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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Come to Christ.

Life is perhaps God's greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate.

On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for life eternal. The wonder, love and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely, take seriously all that he has give you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn't take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way! Happy Easter!

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Readings for April 19
Acts 2: 42-47. 1 Peter 1: 3-9. Psalm 118.
John 20: 19-31-18.

APRIL 12, 2020
EASTER SUNDAY



Happy Easter! This is not the way that I would like to share with all of you the special joy of this day but in the circumstance that we find ourselves in at the present time - its all I have to give.

Holy Week is always a special time of reflection and prayer. On Palm Sunday three of us - Fathers Jude, Peter and me celebrated Mass together while practicing physical distancing. We prayed for all of you and wanted to express our gratitude for the faith that we have. Remembering Jesus' triumphant entrance into the Holy City made us aware of our need to praise Him and extol Him

Then on Monday we joined on line our Bishops who shared with us a special day of renewal. As priests we usually gather for a Day of Prayer and Reconciliation and join the Bishop in the Mass of Chrism when we recommit ourselves as priests. Bishop Joseph gave us a talk on the Priesthood and then we spent a holy hour in prayer. Then Bishop Fabbro videoed the Mass of Chrism for us so we could witness the blessing of the Holy Oils.

Holy Thursday we were invited to join on line with our Bishops the Mass of the Lord's Supper and witness the gift of the Eucharist together. Good Friday was again prayed with our Bishops from London and the three of us prayed the Passion together and reflected on this gift that we have in the passion and death of Jesus.

Easter morning we are looking forward to celebrating once again together and praying for all of you. May the Risen Lord be with you and bless your families. May we be protected in this time.

*"Mary Magdalene went and announced
to the disciples, I have seen the Lord,
and she told them that he had said
these things to her."*

May you be like Mary and tell everyone that our Lord has risen and He is the reason of life.

Happy Easter!

SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH

During these difficult times if you would consider making your church donations it would be greatly appreciated. Without our regular Sunday Masses we are without an income and our bills continue to come in. If you would consider this special appeal and would give your Sunday Offerings by either mailing them to the Office or dropping them off to our mailboxes during office hours, that would be appreciated. See further in the bulletin for other ways to donate ie. e-transfer or pre-authorized withdrawal.

EASTER SUNDAY Witness to faith

Reading I	Acts 10: 34, 37-43 (Peter's discourse)
Reading II	Colossians 3: 1-4 (mystical death and resurrection) Or Corinthians 5: 6-8 (unleavened bread of sincerity and truth)
Gospel	John 20: 1-9 (Peter and the disciples at the tomb)

Key Passage: Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in and he saw and believed. (John 20: 8)

Adult: What is your experience of resurrection in your own life or the life of you family?

Child: Jesus is with us today. How can you see him in the people around you?



MASSI INTENTIONS

During the next few weeks your Mass Intentions that have been booked will be celebrated by our three priests. This is through the directive given by Bishop Fabbro. We are not accepting new Intentions at this time.



MARCH 20 FISH FRY TICKET REFUND

If you purchased a ticket for March 20 fish fry at Blessed Sacrament and have not yet received your refund, please hold on to your ticket(s) and when we are not longer staying home, everyone will be reimbursed. The money is set aside for each ticket purchased. If anyone has any questions, please contact Carl at 519-352-8365.

BULLETINS

During this difficult time you may wonder, is the Church producing bulletins? Yes we are!! There are a few ways to get one.

1. Contact Maureen at the parish office by calling 519-352-8530 or by email stursula@dol.ca, or Michelle at the parish office at 519-352-9483 or by email at melgie@dol.ca to receive a weekly e-bulletin.

1. You can view the bulletin on the Family of Parishes website at www.ccfp.dol.ca.

2. You can stop by St. Ursula Church side door and a table is set up outside the door with a box of weekly bulletins.



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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying “so what” or “alleluia”? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of “so what.” Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.



Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don’t sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and “find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The “so what” response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn’t important to me securing my next raise.

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn’t impress us or matter all that much. It’s all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant “tomorrow” that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking “so what?” or “alleluia”?

There is only one Jesus, one mission and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn’t need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!

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Using your online banking website or app, add the parish you wish to donate to using the parish email address:

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Our Lady of Victory - ourladyv@dol.ca

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Create the e-transfer and in the comment/note area, please indicate your envelope number or your address and which fund you are donating to, such as Sunday Offertory, Easter, Building, Share Lent etc.

No password is needed as the parishes are set up for autodeposit.

CHEQUE

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St. Agnes Parish

52 Croydon St.

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CHURCH CHUCKLE



PARISH WEBSITE (www.ccfp.dol.ca)

Please check out our parish website. There are many things you can find on this website. There are links to Mass Online and tv. You will also notice a tab "Homilies/Reflections". This tab includes the daily readings, homilies from our parish priests and Gospel reflections.

DIOCESAN WEBSITE (www.dol.ca)

There is an outreach tab on the website. It is entitled "Helpful Resources for COVID-19". It includes Spiritual care, activities and online tools for families, youth and children. Plus the website includes so much more!

MASS ONLINE

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***To Everything there is a Season...
"a time to be healed..."***

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Giselda Bocchino, Donald Bulley, Deb Carr,
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Suzie Devolder, Dario Dodich, Agatha Duff,
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Jen Rumble, Sandra Sonneveld, Verna Southgate,
John Taylor, Cora Van Brunschot and
Genny Wrotkowska.

God, grant them your peace.

"a time to die..."

Please remember in your prayers all deceased relatives and parishioners especially Donald Benoit, Allan Whitehead, Antonio Ferrara, Mary and Theresa Nead.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 13 Acts 2: 14, 22-33. Matthew 28: 8-15
Apr 14 Acts 2: 36-41. John 20: 11-18
Apr 15 Acts 3: 1-10. Luke 24: 13-35
Apr 16 Acts 3: 11-26. Luke 24: 35-48
Apr 17 Acts 4: 1-12. John 21: 1-14
Apr 18 Acts 4: 13-21. Mark 16: 9-15

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan ministers: Deacon Joseph Ryu; Deacon Andrew Alway; Rev. Hoang Nguyen, O.F.M. Cap.; Catholic Health Care Workers in the Diocese of London; Rev. Charles Goakery, C.Ss.R.; Most Rev. Donald Theriault.

