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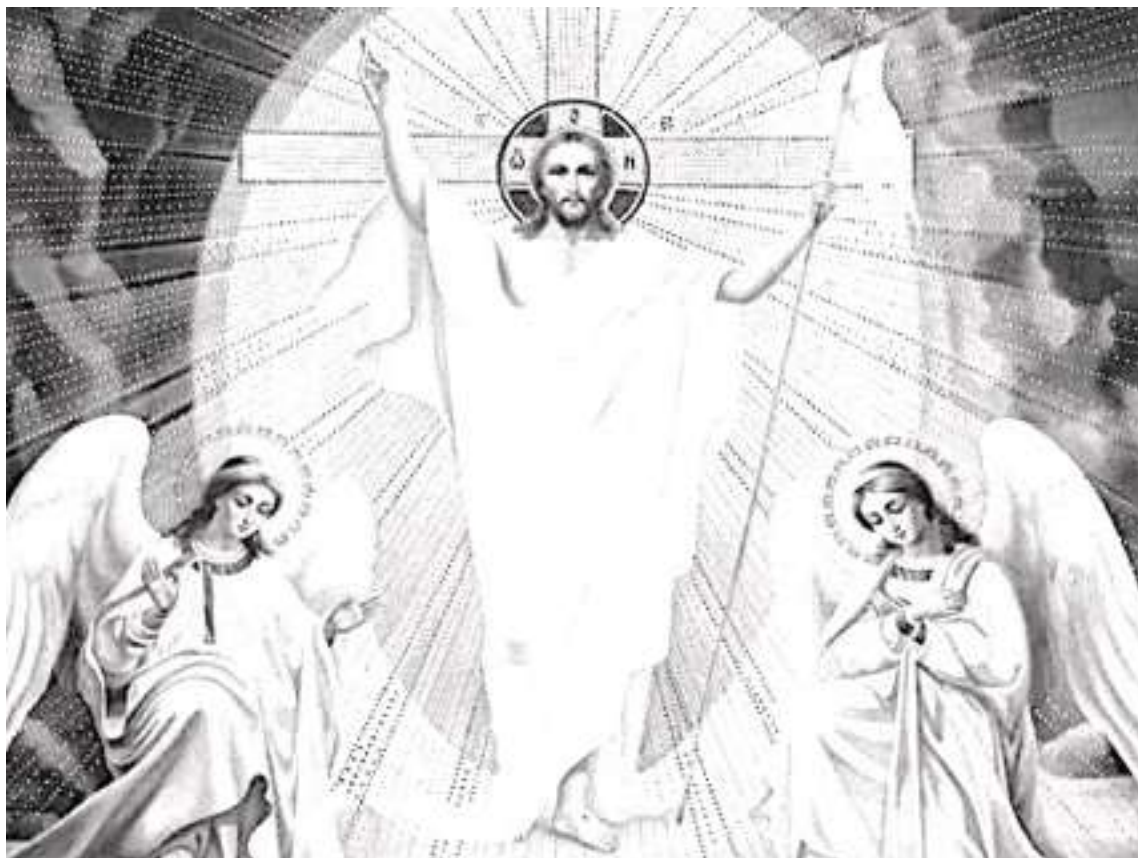
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# He Is Risen



# Truly, He Is Risen

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Part One—The Profession of Faith

*"Jesus Christ was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary"*

#### 126. What place does the Resurrection of Christ occupy in our faith?

The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ and represents along with his cross an essential part of the Paschal Mystery.

#### 127. What are the signs that bear witness to the Resurrection of Jesus?

Along with the essential sign of the empty tomb, the Resurrection of Jesus is witnessed to by the women who first encountered Christ and proclaimed him to the apostles. Jesus then "appeared to Cephas (Peter) and then to the Twelve. Following that he appeared to more than five hundred of the brethren at one time" (1 Corinthians 15:5-6) and to others as well. The apostles could not have invented the story of the resurrection since it seemed impossible to them. As a matter of fact, Jesus himself upbraided them for their unbelief.

#### 128. Why is the Resurrection at the same time a transcendent occurrence?

While being an historical event, verifiable and attested by signs and testimonies, the Resurrection, insofar as it is the entrance of Christ's humanity into the glory of God, transcends and surpasses history as a mystery of faith. For this reason the risen Christ did not manifest himself to the world but to his disciples, making them his witnesses to the people.

#### 129. What is the condition of the risen body of Jesus?

The Resurrection of Christ was not a return to earthly life. His risen body is that which was crucified and bears the marks of his passion. However it also participates in the divine life, with the characteristics of a glorified body. Because of this the risen Jesus was utterly free to appear to his disciples how and where he wished and under various aspects.

