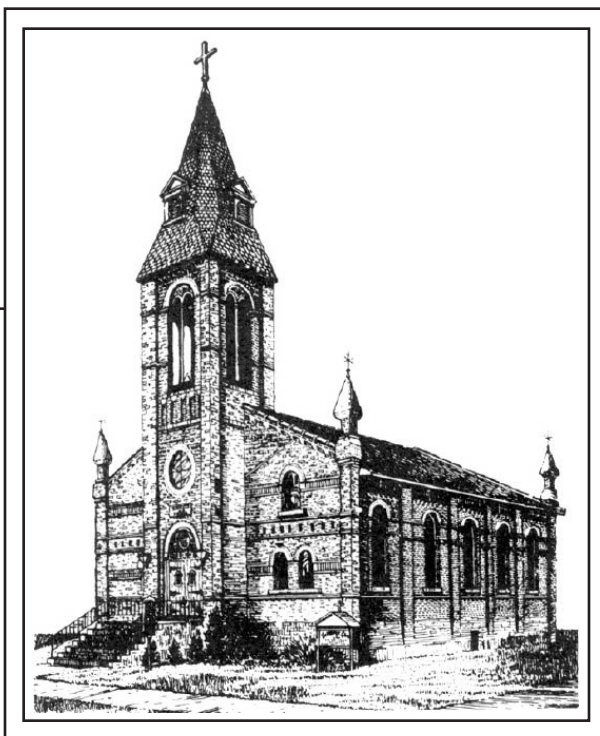


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IF JESUS BE NOT RAISED...

The empty tomb is 'the earth's most serious wound' in that it left a grave vacant never to be filled. I recall twice visiting the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, but the first time I admittedly got caught up in the touristy habit of seeing things that appeared to my Canadian mind as being so ancient that as I waited in the long queue of people waiting to go inside the tomb of Jesus I almost forgot, until I finally entered, that the significance of the wait was to, in fact, see nothing, which is the point. Jesus' sacred body had historically been laid in a tomb which had belonged to Joseph of Arimathea, a pious Jew and likely a member of the Sanhedrin that secretly was a follower of Jesus. A wealthy man, he gave his own newly crafted tomb for the burial place of Jesus.

This says a great deal about the sway Joseph had with Pilate and with the Romans who would never permit a dignified burial of a condemned criminal, though they let Joseph take Our Lord's body to be placed in his own place of burial.

While the cruel torture and inflicted agony led to the death of Jesus on the Cross, and His being taken down and buried the same day were the evidence of the Messiah who would take away the sins of the world through His own death, it is the unexpected rising of Jesus from death to life again that no one seemed to have remembered, though He had plainly told them several times that He must undergo great suffering, torture and death and three days later, rise again. And rise He did, appearing to His apostles several times over forty days in order to make them the faithful witnesses of His Passion, Death and Resurrection. His rising from death to life is the victory over death and sin and has made heaven possible for the sinner and the saint alike who come to believe in Him as the Way, the Truth and the Life.

To the sceptic and the unbeliever, St. Paul makes a great case for the necessity and the fact of the Resurrection in God's saving plan for sinful, wayward, selfish humanity. In 1 Corinthians, 15:14-19 Paul states that some of the people claim that there is no resurrection of the dead. Our great Apostle to the Gentiles argues that all of the parts of the resurrection of Jesus and our own promise and hope of our own resurrection in Him are necessarily connected in both logic and in truth.

"Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the gospel that I preached to you, that you received and on which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I passed on to you as of first importance what I also received—that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than 500 of the brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as though to one born at the wrong time, he appeared to me also." 1 Cor.15:1-8

Paul is building this case of the real event of Christ's resurrection as being absolutely necessary for our own.

If Jesus is not risen then any possible hope that we have in our own resurrection is fruitless and hopeless. His preaching had been such that the gospel he preached was not in vain but of 'first importance'. He lays out the facts that he himself had received that Jesus died for their sins, was buried, and that he was raised from the dead on the third day following His death. He also goes on to show proof of this in the many appearances Jesus made, alive in His resurrected, glorified body, first to Cephas (St. Peter, the first pope, then to all of the apostles, and finally to Paul himself. It is pivotal for St. Paul that Our Lord's resurrection is not a mere rumour or evidenced only in an empty tomb but that 'we have been eyewitnesses to His resurrection because we saw Him!

Paul's strong case for the seen proof of Jesus' resurrection has to be made because some of the people still claimed there is no resurrection at all. In one sense it would matter little to those who have not seen evidence of Jesus alive after they saw Him so horribly crucified and that He died on that Roman cross. All talk of Jesus' resurrection would ring hollow to them if they themselves had not seen proof of it. Yet Paul's insistence is that they should believe the hundreds of witnesses to whom Jesus had appeared. If half the world 'saw' Jesus risen it would still not be enough proof to some who had still not seen Him. Paul reasons that if some of the people are saying in blanket form that there is no resurrection from the dead, then it would mean Christ Himself is not risen. And if Christ is not risen then any preaching is futile and any faith in Christ at all is purely in vain. It follows also, argues St. Paul, that any faith they had is useless and they are still in their sins – everything Paul and all of the witnesses experienced in the risen Lord Jesus would be as nothing.

It is the witnesses themselves of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances that make the case for Christ's redemptive work of love on the Cross. If Our Lord had simply died after His torturous agony, His words spoken when He was on the Cross would mean nothing. They would simply be the last words of a dying man. And while Jesus claimed to be the Messiah with everything He said and did leading to His crucifixion and death, it was also foretold of Him in the Old Testament that the Saviour would suffer, be despised and mocked, beaten and that He would die. And twenty centuries of the Church He founded on Cephas, the rock, remains and is alive in the proclamation of Jesus' Death and Resurrection, in the power and truth and beauty of His Word, in the sacraments which feed our spiritual lives, in the forgiveness that is dispensed to repentant, contrite sinners and the eternal life promised to all who have been baptized in Jesus' death and resurrection. It's not that it only makes sense because we need some hope to cling to in a world that seems preoccupied with death in what St. John Paul II said is 'a culture of death' but rather that we can and should come to the place in our own lives where we say with Job, "I know that my redeemer lives!" Faith in Christ leads to knowledge of Christ when and where we can boldly proclaim Him risen because we've come to know that Jesus is alive and this truth has been made known to witnesses long ago and witnesses still in us. We have seen Him! (*Fr. Charles*)

JUNE 1, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues June 3rd

6:30pm Confession
7:00pm +Johnny Dagenais
Requested by the O'Hearn Family

Wed June 4th

8:30am +Frank Sanchez
Requested by Sandy Mattacott

+Susan Cree
Requested by Helen & Len McGuire

Thurs June 5th

8:30am Special Intentions of Gal & Jagielski Family
Requested by Barb Gal

Fri June 6th

7:30am Holy Hour
8:30am +Helen Adams
Requested by Christine & Don Blacklaws

Sat June 7th

8:30am Unannounced Mass
3:30pm Confession
4:30pm +Marian Szydziak
Requested by the O'Hearn Family

Sun June 8th

9:00am For the People
11:00am +Deceased Members of the Ford Family
Requested by Clare & Gene Bisogno

Please Pray for the Sick

Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Albert Sant, Teresa Kosierb, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Alex Poirier & Family, Tammy MacDonald, Anita Taglione, Mary Little, Yvonne Grimm, Janine Wright, Anne Johnston, Dorothy Shaughnessy, Rose Flanagan, Pat Ironside-Mayes, Bev Underhill, Patrick McKee.

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