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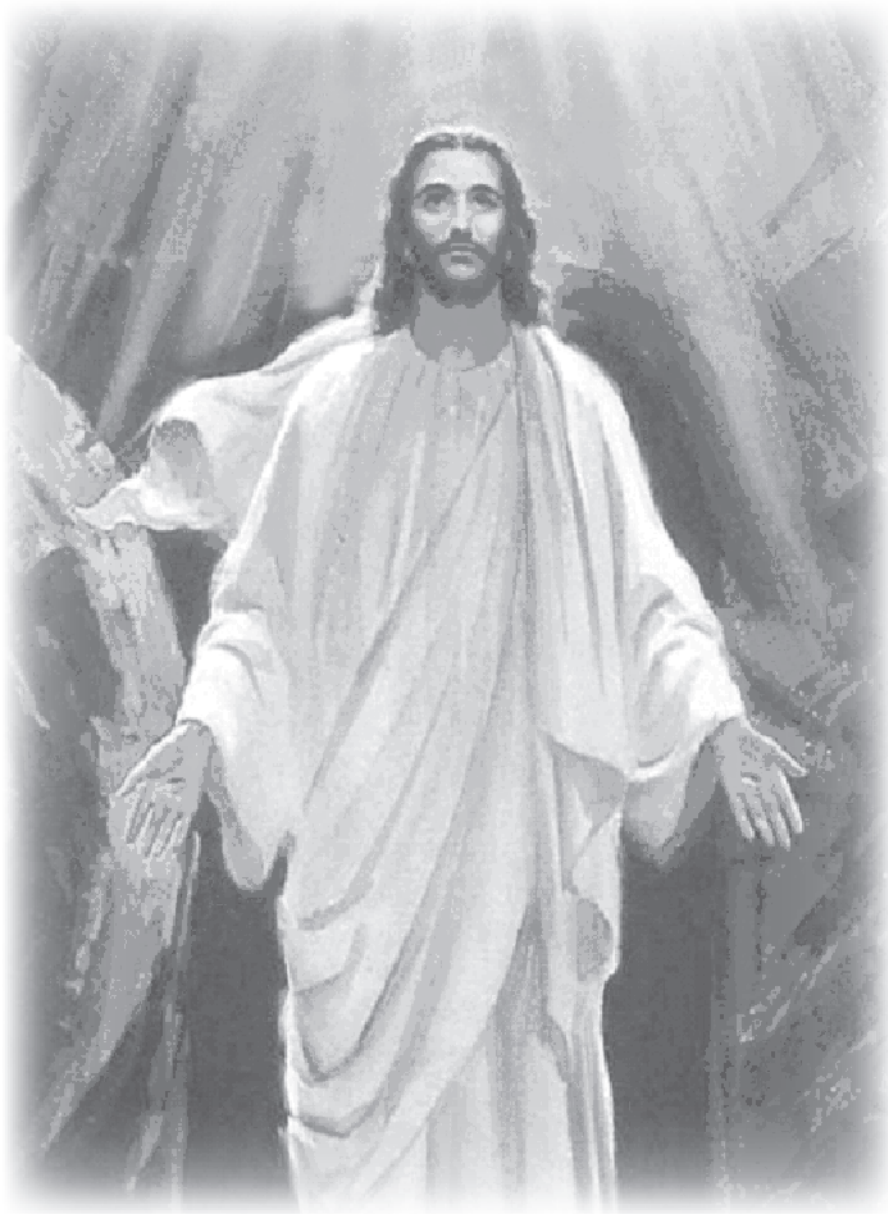
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*Christ is Risen!*

## From the Pastor's desk

### Jesus is risen. Alleluia! Happy Easter.

The love of God for all people was to save them from their sins. The blood of Jesus was the price for our redemption. Jesus was obedient to the Father and willing laid down His life, like a Lamb being led to the slaughter for love of all humankind. True to His promise, Jesus rose from the dead on the third day. He is no longer among the dead. The grave is empty. Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father where He makes intercession for you and for me. This is the Good News of Easter. Easter is all about the resurrection and the joy that flows from the throne of King Jesus. Because He lives, we too have the assurance of everlasting life as we follow in the steps of the Master. Let us joyfully celebrate the resurrection of Jesus our Redeemer for the next fifty days. Happy Easter to all parishioners and visitors. Father Dominic