#### 130. How is the Resurrection the work of the Most Holy Trinity?

The Resurrection of Christ is a transcendent work of God. The three Persons act together according to what is proper to them: the Father manifests his power; the Son "takes again" the life which he freely offered (John 10:17), reuniting his soul and his body which the Spirit brings to life and glorifies.

#### 131. What is the saving meaning of the Resurrection?

The Resurrection is the climax of the Incarnation. It confirms the divinity of Christ and all the things which he did and taught. It fulfills all the divine promises made for us. Furthermore the risen Christ, the conqueror of sin and death, is the principle of our justification and our Resurrection. It procures for us now the grace of filial adoption which is a real share in the life of the only begotten Son. At the end of time he will raise up our bodies.

### MARCH FOR LIFE

**Thursday May 10—Day trip: Parliament Hill, Ottawa  
Rally: 12:30PM / March: 1:30PM**

We have booked 2 Coaches of 56 seats.

Mass for Life @ 6AM; depart from StJXXIII at 6:30AM; depart Ottawa immediately after the March— 3PM.

Washroom/coffee break at service centre going to Ottawa; dinner break on the way back at service centre.

Price: \$10. [Sign-up sheet in foyer](#)

### OPENING THE WORD THROUGH EASTER

**Every Saturday: 10:30AM—Noon**

Come and Reflect on Sacred Scripture's Teaching for the Sundays of EASTER Facilitated By Carla Marcoccia, our youth minister.

Welcome to Opening the Word, a program offering prayer and insights for the Sunday Readings. Featuring a variety of experienced presenters including Dr. Tim Gray, Jules Miles, Dr. Scott and Annie Powell, Dr. Edward Sri, and Dr. Ben Akers

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Winner of the 2018 Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay  
Senior Level**

Amanda Fernandes

Attends: St JXXIII Parish; Attends: St Patrick High Sch

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, April 2, 7PM:

+Rodolfo e<sup>3</sup> Rodolfo Rojas Sr e<sup>3</sup> Jr  
+Jerze Libura

Tues April 3, 9AM:

+Conchita Delfino

Wed April 4, 7PM:

+Joe Attar

Thurs April 5, 9AM

*Thanksgiving by Mercedes Alon*

Fri April 6, 7PM

+Angela Ching

Sat April 7, 5:15PM

*Thanksgiving for Olivia***Saturday, April 7**

5:15PM: +Laura Boudreau

**Sunday, April 8**

9AM: +Virginia Garcia

12:15PM: +Carmela e<sup>3</sup> Antonio Scarno

5:30PM: +Joe Attar

## VIGIL CANDLES

**Saturday, April 7—Friday, April 13**

Sanctuary Tabernacle: +Antonio Hernandez

Chapel Tabernacle: +Antonio Hernandez.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

**Need Prayer Help?**

Call Beth at 416-467-6492. Your intention will be emailed out to this prayer community. Only first name and intention will be shared.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK  
& SHUT-INS

Call parish office and let us know—416-429-4000

## SENIOR'S GROUP

**Meets after 9AM Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of Month**—Next Meeting IS THURSDAY, April 12

## EASTER FOOD-VOUCHER DRIVE

**Thank You From StV'd'P**You gave over **\$800.**SHARELIFE—1<sup>st</sup> COLLECTION

Total: \$4,267.80

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

**Last Sunday's Offering—\$4,130.35**

To break even weekly—\$3,000 needed.

## NEW HYMN BOOKS

**Cost: \$21**

To date the price of 86 books have been donated:

\$1,865. THANKS.

**To Donate**

Please call Hayde at the office: 416-429-4000.

## YOU CAN DONATE

**Ambries**

An Ambry is a glass container in which the Sacred Oils are kept. We have purchased the three glass containers for the Oil of the Infirm, Oil of Sacred Chrism, and Oil of Salvation. Cost was \$237.00.

An Ambry is also a container in which the three glass containers are stored. Oak Ambry cost is

\$3,507.46; To date—5 Donations: \$687.

