

Good News Reflection: How to continue the Easter experience

How well do we live the Easter experience in our daily lives? We are an Easter people, because we know and celebrate that Jesus has risen from the dead. And yet, we're not always shouting, "Hallelujah!" We don't always feel like celebrating -- not in our worship nor outside the church where our joy could influence people toward faith in Jesus.

It's hard to feel like the Good Friday experience of carrying our crosses has really ended. This Sunday's second reading describes what the Easter experience is supposed to feel like: We should rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy. But how does that happen?

The attitude of joy does not come from reaching the end of our cross-like burdens. Rather, it comes from knowing that Christ's death and resurrection have overcome our crosses, and by uniting ourselves to his life, we are victorious even before we see the battle end.

Furthermore, it comes from knowing that we have the ultimate victory -- eternal life in God's abundant love -and we know that this gift is "imperishable, undefiled, and unfading" and that it's being safeguarded by the power of God because, by choosing to have faith in Christ, we have accepted the gift in advance.

This joy-from-knowing is the true definition of "hope". Hope isn't wishful thinking. Hope means celebrating what is certainly going to happen before it happens.

Some Catholics say that they're afraid they might lose their salvation because they don't trust themselves to stay close to Jesus always. They're afraid that something will tempt them to turn away from Jesus between now and the hour of death. If you worry about this, let me ask you: During times of suffering, do you reject God or run to him?

Even when we get angry at him, we're actually very close to him. We're angry because we believe in him and trust him and he seems to be disappointing us. This is a normal part of the Christian life: Our faith is purified by our trials. To embrace life as an Easter people, we must learn to remember that our sufferings are temporary and that someday we will enter into eternal joy. This is what we celebrate even while carrying our crosses

Questions for Personal Reflection: In what ways has God apparently disappointed you? What is he doing -- or not doing -- that's upsetting you? How is this increasing your closeness to him, even if it feels like he's silent and distant?

| Upcoming Eucharist Celebrations ************************************ | | | | | |
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| Sat. | Apr.15 | 10 Tatagwa | Terry Giroux + | | |
| | | 5 PM | Julian Goski + | | |
| | | 7 PM St Marys | Joe & Florence Ball + | | |
| Sun. | Apr.16 | 9 AM Mass | Jeanette Klock + | | |
| | | 5 PM | Bernie & Alice Kot Int. | | |
| Mon. | Apr.17 | No Mass | | | |
| Tues. | Apr.18 | 6:30 PM | Caroline Marcotte + | | |
| Wed. | Apr.19 | 9 AM | Anthony Matthews + | | |
| Thur. | Apr.20 | 9 AM Mass | Julian Goski + | | |
| | | 10 Parkway | Ron & Karen Greenslade Int. | | |
| Fri. | Apr.21 | 12:10pm Mass | Joe & Florence Ball + | | |
| | | 9:30 AM | St. Michael School Mass | | |
| Sat. | Apr.22 | 10 Tatagwa | Harry & Iris Wing + | | |
| | | 5 PM Mass | Charles & Betty Simon + | | |
| | | 7 PM St Marys | Anthony Matthews+ | | |
| Sun. | Apr.23 | 9 AM Mass | Roger Marcotte + | | |
| | | 11 AM Mass | Thanksgiving | | |



CWL Sunday is the Sunday closest to The Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel, April 26th. This year it will be

celebrated the weekend of April 22nd, Apr.23rd. St. Vincent de Paul CWL will provide some of the ministries at all 3 Masses. St. Vincent de Paul CWL supports many local, provincial, national and international charities. We meet the third Tuesday of each month from September through June. Involvement with the Catholic Women's League is both rewarding and enjoyable. We invite all Catholic women over the age of 16 to share their gifts and make a difference by joining us. If you are interested in becoming a CWL member, please contact Wendy Pitre at 306-861-3473. We will be hosting a Reception of New Members in May and would love to include you.