### Sacramental "quick fix"

More and more we are encountering older children who have not received the Sacraments of Initiation. Normally children are baptized in infancy upon the faith of their parents. When this does not happen it imposes a challenge in terms of teaching the faith. Some parents are presenting their children aged 7, 8, 9, 10, etc. for baptism, first communion, and confirmation and are expecting, what I refer to as a "quick fix". Often this request comes in the spring of the year when catechism classes are nearing an end. Perhaps they hear from family members or friends about their child, soon to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation. This leads the parent to think about their own child who still has not received the sacrament or sacraments of initiation. Obviously, we are speaking about individuals who are not registered parishioners and who attend Sunday Mass only occasionally, at best. These parents then want a "quick fix" to their dilemma. Unfortunately, there are no "quick fixes" for this dilemma. Children, over the age of 7 must be instructed in the faith prior to reception of the sacrament/s. The Sacraments are about conversion or a change of mind set. Some people do have a dramatic conversion such as St. Paul had on the road to Damascus, however for most of us, conversion is a process which requires time and preparation. Then the question of who will instruct these children of different ages. This can be compared to a child who is perhaps aged 11 and has never attended normal school. Can that child be placed in the class of his/her academic year, namely grade six, unable to read, write or count, etc.? Of course not. Also, can a child, aged 15 be placed in the same class as a child aged 7? In the past, when this type of instruction involved one child I would prepare the child myself. However, as already mentioned, this is becoming more of a phenomenon, involving more and more children. The parents are usually not much help because they, themselves are weak in their own faith. I write this, simply to make parishioners aware of this on-going and ever-growing problem. If there are any parishioners who are willing to teach on a one-one basis, over a longer length of time, please let me, your pastor know.



### Parish 100th Anniversary

The planning committee for our 100th anniversary, which we will celebrate next year, met this past Monday. The committee is composed of active, practicing parishioners. We decided on a date to celebrate next year, namely **Saturday, 14 June 2025**. The feast day of our patron saint is June 13th. There will be a Mass of thanksgiving at 4 pm, followed by a gala supper (venue to be announced). There will be much more on our 100th anniversary celebration in the near future. Please take note of the date above and keep it for our anniversary.

## Parish News

**St. Anthony of Padua Parish 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pictorial Directory!** 2025 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our parish and as part of the celebration, we are putting together an Anniversary Pictorial Directory. Our team will be in the gathering space to sign you and your family up for a date and time to have your photo taken next weekend. We are also calling registered parishioners to book a time for you to come in. Picture taking will begin the beginning of April.



Our next General Meeting is on Thursday April 4, 2024 starting with Mass at 6:30PM and the installation of the new executive

**About Belonging** Do you want to grow your faith, serve your community, act on social justice issues and be supported by a sisterhood that embraces these cores values? If so.. WELCOME to the Catholic Women's League ..you belong with us! Please come and visit us at our next General Meeting . Membership is \$40.00. If you have any questions please call Pat Hay at [204-339-8475](tel:204-339-8475).



**Christ is Risen ! Joyous Easter Season to All! Alleluia !!**



Please remember in your prayers, parishioners and friends who are ill: Renate Luebbert, Connie Mikolash, Sharon Harris, Al Sarna, Susana Montales, Jaques Drapeau, Adam Rusak and Katrena Johnson Donahoe.

**Parish Pot Luck** Our next Pot Luck will be on Apr 7 hosted by The CWL

## Archdiocese News

**CCRS of MB Presents: Pentecost Now, Pentecost Today Conference - May 3-4, 2024**

Join CCRS for a Holy Spirit-filled conference on May 3 and 4, 2024! Their guest speakers will be John Connelly and Deacon Gilles Urquhart. Praise & Worship will be led by the St. John Cantius charismatic Music Ministry. Come and experience the power of the Holy Spirit through anointed praise and worship, powerful teachings, personal prayer ministry and fellowship. The event will take place at Saints Martyrs Canadiens Parish Hall. To buy tickets, click here:

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**Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Theresa's Parish - April 7, 2024**

Starting at 3:00 p.m., St Theresa's Parish, 3597 Main Street, will have Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Veneration of the First Class Relic of St Faustina Kowalska along with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by hospitality in the hall. All welcome!



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**Prayer of the Nine-Month Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe March 12 to December 12**

To be prayed daily throughout the nine-month novena from March 12 to December 12, 2024.

O Virgin Mother of God, we fly to your protection and beg your intercession against the darkness and sin which ever more envelop the world and menace the Church. Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, gave you to us as our mother as He died on the Cross for our salvation. So too, in 1531, when darkness and sin beset us, He sent you, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Tepeyac to lead us to Him Who alone is our light and our salvation.

