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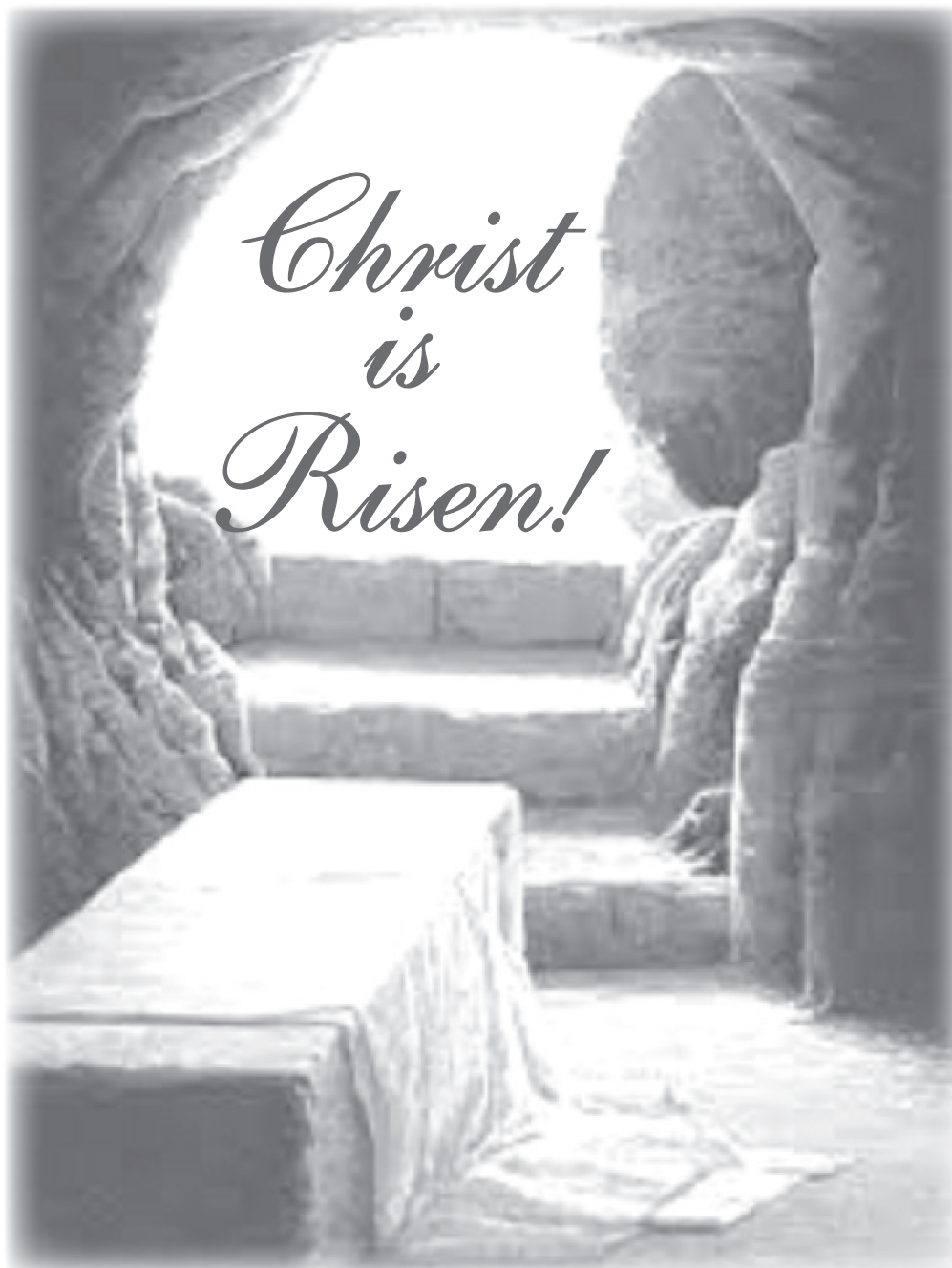
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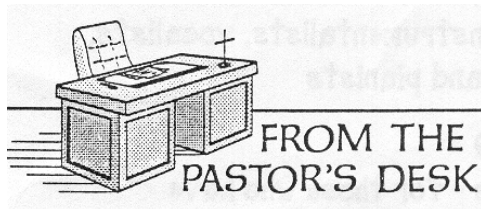
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Have you noticed that there is less commercials about Easter eggs and rabbits than before? They made me smile as it reminded me that a more joyous time was soon upon us. Sadly, I suppose as people abandon religion the trappings and tradition of religion also fade away.

Now, I don't want to be accused of Leporiphobia (the fear or aversion to rabbits-apparently that is a thing) but we know that rabbits is not what Easter is about and that it comes from pre-Christian celebrations of spring. Easter is of course the main celebration of the Christian Faith. Jesus rose from the dead. Our redemption was wrought on the cross when Jesus saved us from our sins opened for us the gates of Heaven and made union with Him possible which, as the source of all love, becomes the center of our life.

Thus, if Jesus is the center of our lives, let me ask you? Would you deny your spouse or child in public? Even if they are unpopular? Then why should we act as if we are not Christians? "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity" says St. Paul "but of power and love and self-control. Do not be ashamed of testifying to our Lord." (2Tim 1:7-8) Do not let others define us or our actions, define who we are ourselves. That by the way, is always good advice.

