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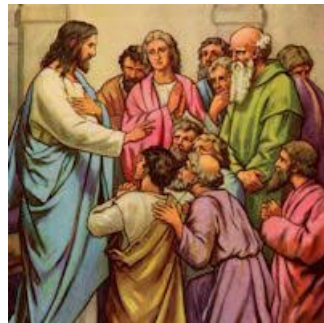
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Third Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021 Year B



Of the fact of the resurrection we can have no doubts; Christianity is inexplicable without it, and Christianity has existed for almost two thousand years. A more important point for consideration today is what this resurrection means to us. "If Christ has not risen," says St. Paul (1 Cor. 15:17), "vain is your faith, for you are still in your sins." But "Christ has risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." Our faith then is not in vain, for the founder and foundation of our faith is the Word of God who cannot deceive or be deceived, and his resurrection is the guarantee of our resurrection. He is the "first fruits," the earnest of the full harvest that was to follow after our earthly death. We shall all rise again,

in glory if we have been faithful during our time on earth, in a less pleasant state, if we have not followed Christ here below.

Human life has always been the great enigma for philosophers down through the ages. The resurrection of Christ, which causes and guarantees our resurrection, is the one and only explanation of that enigma. If death were the end of man, with all his gifts of intellect and will; if the grave were to enclose forever this noble being whom God has raised above all other earthly creatures and has endowed with super-mundane gifts and aspirations, then indeed man's sojourn on earth would be an inexplicable enigma. But the gifts God gave to man were not simply to help him to make a precarious living and enjoy a fleeting happiness, interspersed with much sadness, for sixty, seventy or even a hundred years. No, they were intended to last for eternity and to reach their real fruition in eternity.

Gesù, venendo nel mondo, aveva come scopo ultimo della sua vita la salvezza dell'umanità. Per questo, oltre che preoccuparsi di operare la salvezza degli uomini per mezzo della sua passione, morte e risurrezione, provvide a far giungere la salvezza a tutti i popoli della terra per mezzo dell'opera della Chiesa. A tale scopo, fin dall'inizio della sua vita pubblica, si scelse dei discepoli perché stessero con lui, perché, vivendo con lui, seguendo i suoi esempi e le sue istruzioni, fossero formati per diventare suoi testimoni qualificati tra le genti. Gesù li formò innanzitutto alla sottomissione alla volontà del Padre, cioè all'amore della croce e allo svuotamento di se stessi (Mt 16,24-25) e li consacrò alla salvezza delle anime (Gv 17,18-20). Apparendo ai suoi apostoli, dopo la sua risurrezione, Gesù completò la formazione e l'insegnamento dato ai suoi discepoli; rivelando loro la verità del Vangelo, dette una pratica dimostrazione della realtà della vita eterna. Aprì in tal modo le loro menti alla comprensione delle Scritture e dei suoi insegnamenti, per renderli suoi testimoni autentici (cf. At 2,21-22), perché per mezzo loro la sua salvezza arrivasse a tutti gli uomini. Ogni cristiano oggi è chiamato a diventare un testimone autentico di Gesù, rivivendo in se stesso il mistero pasquale. La sua formazione cristiana è completa quando la sua vita si apre generosamente all'opera di evangelizzazione e di salvezza dei fratelli. (lachsia.it)

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, Judiel Teodoro, John Markis, Kathy Romanow, Leanne Branchflower, Carmela Bovezza, Giovanna Gamberale, Elda Taranto, Maurizio Pierazzi, Vanessa Borg, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann, Claudia Iuele., Lorraine, Patricia, David, Paliaga Family, Peta Wright, Danilo Surio, Adam

Recently deceased: Stella Micaleff, Concetta Rizzo, Phyllis Flood, Rosina Careri, Maria Loronzetto, Oswaldó Dinopol, Plácido Reytomas

We pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Grazia, Rocco, and, Antonio Rosella, Raimondo Ruiú, Piero Ruiú, Paolo Failla, Gaetano Rosaria, Giovanni Caruso, Salvatore, Antonio, Elisabetta & Sebastiana Santisi, Salvatore Ragusa, Angelina Pace, Maria Lamonaca, Carmelo Lamonaca, Laura Maria Zoanetti, Angelo and Loreta Buttigeg and Family, Frank and Carmen Debono and Family, Michele Malarbi, Agostino Casalbuono, Margaret Tomarchio

We especially pray for all the deceased whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Rosters for weekend masses April 24/25

Lectors:

Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm : J. George
 Sunday 9.00 am : L. Iaria

Special ministers:

Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm: B. Gauci
 Sunday 9.00 am : T. Scicluna

Bus drivers: Saturday 6.00 pm : B. Tajhano

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; 10.30 (Italian mass)

Sacraments

For public school children, in Grade 3 or above, wishing to receive the sacraments, please contact Anna Proud on 0402741258

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Joke of the week

In New York City, a man is going to jump off the building. Up rushes good Irish cop to talk him down. Cop yells up to the man "Don't jump! Think of your father" Man replies "Haven't got a father; I'm going to jump." The cop goes through a list of relatives, mother, brothers, sister, etc. Each time man says "haven't got one; going to jump." Desperate the cop yells up "Don't jump! Think of the Blessed Virgin" Man replies "Who is that?" Cop yells "Jump, Protestant! You're blocking traffic!" (<http://www.jokes4us.com>)

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