADRA + [Oliver Family]
- 5:15 pm MARY CHANG + [Agnes Kim]

Wednesday, April 24

- 8:00 am
- 12:10 pm RAMONA FELIX + [Warlyn Irwin]
- 5:15 pm Artemio Macatangay + [Anthony Macatangay]

Thursday, April 25

- 8:00 am
- 12:10pm Antonio Caldillero + [Eva Caldillero]
- 5:15 pm CAROLINE LANPHIER + [Michael Lanphier]

Friday, April 26

- 8:00 am Our Lady of Good Counsel [CWL]
- 12:10pm All Souls in Purgatory [Oliver Family]
- 5:15 pm Michael Evans + [Faris & Shammas]

Saturday, April 27

- 8:00 am CORAZON CANTOS + [Gloria Torio]
- 12:10pm Catholic Women's League's Intention [CWL]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

*Helen Rivero Villarba, Muluaem Limeneh,
Fortuna Torres and Shernaz Colabeluala*

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Celebrating Sacraments:

Please keep in your prayers the young people who will be celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion in May and June. May the blessing of God's gifts be profoundly experienced by all of them and their families at this wonderful time and may their faith continue to grow and deepen throughout their lives.

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Our ShareLife Committee thanks you for your generous support of their Pancake Breakfast on Sunday April 7. Together with the help of our Catholic Women's League, the parish raised \$1042 for ShareLife. Thank you to everyone!

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BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH

O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

~ St. John Chrysostom



Spring Alpha – Tuesdays at 6pm

Our next Alpha begins Tuesday, April 23rd at 6pm – “Is there more to life than this?”

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith. It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed and friendly setting. Each evening involves food, fun and friendship.

Feel free to let us know if you'll be coming by calling the office at 416-924-6257 or emailing info@lourdes.to
There's no pressure, no follow up, and no charge.