

St. Joseph's Basilica Livestream

Live-streamed liturgies from St. Joseph's Basilica on the Grandin Media site at grandinmedia.ca/livestream.

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Holy Thursday, April 9

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Livestreamed from St. Joseph's Basilica at 7 p.m.

The Mass will not include the usual ritual of the washing of feet or the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the Tabernacle.

Good Friday, April 10

Livestreamed from St. Joseph's Basilica at 3 p.m.

The Passion of the Lord will be celebrated on this day, and the liturgy will include special prayers for those in distress, the sick, and the dead.

Holy Saturday, April 11

Livestreamed from St. Joseph's Basilica at 8 p.m.

The blessing of the fire does not take place, but the Easter Candle will be lit. This liturgy includes the renewal of Baptismal Promises. The Sacraments of Initiation are postponed until medical directives relative to the pandemic indicate it would be safe to celebrate them.

Easter Sunday, April 12

Livestreamed from St. Joseph's Basilica at 10:30 a.m.

We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. Special prayers will be said for those affected by the current pandemic, for our religious and government leaders, and for the dead.

Reconciliation is by appointment following the standards suggested by the Archdiocese. Call the parish office.



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HE IS RISEN

"The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has been raised, as He said.'"

Matthew 28: 5-6



A BLESSED HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE

April 12, 2020

**Easter Message from our Pastor
St. Agnes/St. Anthony's Parishes**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The resurrection of Christ is the basis of our faith and the existence of the Church. In his first letter to the Corinthians St. Paul says: If Christ has not risen, your faith & our preaching would be useless. (I Cor.15). The subject of the preaching of the apostles was the Risen Lord.

It is guaranteed that our life will not be finished with this world, but it has to resurrect and get united with God. So the resurrection of Jesus gives us the hope in the life after death. The resurrection of Jesus has removed hopelessness & fear of disciples. And it proves that God is faithful in His promises.

At the time of Easter Vigil, we light the candle as the symbol of Christ. In the Gospel of St. John, the light has a deeper meaning. The light symbolizes Jesus Christ. The darkness symbolizes the king of evil, the Satan. When we accept Jesus and His message and believe in Jesus, we enter into light. Jesus tells I am the light of the World. If anyone follows me will have the light of Life. When we reject Jesus and accept darkness & Satan and we are in the process of death. God has given us the freedom to choose life or death. By our decision we select our plight.

Alexander the Great went to Corinth, to see the great philosopher, Diogenes of Sinope. Alexander was surprised to meet him and requested him to ask for a favour. Diogenes asked him, "Give me a little of immortality." Alexander the Great remained helpless.

Man's search for immortality is as old as the history of the humanity. In the Biblical accounts of creation we read that Satan tempted Eve with the promise that if she eat the fruit of the prohibited tree, she would become like God. Eve could not resist that offer and temptation. She conveniently forgotten God's command to become like God.

God's Son came among us to make us eternal - to make us children of God. The Feast of Easter invites us to walk always in the light of Risen Christ.

God the father has glorified and raised Jesus, as Jesus glorified the father by fulfilling the plan of God, that is, by his suffering and death on the cross to save us. When he died on the Cross, the plan of God was fulfilled and the God the Father was glorified by the Son. As a result, God the Father has raised Jesus from the dead. God the Father never allowed the death to overpower His son. Likewise, if we seek the will of God and try to realize it in our lives, God will never allow our lives to be finished by this earthly life. He will grant us eternal life.

Our celebration of Easter should encourage us to take part in the resurrection of Christ. In our life, often we are enslaved by sin or evil. It is the time to find them out in the light of Christ and root them out, so that we may experience the resurrection & liberation in our lives. It is the most meaningful way of celebrating of Easter.

The resurrection of Jesus opens the horizons of freedom, as Jesus is not conditioned and limited by this world. It is the real freedom of the Children of God. For them what matters is, to live always in the presence of God. During his public ministry, Jesus has stated that I am the light of the world & I am the resurrection & the life. Those who believe in me will live forever. Those who eat my body will live forever. Jesus has raised Lazarus after his death. He has raised the son of a widow at Naim.

We are living in a very difficult situation caused by COVID-19. Many people were infected with this virus and many died. World economy is toppled. People are worried and anxious. Government and medical systems are trying all possible ways to protect and save the people.

Once more we are experiencing the helplessness and limitedness of human. It is time to be united to overcome this life threatening challenge. As Easter gives us the hope that evil can not prevail over Good and Darkness can not overpower the Light, the present threat to our health and life can be overcome by the Grace of God and with at most discipline of life. It is an important time to turn to God and ask for His mercy up on all humanity and heal the world.

Today we need help of the Risen Lord to rise from our human limitations, weaknesses, worries and sadness. Hence, let us invite Jesus into our lives to alleviate all kinds of darkness. Let his light enlighten us. I assure you all my prayers.

Wish you all a Blessed Easter. May the risen Lord be with you always.

Fr. Varghese Mundavelil
Pastor

Announcements:

- Parish Office is closed on Holy Thursday, April 9th, Good Friday, April 10 & Easter Monday, April 13th.
- For Funerals contact the parish office @ 780-432-0611.