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**He is Risen!**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia**

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION



### Masses For The Week

2025 FEDERAL ELECTION  
MONDAY, APRIL 28

#### HOLY SATURDAY April 19, 2025

9:00 a.m. -Blessing of the Food

8:00 p.m. -Easter Vigil

#### EASTER SUNDAY - April 20, 2025

9:00 a.m. -for the Spiritual Life of our Family by  
by Larry and Pat Moore

-Intentions of the Dalusung Family

+Repose of the Soul of Ida Serrao by  
her Estate

+Repose of the Soul of Shawn Doucette by  
his Parents Bruce and Cora Doucette

11:00 a.m. -Resurrection of Our Lord Parishioners

#### EASTER MONDAY April 21, 2025

9:00 a.m. Mass

#### WEEK DAY MASSES

##### Tuesday April 22, 2025

8:00 a.m. -Intentions of the Living and  
Repose of the Souls of the  
Deceased Members of the  
Rousseau, Cockburn and Findlay Families  
by Thérèse and Family

##### Wednesday April 23, 2025

8:00 a.m. -for the Good Health, Many Blessings and  
Intentions of Alan and Elaine Jane and  
their Family

##### Thursday April 24, 2025

8:00 a.m. +Repose of the Souls of  
the Deceased Members of the  
Serrao and Trinidad Families by  
the Estate of Nancy Marie Serrao

##### Friday April 25 2025

8:00 a.m. -Intentions, Health and Blessings of  
Peter Janczarski and  
Mary's Protection, by his Family

My dear Parishioners - As you know I'm not Canadian but I am living in this country and my thoughts and heart are with you not only as ordinary Canadians but also my friends. This is why I think the time of Election is important for you as Canadians and for us as Catholics and that is why I want to present to you the following statement from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the prayer to St. Joseph who is the Patron Saint of Canada. God bless Christianity in Canada.

Fr. Robert, SDS.

As Canada prepares for the Federal Election (early voting opened on April 16th), we are reminded "that voting is a responsibility," one "that we should approach [...] believing 'this is an act of love and service.'" Catholics specifically, are encouraged to resist being one- or two-issue voters by meditating upon all seven core principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST):

1. Dignity of the human person from conception to natural death; [abortion and euthanasia]
2. Call to family, community and participation;
3. Rights and responsibilities;
4. Option for the poor and vulnerable;
5. The dignity of work and the rights of workers;
6. Solidarity;
7. Care for God's Creation.

Bishop William McGratten, President of the  
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

#### PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH - PATRON OF CANADA

Holy St. Joseph, Noble Offspring of David, Head of the Holy Family, Glory of Domestic Life, Terror of Demons, Patron of Canada; hear the prayers we offer through your most powerful intercession for this, our country, CANADA! We implore you to ask Our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom you were blessed to bear gently in your loving arms, to lift up now, in those same loving arms, CANADA, for whom you are The Most Holy Patron. Guide us along the path of holiness and human dignity, in the same way you guided Our Saviour in his human life. Teach us to safeguard the dignity of life given to us, so that from conception to natural death, we may honour the likeness and image of Him, Our Heavenly Father, who has covenanted us, with unceasing love into the glory of Eternal Life. May He, who is the Author of Life, teach us by the earthly Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, to cherish, treasure and protect, this gift of great dignity, which is our human life, from the eternal abyss of Satan. Saint Joseph, Glory of Domestic Life - Pray for us! Patron of Canada - Protect us!

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Fridays 8:30 to 9:30 am

First Fridays 7:00 to 9:00 pm

(as well as by appointment)

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays 8:30 to 9:30 am

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

**“The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the ultimate proof of God's power to redeem and transform all things.”**

(Saint Athanasius)

We are now experiencing another Easter! Seemingly the same as before, and yet not like anything we have ever seen.

If anyone thought that nothing of any interest would happen in our world, they were wrong. The world is very dynamic. A lot of things, both bad and good, are happening. Political systems and alliances are changing. There are wars, diseases. The only thing that doesn't seem to change is that we are constantly scared of someone or something, and we become more and more terrified. Are you afraid that something will happen - that prices will go up, that there will be a war, that you will get sick? Are you afraid that you will die? I believe we are afraid to leave this world.

This last point is in fact our destiny, and thus death and resurrection are our destiny. The question is not if but WHEN will it happen?

Easter is a time when God, in this world full of confusion, mutual accusations, hatred and confrontation, gives us signs. But what sorts of signs?

Firstly, there are positive ones, supernatural ones, where something is added to our lives and people are brought back to God. There are Eucharistic miracles, conversions, people approaching the Sacrament of Reconciliation after years and receiving Communion once again.

And then there are signs where God shows us He is still in control by the reduction of those things that go against His will – in some places in the world the number of abortions and incidents of euthanasia have decreased, or actions taken so that males can't compete in sports as females.

But what is the greatest Sign?

The most awesome and the only timeless one - the Resurrection! It all started with this. After this sign the disciples believed and began to teach, spreading the faith to all ends of the world. Take note: there is no greater sign in this world from God than the Resurrection of Jesus! It is a sign of hope, of love. But there is also power that flows from the Resurrection - energy, strength, and courage.

Therefore, in this overwhelming world full of information, news, and difficulties, let us stop for a moment and think about Jesus - as “the Way, Truth and Life” - our ultimate destiny. Let's fall in love! Let's fall in love with Him again. He alone will give us the strength to fight the evil that is around us, but also that which is within us, and that is the most difficult thing for us to defeat on our own.

Jesus is wonderful! Why? Because He gives us what we need the most. He satisfies all of our needs. Those of love, faith, prayer and relationship (both to the Almighty and to our Community). Through prayer He builds bonds in us, giving us a sense of meaning in life. He gives us supernatural graces - faith. He shows that after death something exists, that after this life there is another, and it is there that He is waiting for us, in the Father's house. He is with us in the sacraments!

Without the Cross, suffering and Resurrection, it would be difficult to live, to overcome difficulties and illnesses, carry our daily crosses, seek happiness and satisfy our needs, both physical and spiritual. Thank you, Jesus, for the miracle of the Resurrection! Saint Augustine put it beautifully:

“The season before Easter signifies the troubles in which we live here and now, while the time after Easter which we are celebrating at present signifies the happiness that will be ours in the future. What we commemorate before Easter is what we experience in this life; what we celebrate after Easter points to something we do not yet possess. This is why we keep the first season with fasting and prayer; but now the fast is over and we devote the present season to praise. Such is the meaning of the Alleluia we sing.” - St. Augustine of Hippo

Fr. Robert, SDS

**CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!**

**WE REMEMBER THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Alan Jane, Elaine Jane, Grazynka Daszczyński,  
Theresa MacDonald, Greg Cameron,  
Butch Arquines, Carmen Arquines, Lark Herbert,  
Joseph Lobo, Gabrielle Etter, Karen Lobo-Etter,  
Andy Refama, Norman Connolly



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