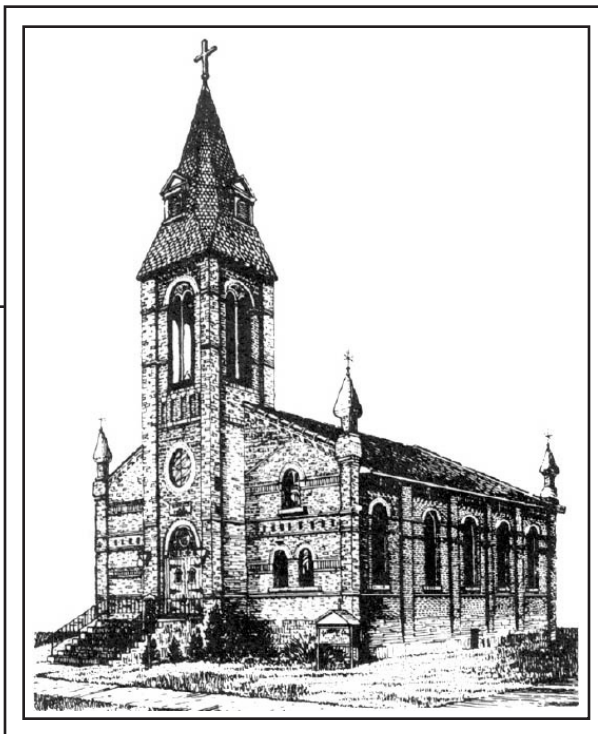


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PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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SOME GOOD QUESTIONS

There are many questions we Catholics have over the things we say in our creeds and in what we pray in the Mass. Some of these we get to pondering and perhaps even wonder whether we are the only ones who don't know the answer to the baffling query we have about an article of faith or a statement expressive of our belief. The following are two questions I have heard people asking.

Why do we say in the Creed that Jesus “rose *again* from the dead...”? Doesn't the word “again” suggest that He rose before?



This is a very good question and not only well worth asking but also worth knowing about.

In English, the word ‘again’ often means a repeat of a previously committed act, something we’ve done repeatedly. If I say that I had been to the fair last night and I intend to “go back again” tonight, the ‘again’ refers to a repeat of what I did yesterday. But Jesus didn’t

rise before or at any earlier time, so why use the word ‘again’ instead of just saying, “On the third day He rose...”?

If you remember the one hit wonder from the band Chumbawamba from a few decades ago called *Tubthumping*, you might remember the following lyrics,

“I get knocked down but I get up again...

You are never going to keep me down”.

The word ‘again’ found in the song doesn’t necessarily suggest that the singer has been knocked down before, in fact, the ‘again’ could refer to the man returning to the state he was in before he got knocked down. ‘He would only need to have been knocked down once to be able to still use the word ‘again’. In the same way, Jesus didn’t rise at previous times but the ‘again’ clearly refers to His return to the way He was before He was crucified. He was alive, then dead, and rose from the dead and is alive ‘again’. So, Jesus rose again in return to His previous state of being.

Another good question is

If the Catholic Church holds that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, had no other children and, therefore, remained a Virgin, how come scripture says that “she gave birth to her first-born son”?



Again, in our use of the English language, we might assume that the word ‘first’ automatically means that there may have been other subsequent children, but this is not always so. When we used the word ‘first’ to refer to First Communion, for example, it implies that the first Communion of a child or adult will be followed by a life-long series of receiving Communion, (which,

sadly, isn’t always the case). But the word ‘first’ when taken in the opposite direction can also refer not to things that

have followed by things that have come before and therefore to the fact that Mary had never given birth to a child before she conceived and gave birth to the Son of God, Jesus.

Obviously, when we put together the scriptures of the Old Testament, which speak of the coming Son of Man, the Suffering Servant, the Messiah, they all refer to God’s plan of saving His people, ultimately by sending His own Son into the world as Messiah and Saviour. Mary conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit – an extraordinary event that had never come before or since to any woman of the earth, but was first conceived in her mother’s womb free from the stain of sin. Therefore, no one could ever hold that Jesus was conceived like all humans and therefore knew sin. His Blessed Mother was protected by God’s design and will from having or knowing sin so that her Son would be brought into the world the pure and clean vessel that He was, for He is “God from God”.

Also, if Mary had other children after she gave birth to Jesus, then why was she not commended to them by Jesus from the Cross? Instead, He said to John: “Behold your Mother”. And the scripture records that from that day on Mary lived with John the disciple of Jesus. Mary would live with her children upon the death of her Son, Jesus and not with one of her Son’s co-workers. But as there were no other children, Mary is commended to an Apostle who represents both priesthood and the Church and John, as representative of both, was commended to Jesus’ Mother, Mary. Mary is our mother too.

So, ‘first-born’ refers to Mary never having had a child before Jesus and the Church holds, and with good and sound reason, that she never had any others after Jesus.

(Fr. Charles)

Never assume that those who have died just simply went to heaven because we love them. Our love and care for them should move us to continually pray for them and all the souls in purgatory, that place and time of cleansing.

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

O Divine Heart of Jesus,

I ask You to grant eternal rest to the souls in Purgatory, the final grace of salvation to those who shall die today, true repentance to sinners,

the light of faith to unbelievers, and Your goodness, blessings, and favors to me and to all my loved ones.

To You, O most compassionate Heart of Jesus, I commend these souls.

(Here state the names of your departed loved ones)

I offer You, on their behalf,

all the graces granted for deeds of holiness, love and sacrifice, together with the spiritual merits of Your most Holy Mother Mary,

and of all the saints and angels,

and all the sacrifices of the Holy Mass, Communions, prayers and good works,

which shall be accomplished today throughout the world. Amen.



MASS *SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS*

Tuesday Nov 14 th 7:00pm	+Ken Buchan Requested by Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Wednesday Nov 15 th 8:30am	+Mary Jobst Requested by Nancy & Vince Massa
Thursday Nov 16 th 8:30am	+Fanny & Ovidio Jaramillo Requested by Jacqueline & Terry Wong
Friday Nov 17 th 7:30pm 8:30am	Holy Hour +Jackie Massa Requested by Nancy & Vince Massa
Saturday Nov 18 th 3:30pm 4:30pm	Confessions +Teresa & John Dooley Requested by the Family
Sunday Nov 19 th 9:00am 11:00am	For the People Intentions of the Guerrero Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Gwen Collard, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, Teresa & Feliks Kosierb, Mary Little, Elizabeth Pavilsa

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

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MISSALS

Missals are available for purchase in the little store at the back of the church, or from the parish office. The cost is \$7.00. Please put money in the box provided. Thank You.

SENIOR WISH

This Christmas Senior Wish are resuming their *Bags of Love* Campaign for seniors who reside in long-term care and in the community who would otherwise not receive gifts.



Also, if anyone would like to adopt a senior please contact the office and I will pass the information along. St. Mary's will be putting a drop-off box in between the hall and the church for the month of November to support Senior Wish. A list of items will be on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to help a senior.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection Next Weekend Nov 18th & 19th for the Shepherds Trust.

WE REMEMBER ALL SOULS MASSES

If you would like to remember your "loved ones" in the Masses through the month of November please pick-up an offering envelope at the front of the church, fill it out and put it in the basket provided, there is also a book of remembrance to sign.



St Vincent DePaul Society

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Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

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