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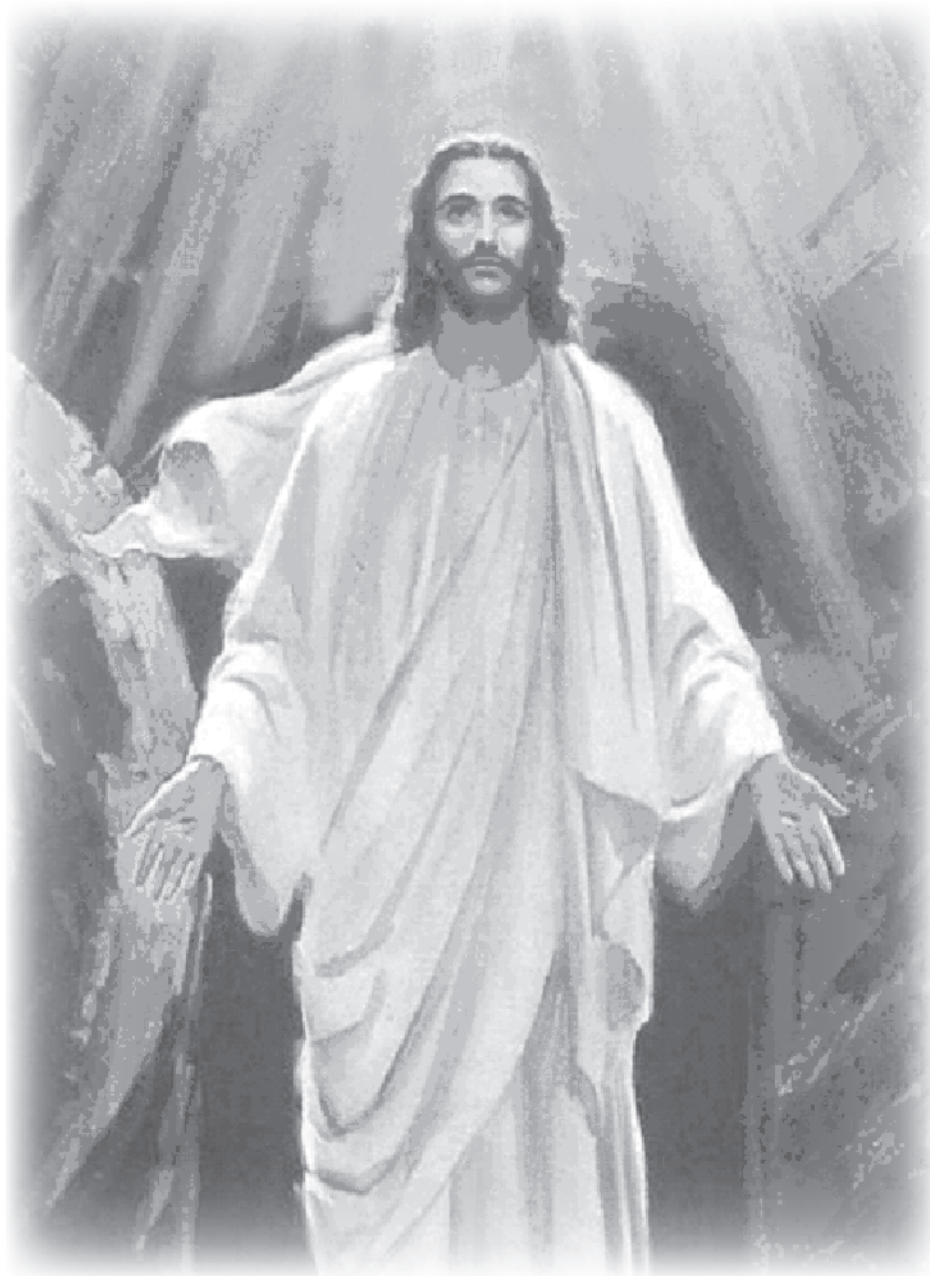
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Christ is Risen!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

57 - 4

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Apr	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
1 9am	NO MASS	
2 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Divine Mercy	Incoronata Ambrosini
3 Wed, 9am	All deceased members of the Raffaello Family	Incoronata Ambrosini
4 Thurs, 9am	Thanksgiving – Rico Beltran	Yvette Beltran
5 1 st Fri 9am 6pm 7pm	Thanksgiving – Monica Sigue Holy Hour Prayer for comfort – Joseph Kim In honour of St Joseph & All Saints Thanksgiving Wedding anniversary - Erwin & Maireez Centeno Melanio & Francesca Macarayan +	Bella Celestial Helena Lee Lella Monica Sigue Teresita Macarayan
6 Sat 9am	All Parishioners Thanksgiving – Holy Saints & Spirit Thanksgiving – St Michael Raymond Stanley Williams + Ralph Koch + 5pm Birthday Thanksgiving – Mary Anne & Kuelmaine Joy Incoronata Ambrosini Incoronata Ambrosini Teresita Macarayan Mercedes Lopez Myrna Ramos
7 9am	Gerry Boudreau +	Karin Doumouras
11 am	Vincent D'Souza	D'Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
Easter Sunday
 Gospel: John 20.1-18++ – *The Resurrection of Jesus*

Recognizing the Risen Lord

Rejoice, the Lord is risen, truly He is risen! Today is the Solemnity of Solemnities, the most holy day in the Church's calendar. Let us take a moment to rejoice in the glory of the resurrection. These past forty days we've been preparing for this great feast where we will be met with the risen Christ. However, let us ask ourselves, how often do we fail to recognize Him in our daily lives?