But how do we do it? Well, if we are Christs', let us worship Him. This Easter and all the time lest we be accused of just a cultural faith. Let us not be afraid to stand for our values in our homes and our workplaces. For example, the kindness and concern we show in our world was not present in the Roman Empire at first not because they were unsophisticated, they were very advanced. No, such attitudes exist because Christians taught the world that we ought to love everyone as Christ taught us.

Say to people when they ask, what did you do this weekend. "I was at Mass it was great." Let us joyfully celebrate Easter, however we want, but celebrate the greatest Solemnity of the year because Jesus has been raised from the dead. Say a prayer to Him before we eat. Think of Him when we decorate our homes. Something as simple as having flowers near a crucifix or picture of the Lord. It's not a family day to just have a family day. My mom put it best: "if you need a holiday to see me then something is wrong."

A Christian need not be dour or sad all the time, Joy is a fruit of the faith after all. But the faithful should be you know... faithful. Our world changed for the better when Christ came and I am not ashamed or afraid to say so. I also mercifully do not suffer with Leporiphobia, so after Mass I will very much be looking forward to a rendezvous with a chocolate rabbit!

Wherever this Easter finds you I sincerely hope that all the blessing and joy of the risen Lord be with you and all your loved ones.

Happy Easter!!
Fr. Boniface.



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is organizing a pilgrimage to
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CHANGE TO MASS SCHEDULE

From time to time we have been receiving requests, if we offer Spanish Mass on Sundays.

Of course, we want to be responsive to the needs of our parishioners, however, we do not know if this is simply a request of a few people or there is a genuine need for a Spanish Mass. Therefore, in consultation with the Archdiocese, we can announce the following:

There will be a Spanish Mass celebrated on the 4th Sunday of every month beginning April 30th at 2:00 pm.

The Mass will be “Ad Experimentum” or as an experiment. If after a suitable time, there is a large enough and stable community, the Mass will continue and may even go to a weekly Mass, if there is growth.

Our very own Fr. Francesco Pica will be celebrating the Mass, but we are in need of readers, altar servers, singers and ushers. If you are coming to this Mass and would like to help, please contact the Parish Office.

HABRA’ MISA EN ESPANOL

Secelebrara’ todos domingos el 4^{to} domingo de cada mes. Empesando, el 30 de abril a las 2 de la tarde, sera una muy buena idea para la comunidad Ispana despues de un tiempo.

Adecuado, si hay una comunidad lo suficiente, grande y estable, la misa continuara’ y sera’ una misa semamal si vemos el crecimiento.

El Padre Fransisco Pica, Celebrara’ la misa.

Tambien, nesecitamos persanas, que que lean, que canten, y presten ayuda en el altar.

Las personas, interesadas, llamar al telefono de la oficina de la iglesia 416-241-6738.

Working Together

Thank you to the Sisters of the Divine Master for helping to clean our Church and make it beautiful for Easter.

Please help us to keep the Church clean and tidy.

A reminder there is no food or drinks allowed in the Church. Also, pews are meant to sit on, not to put our gum on!

DONATION ENVELOPES FOR 2023

are still available for pickup. Please ask any of the Ushers before or after Mass.

Weekly Collection

Last week, our collection was \$5,256.25

It takes 5,000.00 to cover weekly expenses.

Thank you to those who support us.

Your charity means a lot!



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 08th TO SUNDAY, APRIL 16th

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| Sat 08 th | 7:00 pm | The Divine Mercy Novena |
| | 8:00 pm | Mass of the Easter Vigil (English) |
| Sun 09 th | EASTER SUNDAY | |
| | 9:00 am | Italian Mass |
| | 10:30 am | English Mass |
| | 12:00 pm | English Mass
Followed by the Divine Mercy Novena |
| Mon 10 th | EASTER MONDAY | |
| | 9:00 am | Rolando Nieto
Followed by the Divine Mercy Novena |
| Tues 11 th | 8:00 am | Michele & Annina Risi
Followed by the Divine Mercy Novena |
| | 7:00 pm | Marianna Furci in Corsaro Memorial Mass |
| Wed 12 th | 6:30 pm | Holy Rosary |
| | 7:00 pm | Sylvia & Albin Bekelja
Followed by the Divine Mercy Novena |
| Thurs 13 th | 8:00 am | Angelo Moscone
Followed by the Divine Mercy Novena |
| | 7:00 pm | Angela Ventrice Memorial Mass |
| Fri 14 th | 6:30 pm | Holy Rosary |
| | 7:00 pm | Antonio Rui Pereira
Followed by the Divine Mercy Novena |
| Sat 15 th | 5:00 pm | Luigi, & Angelina Sottile
Rosina & Francesco Sottile
Ferdinando Marchese
Rosa Morrone & Fernando Beltrano
Francesco Patitucci & Family Patitucci
Maria The Nguyen (4 year death anniv.)
Xuyen Nguyen
Petronela Oriente Fernandez
Followed by the Divine Mercy Novena |
| Sun 16 th | 9:00 am | Mario & Pia Lapadula and Nicola Forte
Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi
Giuseppe Dominicis
Anna Susanna
Amelia, Adolfo & Angelo Artuso
Defunti Famiglia Artuso
Francesco Conforti
Raimondo & Maria Castellucci
Francesco Petrasso
Benito & Maria Bellissimo |
| | 10:30 am | PRO POPOLO |
| | 12:00 pm | Adelia Barraza |
| | 3:00 pm | Divine Mercy Novena |

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