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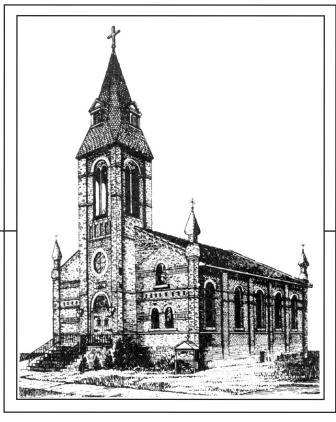
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**APRIL 17, 2022 EASTER SUNDAY** 

### HE IS RISEN

## From My Covid Retreat



As I am sure most parishioners have heard by now, I have tested positive for Covid and so have to isolate for the prescribed time, which means that I wasn't able to cover any of the liturgies of

the Triduum or Easter Sunday. A big thank you goes to Fr. Joshua Roldan, who stepped in to cover all of these enormous liturgies as our parish, with the Universal Church and all Christians, celebrates the ever-present reality of Christ's Resurrection from the dead, as he had promised.

I am fine. I felt somewhat sick last Monday but by Tuesday only had a few mild symptoms. I have been blessed with a good immune system and over the past 29 years as a priest never cancelled Masses or liturgies due to illness. In fact, I think the last time I had the flu was over twenty years ago. I know that Covid can hit each individual differently and I'm glad that it has been fairly mild for me as I know for so many others it has been either quite serious or even

I am so grateful to the many, many parishioners, who have reached out to offer me food and any assistance in my social banishment, but I am in good shape and the dogs are providing plenty of support, especially when I sleep (and they join me). Thank you all for your prayers and concern. Though I've only been here at St. Mary's for ten-months, I have come to know so many of you and look forward to expanding this reality in the months and years to come.

To miss presiding over the Easter liturgies of Holy Week is very deflating for me as, even though they can be very exhausting, they hold the very heart of priesthood within their celebration, particularly the Mass of Holy Thursday when one of the three foci is on the institution of the priesthood of Jesus Christ as well as our common call to serve others, which is powered by the 'Summit and Source' of our Catholic faith - the Eucharist.

I wish to, and on behalf of all our parishioners, welcome into the Catholic Church, Nathan Mawhinney, who, at the Easter Vigil, was received into the Catholic Church, Confirmed and received the Eucharist for the first time. Nathan has proven a most able candidate to be brought into the Church as he possesses a keen mind for information in general and for the things of God in particular. His life journey has brought him to share with us now in the unity of Catholic faith. Please congratulate and welcome him when you see him. Nathan has been serving as our caretaker for the last seven-months.

Throughout Lent I have touched on so many of the highlights of Holy Week, particularly the Passion and Death of Our Blessed Lord. Death is the condition of life. We can't know and understand the full impact of the Resurrection of Christ unless we appreciate his Passion and Death. We, too, will die in a death like Jesus but in living for him as a friend



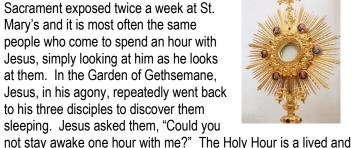
and disciple we will experience it not as an end, but a door into the House of God and life with him forever.



The truth and power of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead can in no way be touched by Easter eggs and spring time images for it was won at the cost of Jesus' very life, that same life he gave to us and shares with us in the Eucharist every Sunday and at every Mass. So often today we hear talk, even within Catholic circles, of Catholic 'values': but there are no Catholic values that are not rooted and grounded in Catholic faith. And there is no Catholic faith that does not desire and hunger to touch the

altar and the Eucharistic Christ each and every Sunday as well as any opportunity to meet and receive Christ there. There is nothing higher or more central to our faith than this because our very lives as Catholics flow to and from the Eucharistic Table of Our Lord who said, "Without me, you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

Throughout Lent we have been privileged to have a Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament exposed twice a week at St. Mary's and it is most often the same people who come to spend an hour with Jesus, simply looking at him as he looks at them. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus, in his agony, repeatedly went back to his three disciples to discover them sleeping. Jesus asked them, "Could you



faithful response to that ever-present question to you from Christ himself, especially if your life situation is such that you could make time to spend time with Jesus. Post-resurrection, the Eucharist is the new way for us to 'touch' Jesus who said to Mary Magdalene, the first person he appeared to in his risen state, "Do not cling to me, for I have not gone to my Father." In other words, there was going to be a new way of touching him – the Eucharist. The Holy Hour consists in when the priest takes a large consecrated Host (Jesus, Himself) and places it in the special, ornate monstrance for all to see. When we come forward to receive Jesus in Holv Communion, we don't have the time or opportunity to look at Jesus as we receive him. The Holy Hour leads us to a greater appreciation of receiving Jesus when we receive him in Holy Communion and therefore it should deepen our faith and commitment to follow him. Again, that is why our lives are meant to flow from and flow back to the Eucharist each Sunday and to Holy Hours when we are able to do so.

After my brief time of exile, I look forward to being with you at the altar of the Eucharistic sacrifice of Jesus where Jesus himself, in his Body and Blood, not only nourishes but empowers us to live a Catholic way of life that should and will call us from living a secular life that is contrary to Jesus and all he teaches us, to a life that is centred on him by what we say and do and by what we worship. Blessed Easter to all of you! (Fr. Charles)

# SCHEDULE & Intentions

Tuesday April 19 No Mass Wednesday April 20 -No Mass Thursday April 21 No Mass Friday April 22 No Mass

Saturday April 23

3:30 to 4:00pm Confessions 4:30pm +George Gerynowicz Requested by the Family

Sunday April 24

Intentions of the Guerrero Family 9:00am

11:00am **+**Katherine Cudney

Requested by the Family

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Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Lynda McKay, Fr. Jim Petrie, Ken Buchan

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Please join us in welcoming our newest member to be received into the church this Easter. Nathan Mawhinney

John 8:12- "Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

### **Easter Sunday** Resurrection of the Lord April 17, 2022



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### Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

The strife is over the battle done The victory of life is won The song of triumph has begun The powers of death have done their worst But Christ their legions has dispersed Let shouts of holy joy outburst The three sad days are quickly sped He rises glorious from the dead All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!



### **CWL NEWS**



"All ladies of the Parish are invited to a light lunch on April 19 at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. This lunch is served before the CWL meeting. Come on out and meet vour fellow parishioners. You are welcome to stay or leave after lunch. We look forward to seeing you."