## DEVOTIONS FOR EASTER

**Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**Begins 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Of Easter: 4—5Pm

## VOCATIONS

**The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death.**

Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto

416-968-0997

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## CONFIRMATION—UPCOMING

*Session 7:* Wed, April 25, 7:30PM  
*Confirmation Rehearsal:* Fri, May 4,  
 7:30PM-8:15PM

1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION—  
UPCOMING:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Test—Section 3—First Holy Communion**  
 Make appointment for April  
**First Communion Mass: Sat, April 21 @**  
**5:15PM**

COFFEE SUNDAY: *Last Sun of the*  
*Month*

9AM Mass: Coffee Sunday Group; 12:15PM  
 Mass: *Thank you Volunteers for your*  
*generosity.*

PRAY FOR THE APRIL  
MISSION INTENTION

Universal – For those who have  
 Responsibility in Economic Matters.  
 That economists may have the courage to  
 reject any economy of exclusion and know  
 how to open new paths.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
OVERNIGHT VIGIL—ADORATION  
CHAPEL

**Next First Friday: April 6**  
 Vigil Begins Fri 7:30PM and ends Sat 7:30AM  
 Contact: Elaine Shaver—647-713-1198

## SCHOOL JOBS—STJXXIII SCHOOL

**1—A lunch time supervisor; 2—A supply**  
**lunch time supervisor.**

1 hour a day (11:45–12:45), 5 days a week. Pay  
 is \$15.04 per hour this includes statutory  
 holiday pay and vacation pay. The position  
 means supervising the students while they eat  
 and while outside during playtime. Person has  
 to be able to deal with i) minor discipline  
 issues; and also able to ii) climb stairs and be  
 iii) outside for about 40mins each day.

## SMILE

LOL!

The next time satan reminds you of your past,  
 remind him of his future.

## THE TEST OF FAITH

I was listening to a lady who called a radio  
 pastor. The pastor was a wise, grandfatherly  
 gentleman who had that calm reassuring  
 voice that can melt all fear.

The lady, who was obviously crying, said,  
 "Pastor, I was born blind, and I've been blind  
 all my life. I don't mind so much being blind  
 but I have some well meaning friends who tell  
 me that if I had more faith I could be healed."  
 The pastor asked her, "Tell me, do you carry  
 one of those white canes?" "Yes I do," she  
 replied. "Then the next time someone says  
 that hit them over the head with the cane," he  
 said. "Then tell them 'If you had more faith  
 that wouldn't hurt' "!

RETRouvaille WEEKEND: HELP  
FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

*April 20—6:00 pm*

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## TOTUS TUUS



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*Dear Parents*

***We have four (4) young Missionaries coming to our parish from the Archdiocese of Toronto this summer for one week: Sunday, July 8—Saturday, July 14.***

They will run a day program and evening program. The program name is “**Totus Tuus**” (Totally Yours) and is inspired by St John Paul II’s words to youth, “Give yourself totally to God”.

**(Registration Fee: \$10 per Student)**

The Day program commences on Mon to Sat of this week from 8:45AM to 2:30PM daily

During the week, the children *entering* grades 1 through 6 in the upcoming fall school year participate in 4 classes each day, attend daily Mass, learn the Mass parts and liturgical songs, participate in games, icebreakers, skits, songs, recess, and prayer. The grade school curriculum helps children to learn and be reinforced in important principles of their Catholic faith.

*A typical day of Totus Tuus Day Camp:*

8:45am—Arrival and Welcome / 9am—Intro and skit / 9:15am—Warm-up and songs / 9:30am—Class 1 / 9:55am—Snack / 10:10am—Music prep for Mass / 10:30am—Class 2 / 10:55am—Mass prep / Confession / 11:20am—Daily Mass / 12pm—Lunch Recess / 12:45pm—Cool down and water break / 1pm—Afternoon Intro and skit / 1:15pm—Class 3 / 1:40pm—Break / 1:55pm—Class 4 / 2:20pm—Review and closing prayer / 2:30pm—Dismissal

The evening program commences at 6:45PM to 9PM daily: Sunday to Friday of this week.

Totus Tuus offers evening instruction for junior and senior high school youth (grades 7-12) during the week in the evenings: 7pm—9pm. We have found that energetic, faithful, college-aged teachers can effectively impact junior and senior high school youth. The team teaches in such a way as to continually offer a dialogue by which participants feel respected in their most basic dignity.

*A typical evening of the Grade 7-12 Program:*

6:45pm—Arrival and welcome / 7pm—Intro and skit

7:30pm—Session1 & Q&A / 8pm—Break and refreshment

8:15pm—Session2 & Q&A/8:45pm—NitePryer/ 9pm—Dismissal

**Sign-Up Sheet in Foyer**

## "Woman, Why Are You Weeping? Whom Are You Looking For?"

JESUS



**This Sunday's Readings:** *Acts 10:34,37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18*

The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation.