Get ready for our Volunteer Appreciation Supper on Friday, Apr. 21, at McKenna Hall. Social will start at 5:30, Supper at 6:00 pm. Parish Pastoral Council, Father Valentine and Angelo want to show everyone who volunteers in any way, big or small, how much your service to the Parish is appreciated and how much you are all valued and loved! Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church and McKenna Hall. Deadline for sign-up is April 18.



Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the blessings in our lives; for the very world in which we live and for the health and strength you have bestowed upon us. The suffering Christ endured provided lealing and power over illness. Lord, direct that healing toward our loved ones who suffer and who believe that you can and will restore them to full health. We call them by name: Linda Tosczak, Lynne Garner, Benedict Vinck, Larry Stadler, Pat Benning and all those facing an illness or any life's struggles. Our condolences to the family and friends of Jerry Piwowarski. The thoughts and prayers of

your church family are with you.



CWL: Please join us at our Brunch and Bake Sale on Sunday, May 7th from **10am -1pm** for a delicious brunch and to stock your freezer with some tantalizing

goodies! Brunch prices: Adults: \$15, 6-12 years: \$8, 5 & under: Free. Baking will be kindly accepted from all CWL members and parishioners.

The baking can be left at the hall on Saturday, May 6th, from 1pm to 3pm, or before 9am on Sunday, May 7th. We are very appreciative of your support!

St. Vincent de Paul Annual General Meeting;

Scheduled for May 28, 2023. It will be held at Lower McKenna Hall, beginning after the 11am Mass and will start with a lunch at 12 pm followed by the meeting. Please submit reports by May 15.



The St. Vincent de Paul Religious Articles Shop recently received new stock, including several gift items for First Eucharist and Confirmation. We will have our Spring Lobby Sales on Sunday April 30th, Saturday May 27th, and Sunday May 28th. Items can also be purchased through the Church

during regular office hours.

Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please fill out a New Parishioner form at your earliest convenience. The forms are located on a table in the foyer! As well, if any parishioner has changed their address, phone number etc., please inform the office.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" John 20:19. Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.



<u>A Huge Thank You:to all</u> the ministries who worked so many hours to make our Easter services meaningful and fulfilling for everyone. Especially Father Valentine, the music, decorating, acolytes, hospitality, readers, counters and more! Also thank you to Deacon Leo Gulikers who has been a great help to Father Valentine and our parish.



Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

The Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation Committee is organizing a special celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, starting at 2pm. We with Adoration begin will and Reconciliation, followed bv the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song at 3pm. Father Valentine will make special remarks for the occasion, as

well as be open to Q&A. We will conclude with Mass at 5pm. Neighbouring priests from around the deanery will be assisting with Reconciliation. Referring to Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus told St. Faustina, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened." (Diary 699). Everyone welcome!



The Catholic Perspective on Paul: Paul and the origins of Catholic Christianity Vol 2 by Taylor Marshall. How did Paul's background as a Rabbi inform his message? Did Paul teach that we are justified by faith alone? Was Paul a priest, a bishop, or

something else? Find the answers to these questions as well the Judaic origins to our Catholic beliefs on the Eucharist, human sexuality, purgatory, Reconciliation, the role of good works, and more. Now available in the Parish Library. Pro Libris!

Things to think about: Evangelization

Evangelizing with the Divine Mercy. Using the image of the Merciful Savior is a powerful tool in evangelizing. One can wear a lapel pin or carry a prayer card in a pocket. People will notice and ask about it, thus giving us an opportunity to spread the Good News of God's mercy and explain the vision St. Faustina had of Jesus. We can explain the meaning of the Image; that Jesus is the High Priest, extending His blessing of peace to the world, that He extends to us His forgiveness and His mercy that His left hand extends to His Heart for refuge which is the source of all Mercy. The Blood and Water that gush forth symbolizes the Sacraments of Baptism, Confession and Holy Eucharist. Jesus used His signature, "Jesus I trust in You", to show us the importance of this signing. It's like a contract. We pledge our trust in Jesus in all circumstances of our lives. By repeating these words we are reaffirming our willingness to keep our part of the covenant, so that He can pour out His Mercy on all of us.