Through your apparitions on Tepeyac and your abiding presence with us on the miraculous mantle of your messenger, Saint Juan Diego, millions of souls converted to faith in your Divine Son. Through this novena and our consecration to you, we humbly implore your intercession for our daily conversion of life to Him and the conversion of millions more who do not yet believe in Him. In our homes and in our nation, lead us to Him Who alone wins the victory over sin and darkness in us and in the world.

Unite our hearts to your Immaculate Heart so that they may find their true and lasting home in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Ever guide us along the pilgrimage of life to our eternal home with Him. So may our hearts, one with yours, always trust in God's promise of salvation, in His never-failing mercy toward all who turn to Him with a humble and contrite heart. Through this novena and our consecration to you, O Virgin of Guadalupe, lead all souls in America and throughout the world to your Divine Son in Whose name we pray. Amen.

-Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke

**Easter Sunday**

**Introduction:** To believe in the risen Christ takes the gift of faith. May we be like the beloved disciple who saw the empty tomb and believed.

**Acts 10:34, 36-43** In the first reading, Peter announces the resurrection to a gentile audience. All who believe have forgiveness in his name.

**Colossians 3:1-4** In the second reading, we hear how Christ's resurrection is to affect us now and when he returns in glory.

**John 20:1-18** In the Gospel, Mary Magdalene, Peter and the beloved disciple discover that Jesus is not in the tomb.

**Mass Schedule****Mon Apr 1: Solemnity: Easter Octave**

**9:00am** Pastor's Intentions

**Tue Apr 2: Solemnity: Easter Octave**

**9:00am** R.I.P. Ed & Marion Polson by Friends

**Wed Apr 3: Solemnity: Easter Octave**

**9:00am** R.I.P. Jean, Marie & Joseph LaFreniere by The Family  
R.I.P. Allan, Alex & Rheal LaFreniere by The Family

**Thur Apr 4: Solemnity: Easter Octave**

**9:00am** R.I.P. Jean, Marie & Joseph LaFreniere by The Family  
R.I.P. Allan, Alex & Rheal LaFreniere by The Family  
**6:30pm** R.I.P. Cory Juan by St. Anthony's CWL

**Fri Apr 5: Solemnity: Easter Octave**

**9:00am** Intentions of Dinah Lucero  
R.I.P. Jean, Marie & Joseph LaFreniere by The Family  
R.I.P. Allan, Alex & Rheal LaFreniere by The Family  
R.I.P. Jaime Lopez by Terri  
All Souls in Purgatory by Alfredo & Myrna Bello

**Sat Apr 6: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday**

**4:00pm** R.I.P. Delores Zaluski by The Family  
R.I.P. Orlando & Salvador Caceres by Derrick & Rosa Robinson  
R.I.P. Jean, Marie & Joseph LaFreniere by The Family  
R.I.P. Allan, Alex & Rheal LaFreniere by The Family  
Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Jessica Nacion by Eduardo & Maria Nacion  
Intentions of Tom by Judy

**Sun Apr 7: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday**

**9:00am** R.I.P. Mateo Cassanova by Donnie & Maricel Cassanova  
R.I.P. Martin Francisco Sr. by The Family  
R.I.P. Mike, Louise & Theresa Magnowski by The Family  
R.I.P. Rufino Sindol by Terri  
R.I.P. Jean, Marie & Joseph LaFreniere by The Family  
R.I.P. Allan, Alex & Rheal LaFreniere by The Family  
R.I.P. Stanislaw Bielecki & Adrian Sokolowski by The Family  
Thanksgiving & Blessings by The Alcartado Family  
Health of Lawrence, Lucille & Anita by the LaFreniere Family  
Health of Yvette, Emily & Claire by the LaFreniere Family  
Thanksgiving & Blessings by The Alcartado Family  
**11:00am** Parishioners

**Readings for the week:**

Mon Apr 1 – Acts 2:14, 22-33, Matthew 28:8-15  
Tue Apr 2 – Acts 2:36-41, John 2:11-18  
Wed Apr 3 – Acts 3:1-10, Luke 24:13-35  
Thur Apr 4 – Acts 3:11-26, Luke 24:35-48  
Fri Apr 5 – Acts 4:1-12, John 21:1-14  
Sat Apr 6 – Acts 4:13-21, Mark 16:9-15

**The Lord is Risen!**  
**Alleluia!**



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