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He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia

Mass  for Intentions Week

Tuesday, April 19th, 8:15 a.m.

Bernardo Escallon

Requested by Ines Escallon & Family

Wednesday, April 20th, 8:15 a.m.

Basil Trace

Requested by Eva Trace

Thursday, April 21st, 8:15 a.m.

For the Living and Deceased Members of the Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Friday, April 22nd, 8:15 a.m.

For the Faithful Departed

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,

we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear,

that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

We continue to collect contributions to assist with the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. You may donate through the parish with a cheque made payable to "St. Anselm – Ukraine Humanitarian Relief or securely online at any time by visiting www.archtoronto.org Thank you!

SHARELIFE

ShareLife is making a difference

"Many aspects of pre-Covid life are returning, such as the gradual reopening of our parishes. But we must remember that, for many people, their suffering continues. ShareLife-funded agencies have been helping thousands of people since the pandemic began. They quickly adapted their programs in light of safety and the changing needs of the people they serve." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

The next ShareLife Sunday collection is May 1.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES – GROUP B
DATE CHANGE

Group "B" Casseroles will be collected NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd due to the regular collection date falling on Easter weekend.

Please bring your frozen casserole to the church parking lot on April 23rd between 4:00 and 5:00pm or call the parish office this week to make arrangements to drop off ahead of time. Thank you to our casserole chefs!

SPRING "BUNDLE UP" WEEKEND

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's "Bundle Up" is happening **NEXT WEEKEND, April 23/24**. The truck will be in the church parking lot on Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers will be available before Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning to assist you. Here are some accepted/not accepted items:

Accept

All Clothing (Any Condition)

All Footwear (Any Condition)

Bedding (Any Condition)

Drapery/Towels

Toys (New only)

Don't Accept

Baby items

(Cribs, Car seats, strollers or any other baby furniture)

Construction Material (Any Condition)

Dishes (Any Kind)

Furniture (Any Kind)

Books /Video/Audio Cassettes

Thank you for your consideration of those in need in our community.

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The Resurrection of the Lord
Reflection on Luke 24:1-12
Easter Vigil Gospel
Alleluia! Alleluia!



The resurrection of Jesus was so significant that it became a pivotal point in human history. Historians began to record all dates prior to this event as happening B.C., before Christ, or B.C.E., before the Christian (some now say the “common”) era. They placed all that

occurred since that moment in the realm of A.D. (Anno Domini) or C.E. (Christian or “common” era). Author James Burns cites other differences brought about by faith in the risen Lord. Before Christ’s coming, he writes, the Tuscans made their tombs face west because death meant the close of life’s day and the passage into everlasting night. After Christ, they buried their dead facing east, the direction of the rising sun and the risen Son Observers can see this same vivid contrast in the Roman catacombs. In one chamber that dates back to the time of Julius Caesar, the tombs are marked with signs of hopelessness. Cynical inscriptions and embittered complaints against the gods are common. However, the chambers that hold the remains of those who suffered persecution for their faith in Jesus — the martyrs who were burned, crucified, torn asunder or thrown to the beasts — are quite different. They are adorned with lilies, symbols of immortality; the inscriptions are serenely joyful; and the chamber is decorated as if for a wedding rather than a funeral. The reason for this gladness is the person’s conviction in the living, risen Christ in whose resurrection every believer may share.

Jesus Christ, who was dead and is risen, is the reason for all our celebrations this Easter day and all throughout the coming weeks known as the Easter Season. The Gospel reading from Luke is proclaimed in this year of Luke during the Easter Vigil, that most holy celebration closing the Triduum on Holy Saturday evening. This narrative

invites us to stand before the empty tomb and remember that the Christ-event did not end on the cross or in the grave. Death was not God’s final word. It was the penultimate syllable that would be hushed as God’s power replaced it with cries of glory and new life. While the earliest witnesses to the empty tomb grappled with its meaning, the appearances of the risen Jesus helped to clarify the mystery. “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you ...” (Luke 24:6). This Gospel proclaims the empty tomb. The women believe but the men do not, not right away. How about you? Do you believe – or not? Is Jesus risen or is he not? Or is it after all just a child’s fable? On this Easter weekend, after we have reacted just like the disciples during those seemingly never-ending post-crucifixion days, and even after we sing songs about resurrection, *still we do it by faith and trust*. We hear it anew, maybe now more profoundly, with pandemic and Ukraine! So, we wait, even, with joy!

We spend so much of the celebration of this Easter season in remembering the words and works of Jesus so we may enter yet again into the mystery. We also remember those first believers whose faithful testimony concerning Jesus has opened the way for us to believe. As we mark the resurrection of Jesus, a war-scarred world awaits our testimony, as well. Our lives should reflect the joy and hopefulness we have in Christ, where there would otherwise be only sadness and despair. Jesus lives! That pronouncement does not immunize the believer from evil, but it beckons us into the future, blesses us with strength for the present, and enables us to find the impetus in our shared history to live faithfully and passionately, devoted to Jesus until he comes again. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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