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Oh blood and water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I trust in you!

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10 REASONS WE KNOW

Christ rose from the Dead

At Easter we don't celebrate a myth or a great psychological symbol. We celebrate a historical event. Easter Sunday marks the Resurrection of the Lord.

Some scholars doubt that there was a true resurrection – but they're wrong. Was there a point in history in which Jesus Christ was dead and then a point at which he was alive again? On that question, the evidence is yes, Jesus literally rose from the dead.

1: The argument from Christ's weakness.

Jesus is not presented as an all-powerful mythic figure who triumphs over foes. He looks rather weak, in fact. "Father if it is possible, let this cup pass from me," he says. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" he cries out. After the crucifixion, the apostles came back because something extraordinary happened: Their defeated leader rose from the dead.

2: The argument from the Apostles' weakness.

If the apostles were making up a religion, they didn't do it the way most founders of new religions have. They didn't make themselves look great and worthy of respect. "Far from showing us a community seized by a mystical exaltation, the Gospels present us with disciples demoralized and frightened," says the Catechism. When Jesus reveals himself to the Eleven on Easter evening, he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen."

3: The transformation of Saul.

Apart from the Twelve, we have the case of St. Paul. He went from zealous persecutor to zealous preacher after seeing Christ alive. This extraordinary transformation — from someone scandalized by the Christian message to its chief proponent — makes sense if Christ rose. But it makes no sense if he didn't. Paul returns to his personal resurrection story again and again, even when he is on trial. It fuels his faith; it makes all the difference to him. He even says "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:14). Paul bet everything on the actual Resurrection, and invited us to do the same.

4: No early Church debate.

The early Church debated many fundamentals, even the nature of the Resurrection, but not the fact of the Resurrection. In John's account, when he and Peter enter the empty tomb they "saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place." For John, the sight shows that Jesus wasn't taken away, and that he didn't rise like Lazarus did. Something new had happened.

5: The faith of the martyrs.

Christians, from the Church's first days to our own day, have been willing to die for their conviction that Christ rose from the dead. For them, the Resurrection isn't a sweet dream that they indulge in, but a hard reality they suffer and die for. "He was also truly raised from the dead, even as after the same manner his Father will so raise up us who believe in him by Christ Jesus," said the martyr Ignatius. He was torn apart by lions in the year 108 for believing that. Polycarp held similar beliefs, and was also martyred in 155 for his beliefs.

~ Next week: Reasons 6-10 ~

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 28, 2019

Save the Date



Gala Dinner Dance
Saturday, October 26, 2019

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Monday, April 29, 2019 – St. Brother André CHS Chapel

9:00 a.m. Available

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 – St. Brother André CHS Chapel

9:00 a.m. Available

Friday, May 3, 2019 – St. Brother André CHS

8:30 a.m. Available

Mass is celebrated in the morning today due to a PA Day

Saturday, May 4, 2019 – St. Brother André CHS

5:00 p.m. † Pasquale Bruni

Sunday, May 5, 2019 – St. Brother André CHS

10:00 a.m. Pro Populo

12:00 p.m. † Giovanni & Rina Buttazzoni

† Lucienne Jayasekera

† Gregorio Gonzales



Kindergarten

2019-20 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

The Parish Elementary Schools are taking registrations for the Junior Kindergarten program for September 2019. Applications can be completed on-line @ www.ycdsb.ca OR contact your school for information. Children must be four years of age by December 31, 2019. The following **ORIGINAL** documents are required at the time of registration:

- An original Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (parent or child)
- Birth Certificate - Proof of Age
- Proof of legal immigration status in Canada (if applicable)
- Two proofs of Residency (Driver's License **NOT** Accepted)
- Proof of English Separate School Support (MPAC Notice of Assessment OR forms completed from the registration pkg).

"If a soul loves God sincerely and is intimately united with Him, then, even though such a soul may be living in the midst of difficult external circumstances, nothing can disturb its interior life".

Diary of St. Faustina – Meditations of a Wounded Soul



Archdiocesan Family Festival

Saturday, June 22, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 4260 Cawthra Road, Mississauga

Celebrate the gift of family and grow in the faith through prayer. Join us for a family-friendly day of inspirational talks from Cardinal Collins and families, prayer, praise and worship, Mass, and hands-on activities. Tickets are \$35 per family (any size) and includes lunch and snacks. Grandparents welcome. For more information, please call 416-934-3400 ext. 523. Registration opens May 1, 2019. Register at: www.archtoronto.org/family.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE



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MARCH FOR LIFE PARLIAMENT HILL THURSDAY, MAY 9TH, 2019

Thousands of Canadians will gather at our nation's capital to send a clear message to all our elected officials: respect and protect human life made in God's image. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the passage of a law that unleashed a 50-year-long assault on human life through abortion on demand. The injustice needs to end. Each and every human being has the right to life from the time of conception until natural death. We march to encourage our pro-life lawmakers, to embolden them, and to show them that we will support them in creating a true culture of life in Canada. Buses are being organized by St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus Council. Through their generous subsidy the cost per person is **only \$15**. Sign-up and information sheets will be available in the atrium of the school for the next two weekends.



Living the Gospel by Welcoming Newcomers to Canada

Rashida endured years of domestic abuse while living in Egypt. Fearing her husband would abuse their children, she successfully applied for refugee status in Canada. Rashida arrived in Toronto, not knowing the language, what to do, or who could help. Fortunately, she met an Arabic speaker who told her about Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS). CCS helped her navigate the immigration process and access the resources she needed. "CCS saved my life," Rashida says. "Today I have money of my own, an apartment, and my children are finally safe and happy." **Next Sunday, May 5 is ShareLife Sunday.**

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