The CWL is asking for Help from All <u>Parishioners.</u> Seven families have come from the Ukraine this week! These families often arrive with only the clothes on their

backs. They will be in need of the basics of life plus furniture, dishes bedding etc. Anything you can contribute will be very much appreciated. Call Fran Messer at 306-861-6900 to donate.

| Stewardship of Time & Talent - April 15 & 16 | | | | | | |
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| | Saturday 5 PM | Sunday 9 AM | Sunday 5 PM | | | |
| Readers | Lloyd Zyla | Pat Wolensky Stewart Ferguson | Ingri Roman | | | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Mary Janeczko Betty Van Staveren | Susan Kot Jean Woodard | Shirley Mondor Sheldon LeBlanc | | | |
| Acolytes | Bruno Tuchscherer Zeus Hinlayagan | Aime Isabey Ron Klein | Ken LeBlanc Chimdalu Ejiofor | | | |
| Power Point | Charlie Ernst Roberto Roman | Gerry Langlois | Kamsi Ejiofor Jennifer Woodard | | | |
| Children's Liturgy | | | Cancelled | | | |
| Hospitality | Yvonne Dzuba Jim Wanner Margaret &Bruno Tuchscherer | Roseanne Mantei Willie & Adele Nimegeers Betty Herlick Audrey Michel | Judy & Mel VanBetuw Gordon Rutten Calvin & Danette Tracey | | | |
| Counters | Joanne Babiarz, Wendy Pitre, C | Christie McKenzie | | | | |
| CWL | Stewardship of Ti | ne & Talent - April 22 & | 23 CWL | | | |
| | Saturday 5 PM | Sunday 9 AM | Sunday 11 AM | | | |
| Readers | Wendy Sidloski Joan Marcotte-Davies | Wendy Pitre Claire Kuhn | Karen Sidloski Marga Cugnet | | | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Wendy Sidloski | Yvonne Kerr Jean Woodard | Elaine Nielsen Yvette Bauche Judy VanBetuw | | | |
| Acolytes | Stella Hoffart Ken Beroy Kurt Beroy | Don Bohn Frank Porte | Stella Hoffart Gordon Rutten Haroun Matthews | | | |
| Power Point | | | Val Wing | | | |
| Children's Liturgy | | | Jade | | | |
| Hospitality | Mary Ann Flaaten Heather Fellner Pat Wolensky | Eveline Porte Josie Klein | Loretta Benning Tiffany Bohn Fran Messer | | | |
| Counters | Harry Plemel, Nick Coroluick, | Terry Biss | • | | | |
| Parish Council Members: Chair - Marga Cugnet, Sarah Ayeri, Brenda Kosior, Jim Wanner, Wendy Sidloski, Deanery Rep Pat Wolensky, Secretary – Val Wing, Parish Finance Chairperson – Pamela Haupstein CWL Rep. Judy VanBetuw K of C Rep. Aime Isabey/Richard Wick, SAAF-Camille Goski K of C Weyburn Council #1731: Grand Knight Richard Wick (306)891-9370 or richard.wick@sasktel.net K of C Bishop Klein Assembly #1526: Faithful Navigator Ron Klein – (306)861-3134 or ron.klein@sasktel.net Weyburn K of C Meetings: (SeptJune) Exec & Directors – 2nd Tuesday of the month, Gen Mtg. – 4th Tuesday of the month CWL President: Judy Van Betuw (861-3241) CWL Meetings: (Sept. – June) Exec Mtg. – 2nd Tuesday of month Gen Mtg. – 3rd Tuesday of month | | | | | | |
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| Sacraments: Baptism and Reconciliation – Contact the parish office Matrimony – Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior | | | | | | |
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