In the Gospel today, we hear the account of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene. Mary is face-to-face with Jesus risen from the dead and yet she didn't recognize Him. She has spent the last couple years of her life following Him and now she cannot even identify Him as the man before her. While we may be quick to judge Mary, we should remember that Christ makes Himself present to us in countless ways that we often don't perceive.

One way that Jesus comes to us is through our neighbour. St. Teresa of Calcutta says "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus." This Easter, let us rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and seek to find Him in our neighbours. The same way that we would run to serve Christ, let us serve Christ dwelling in those around us and fully live out our call of stewardship.

Summary

These past forty days we've been preparing for this great feast where we will be met with the risen Christ yet how often do we fail to recognize Him in our daily lives? St. Teresa of Calcutta believes that we encounter Jesus through our neighbour as she says "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him." This Easter, let us rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and seek to find and serve Him in our neighbour by being good stewards

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every Tuesday to Friday after the 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. in the Church **except on holidays.**

Let us pray for the sick



We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the "forgotten members" in our community.

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*



**Holy Cross Church Restoration Project
Spring 2024**

In preparation for the 100th Anniversary of
the Parish

Important Notice

As planned, our Restoration Project is set to start next month, with the re-painting of the interior of the church, re-carpeting, followed by ventilation and air-conditioning, and the repositioning of the Tabernacle from the north side of the church to the center of the sanctuary, and cleaning of the Mosaic walls.

Painting-Altar & main worship; all walls, ceilings, beams, trims and baseboards. Front entrance hallway. Side entrance hallway & stairwell to basement level. Room leading into the side hallway & room across from the altar. All stain doors will be lightly sanded and clear coat with polyurethane.

Re-carpeting-uninstalling church seats & reinstalling after carpet replacement. Removal & disposal of existing carpet. Removal of 250 linear feet of shoe molds on baseboards. Reinstalling new MDF shoe molds on baseboards. Installing new commercial grade carpet.

Air-conditioning

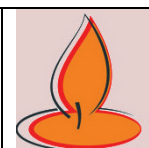
Repositioning of Tabernacle.

The painting and re-carpeting is scheduled to commence on **April 2**, and is estimated to be completed by **July 31, 2024 (hopefully)**. During this period, the church will remain closed for re-painting / re-carpeting purposes. **Starting Apr 2, Tuesday - regular mass services will be held at the basement hall. The front door will be closed for the time being and until further notice. 2 entrances going to the church; side door (Cosburn) & side door (Donlands) going to the garden.**

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work towards creating a better & comfortable environment, beautiful church for all of us. We will continue to share regular status updates. Thank you for your support during this restoration process. You can donate by either cash/cheque or you can donate online through Holy Cross Parish website. Thank you very much for your support and may the grace of the almighty be with each one of us as we undertake this transformative endeavor.



Our SOUP NIGHT event was successful. Special thanks to the organizing team **CWL**, and to everyone who helped and participated. As they say ***"Soup is like a family. Each ingredient enhances the others; each batch has its own characteristics; and it needs time to simmer to reach full flavor."***



The Special Devotion Candle
In memory of Mrs Marsh
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as requested by: Claudette Wilson
Mar 26 to Apr 2

Special Devotion Candle (Sanctuary Lamp in the Tabernacle) is available to burn for your intention for one week for \$20.00. Please call the parish office to book your lamp.



Fr. Godofredo "Freddy" Claudio

Easter Message 2024

We greet you all a blessed EASTER! WE rejoice with the whole of humanity and all creation in the Risen Lord who is HOPE!

St Augustine wrote: **"And He departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and there find Him. For he departed and behold, He is here!"**

Easter is the affirmation and celebration that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Easter confirms that the resurrection of Jesus is also our rising to new life. Jesus is our resurrection.

The resurrection is not a return to human earthly life, a life still subject to evil and destruction. The life that the Risen Christ now possesses is God's very life. That is why He will not die again. Sin has no more power over him. In Jesus the Risen One, we are assured that God was, is and will be victorious over sinfulness, viciousness, wickedness, corruption and violence.

Yes, we suffer as we have our Good Friday. We are betrayed and abandoned. There are pain and problems. There are hardship and suffering. We experience tragedies. We encounter crises. We face death.

But we know that before us, Jesus underwent all these terrible things. We know that Jesus overcame all these human afflictions. But the Risen Christ is our Hope!

So we have to turn and trust Jesus, to raise our will spirit to God. Easter promises us new life as Jesus has won for us. With the resurrection of Jesus, we have redemption. We can now return to the Father. We have been reconciled with Him. We are saved!

Let us then embrace/start a new beginning, another chance, and fresh opportunities. Our lives are now full of hope, full of meaning and love. Yes, God is with us. His grace is upon us.

Let us accept the invitation of Easter: to live a life of hope, of fidelity to God, and a total commitment to His divine plan. Let us together walk the way of Jesus, and leave behind the darkness of grief and doubts.

Let us then reflect and find hope, meaning and inspiration from St. Paul in his letter to the Romans: **"By this Baptism in His cross, we were buried with Christ and as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we begin walking in a new life. It was an image of His death when we are grafted in Him, and so we will also share in His Resurrection."**

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!

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