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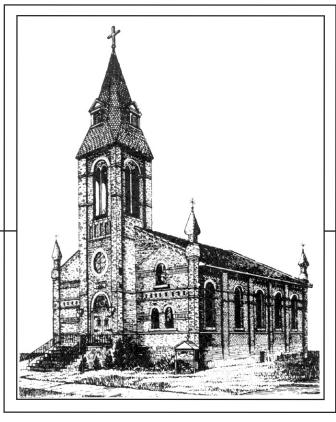
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

HE IS RISEN!

Thank you.

Whilst out of commission for Holy Week, Fr. Joshua Roldan did a marvellous job of the difficult task, being helicoptered into the Triduum and putting everything together so well. Again, I am grateful for his help and shepherding of our community in my absence.

I also want to acknowledge those who worked hard in preparation for Holy Week: Brian Rae, Music Director, along with the cantors; the lectors, ushers and the various others who stepped forward to assist Fr. Joshua. St. Mary's Parish has once again, in its long history of liturgical celebrations, celebrated the present moment reality that Jesus Christ is Risen from the dead! Alleluia!

(Father Charles)



"The Disciples Peter and John Running to the Sepulchre on the Morning of the Resurrection" by Eugène Burnand I find the above 1898 painting by Eugene Burnand, a Swiss painter, a most powerful Easter scene that brings to life the Gospel of the Easter message that Jesus has risen. John, the youngest of the disciples (left) and Peter, on the right express two attitudes and responses to the unbelievable news that Jesus is alive. John, with hands clasped together portrays a moving forward after hearing the most incredible story that Jesus isn't dead or in the tomb any longer, but alive! But how is this possible or even probable? Alive as Jesus had told them. He told them several times, following his revealing the stark truth about his death by crucifixion to them. And perhaps it was this horrible and unbelievable prediction that caused them to be 'stuck' with the unthinkable haunting their thoughts and minds and not allowing them to go any further in their question to his statement, plain and straight forward – that he would rise again. Yet they didn't remember this at all, it seems. They had somehow so missed this truth and messed up what Jesus had told them in their own minds because they were distracted by so many things. Peter appears to be holding his heart, again with this forward movement as they race to get to the tomb. They had heard rumours. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." A missing body? Who and why would someone take his body out of its

resting place of death? What on earth is going on?

This is the powerful unfolding we see in the Gospels when oneby-one, Jesus appears to individuals, small groups, in two's as well as several people, to all who were close to him. And why should they profess to believe that he is alive when they have been shaken to the core to witness first hand, from his arrest by then hands of one of their own, and the poor excuse of a trial to his being passed around from Pilate to Herod and back again, as no one wanted this problem of the man Jesus to be on their hands.

John, while he appears in the painting to look weary and somewhat disheveled, finds his own body far ahead of his mind that is raising with the prospect of the unbelievable they are quickly approaching. Peter, looks worn out, fatigued and lost in his own thoughts as his body, his legs move toward the place where Jesus' body should be found, and found dead at that! Perhaps he is caught up in the words Jesus had spoken to him just days ago when Peter had made his bold assertion that though everyone else might abandon him, he wouldn't. And Jesus' piercing words to him then and now, "Peter, before the cock crows you will deny me three times".

Stopping here, as the disciples are frozen in the time frame of this picture, does this scene not become a spiritual lesson and message to me, to us? Could it not be saying that, as Catholics who have received this Gospel story throughout our lives but always within a modern context and a looking back to former times millennia behind us, that we perhaps see it just as a story? Didn't we all just say to one another in Easter texts and emails that "He is Risen!"? Is that just learned behaviour as we get on with our lives in this strange and troubling landscape experienced over the last two years? What will or is controlling our thoughts and dominating our lives right now in April of 2022?

Something is amiss among us. There are many diverse opinions about what is going on but the one thing we are not allowed to do, it seems, is talk about it or even disagree and discuss it. We, too, might appear in a freeze-frame of our lives right now as frozen, unmoved, waiting. Waiting for what? Waiting to be told what we should do, think or how we should act? If so, we would indeed be frozen and not free in a picture frame we have allowed to be made of our own lives. In these difficult, confusing and even evil times, do we not need and are we not summoned as believers, to move forward to our hope in all that Jesus has revealed to his Church, his people, his followers and his friends? Yet, even in what appears to be a solid, static image of two wideeyed but groggy men, is seen movement, swift motion and unseen but racing feet toward a great yet unthinkable hope - that Jesus is alive! How can this be? John's clothing of his tunic appears to show the top of his right hip and leg in a forward motion. John, here, is the fastest runner and will make it to the tomb before Peter, yet he won't go in. Why? Peter comes in second but does go inside and observes the linen wrappings of Jesus' body neatly tidied up and present. Then John joins Peter inside the empty tomb and "he saw and believed". They both returned to their homes, John's Gospel says but not in the same way that they had come. They believed now what Jesus had told them, not because they saw Jesus in this moment risen, but precisely because.... they didn't. And so must we. (Fr. Charles)

SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tuesday April 26

8:30am Intentions of Andzia Szabunio

Requested by Ann & Larry Voisin

Wednesday April 27

7:00pm +Souls in Purgatory

Thursday April 28

8:30am +Fr. Peter Conlin

Requested by Ann & Larry Voisin

Friday April 29

7:30am HOLY HOUR 8:30am +Fr. John Doyle

Requested by Ken Wright

Saturday April 30

3:30 to 4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm +Lily & Ying Lin Wong

Requested by Terry & Family

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