

# EASTER SUNDAY

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**FROM: YOUCAT  
Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church**

105. How did the disciples come to believe that Jesus is risen?

**The disciples, who before had lost all hope, came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection because they saw him in a different way after his death, spoke with him, and experienced him as being alive. [640-644, 656]**

The Easter events that took place in Jerusalem in the year 30 are not a made-up story. Following the death of Jesus and the defeat of their whole cause, the disciples fled ("We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel", Lk 24:21) or else barricaded themselves behind locked doors. Only their encounter with the risen Christ freed them from their paralysis and filled them with an enthusiastic faith in Jesus Christ, the Lord of life and death.

106. Are there proofs for the Resurrection of Jesus?

**There are no proofs for the Resurrection of Jesus in the scientific sense. There are, however, very strong individual and collective testimonies by a large number of contemporaries of those events in Jerusalem. [639-644, 647, 656-657]**

The oldest written testimony to the Resurrection is a letter that St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians around twenty years after Christ's death: "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep" (1 Cor 15:3-6). Paul is recording here a living tradition that was present in the original Christian community two or three years after Jesus' death and Resurrection, when he himself became a Christian - on the basis of his own staggering encounter with the risen Lord. The disciples took the fact of the empty tomb (Lk 24:2-3) as the first indication of the reality of the Resurrection. Women, of all people, discovered it - according to the law of that time they were not able to testify. Although we read about the Apostle John that he "saw and believed" (Jn 20:8b) already at the empty tomb, full assurance that Jesus was alive came about only after a series of appearances. The many encounters with the risen Lord ended with Christ's Ascension into heaven. Nevertheless, there were afterward and there are even today encounters with the living Lord: Jesus Christ lives.

### **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)**

We would like to remind everyone that you may sign up for pre-authorized giving anytime of the year. PAG allows parishioners to make their regular Sunday offering, and if they wish their ShareLife offering using the "Direct Debit" system. PAG is an option, not a requirement. It is being widely used in Toronto Archdiocese and we want to make PAG available to all parishioners who would like to take advantage of it. This is a very convenient way to support your parish even in your absence.

Forms can be picked up at the gift shop and placed in the collection basket or brought to the parish office. Please be assured all information is strictly confidential.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **Saturday April 7:**

5:00 pm No Mass  
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

#### **Sunday April 8: Easter Sunday**

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention  
10:30 am Celebrant's Intention  
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

#### **Monday April 9:**

9:00 am +Norma Niklasson

#### **Tuesday April 10:**

9:00 am +Enrico Albuerne

#### **Wednesday April 11:**

7:30 pm +Sebastiao Braganca

#### **Thursday April 12:**

9:00 am +Fred Ylagan

#### **Friday April 13:**

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention  
7:30 pm +Felix Arukattil

#### **Saturday April 14:**

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

**Jesus Christ is Risen Today.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Wishing you all, the parishioners  
A Happy and Blessed Easter!**

**Fr. Joseph Sultana**

**Deacon Gary Johnson Deacon Patrick Chang**

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

every Friday starting with Mass at 9:30 am  
and concluded with Benediction and Mass at 7:30 pm

April 8, 2012

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### Anti-Bullying Legislation

There has been significant public dialogue regarding anti-bullying legislation currently being considered by our Members of Provincial Parliament. A number of partners from our faith community have been actively engaged in this process for many months. In January 2012, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA), in collaboration with the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) released, "Respecting Difference", a guideline for dealing with issues of Equity, Inclusivity & Bullying in our Catholic schools. This template has been provided to Catholic School Boards and is in use throughout the province. You can access the document through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

There are currently two bills before the Legislature on the issue of bullying: Bill 13, introduced by the current Government and Bill 14, a Private Members Bill introduced by a member of the Official Opposition. Contrary to some reports, the proposed bills do not deal with the controversial sex-ed curriculum that made headlines in 2010. While the ACBO and OCSTA agree with the objective of eradicating bullying in any form, they are currently discussing possible amendments that they feel will help clarify and strengthen the implementation of the legislation. Our approach to dealing with the difficult issue of bullying in our Catholic Schools will be centered on our faith, treating each person as a child of God, accepted with compassion, love and respect.

#### **"Blood. It's in you to give."**

The Knights of Columbus - St Aidan Council is sponsoring a Blood Drive at St. Aidan Church on Saturday June 2, 2012 from 11am to 3pm. Please call Canadian Blood Services at 1 888 2 DONATE for complete eligibility requirements and to book an appointment. Give the gift of life!

NOTE: A donor must wait at least 8 weeks between donations, therefore we ask regular donors to please donate before April 5th to be eligible to participate at our June 2nd Blood Drive!

#### **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

The Divine Mercy Novena will start on Good Friday, 6th April, after the Stations of the Cross. On Holy Saturday, the Novena service will be before the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday after the 9:00 am Mass. On other days it will be after the regular daily Mass. The Feast Mass will be on Sunday 15th April at the 12:00 noon Mass. Please see flyer in the foyer for more details. All parishioners are requested to please try and attend the Novena everyday.

### SHARELIFE

#### **Working Wonders in our Livelihoods .....**

"The services provided by ShareLife agencies are critical to those who rely on them - they are lifesaving and life-restoring. Families are working through crises and are healing. People with developmental challenges are supported as they experience a sense of self-worth and fulfillment in their daily activities. Refugees and new Canadians are guided toward a stable, productive livelihood in their newfound home. Seniors are living independently, with access to the care and services they need. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible but, always, they're tangible." - Cardinal Thomas C. Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

2nd ShareLife collection - April 29, 2012  
Please give generously. You can work WONDERS!

#### **The Catholic Women's League of Canada St. Aidan Council, Project Challenge!**

Please support this CWL Program for the Sisters of Life by donating new or nearly new baby linens, baby clothes, maternity clothes, and toiletries for mums and babies. There will be boxes placed in the foyer on the weekend of April 21st and 22nd, 2012 for your donations.  
Thank You for your Support!

**The 2012 Ching Ming Remembrance Mass** will be held in the Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Thornhill on April 14, 2012 at 2:00 pm. The Mass is organized by Catholic Cemeteries - Archdiocese of Toronto which is held in Chinese & English by Bishop William McGratten with support of the four Chinese parishes. For further details, please see the poster at the foyer.

**Support for Recently Separated or Divorced Catholics**  
Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a ten-week group program for adult men and women who are dealing with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. The group will run on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 beginning April 12, 2012 at our Central Office, 1155 Yonge St. (Summerhill Subway Station). Please contact Ian Singer at 416-921-1163.

**NEED ALTAR SERVERS FOR SUNDAY 9AM MASS**  
If you attend the Sunday 9am Mass, please offer to serve. Must be in grade 4 or above.  
If you are an existing altar server and live nearby, can come for Sunday 9am Mass, please offer to serve.