At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days (see Jonah 1:17). Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile (see Hosea 6:2). Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the nether world (see Psalm 16:9-10).

Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word—"tomb."

What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do—raised Him up on the third day (see Mark 9:31; 10:34).

What they saw and believed, they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels—from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree (see Deuteronomy 21:22-23), to His rising from the dead.

We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Epistle says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week—to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb.

We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come—when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory."

Scott Hahn

## CATHOLIC ANSWERS

www.catholic.com

DOES CANONIZATION MEAN NO TIME IN PURGATORY?

### Full Question

Does canonization mean that the holy person spent no time in purgatory?

### Answer

Not necessarily, but it at least likely means that the saint spent little time in purgatory, given his or her heroic virtue while living on Earth. A life of heroic virtue is affirmed when the Church declares a person "venerable" earlier in the canonization process.

CAN I MARRY THE SAME PERSON TWICE?

### Full Question

My husband and I were married in the Church. Unfortunately, we did get divorced and now are reconciling. Would it be possible for us to get remarried in the Catholic Church?

### Answer

You would not be able to get remarried in the Church. Though you were divorced according to civil law, the Church still considers you to be married to each other. Your original wedding day remains the day that the Church considers you to have gotten married. You would, however, be able to have a ceremony in which you renew your vows.

OK TO PLEASURE ONESELF TO THOUGHTS OF FUTURE SPOUSE?

### Full Question

Is it wrong to masturbate, without climax, to thoughts about your hypothetical future spouse?

### Answer

Masturbation is always wrong, as true conjugal love is necessarily other-centered, not inwardly focused in a selfish way, which is characteristic of lust (CCC 2351-52). So masturbation is wrong, whether one thinks of his real wife, his fiancée, or his "hypothetical wife." In each case, a person would be making a woman into an object of selfish satisfaction, not valuing her as a whole person. And that would be the case even if a man doesn't complete the act. The immorality of masturbation is not dependent on whether one sexually completes the act.

In contrast, there's nothing wrong with a husband's anticipating being conjugally intimate with his wife later in the day, provided there is no masturbation or lustful thoughts otherwise (see Matt. 5:27-28). In addition, there's nothing inherently wrong with being attracted to a woman. One can recognize a woman's beauty without lusting after her. However, if the woman is not your wife or fiancée, don't dwell on that attraction. It's a moral dead end.

## FAITH & POLITICS WITH BRAD TROST

**Starts:** April 7 @ 10AM—**Ends:** April 7 @ 12Noon  
**Where:** Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Drive,  
 Toronto, ON M3C 1Z3

Faith and politics go together. You know that. So does Brad Trost; and that's why he's travelling across the country to speak with and inspire Canadians.



## THEOLOGY ON TAP EAST: LONELINESS

Monday, April 16 — 7PM to 9PM  
 Boston Pizza, 400 Progress Ave,  
 Scarborough ON

Faith Connections, the Office of Catholic Youth, and the local parishes invite young adults (19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics! Special guest: Shereen McFarlane, Program Manager, Catholic Family Services of Toronto. Munchies provided, cash bar available - come and bring a friend! Info: OCY by e-mail youth@ocytoronto.org, or phone 416-599-7676.

## NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

March 30, Good Friday, after the 3PM Liturgy / March 31, Holy Sat, 7PM before 8PM Vigil (chapel) / April 1, Easter Sun, 1:15PM / April 2, Mon 7:30PM / April 3, Tues 9:30AM / April 4, Wed 6:30PM / April 5, Thurs 9:30AM / April 6, Fri 7:30PM / April 7, Sat 9:30AM.

## YOUTH MINISTRY


**SJ23 Youth Ministry Easter Social**  
 Friday, April 6, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.  
**Next God Squad Night: Lent Bible Study Series**  
 Friday, April 13, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Parish hall.



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ADORATION OF OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
*Takes place in the Adoration Chapel*  
 Every Friday: 9AM to 6PM, concludes with evening prayer and Benediction at 5:40PM. Come for a few minutes or an hour and keep watch with the Lord. Pray for others, the family, yourself.





**LENT IS HERE!!!**

***When Is Ash Wednesday?—February 14***

***What is Ash Wednesday?***

This day marks the beginning of Lent. We attend Mass on this day and receive the Ashes on the forehead as a sign of sorrow for sin and as sign of our intention to become more faithful.

***What is Lent?***

The penitential season of the Church's year. It is 40 days of preparation to renew our Baptismal vows on Easter Sunday. During this time we seek closer union with the Lord through an increase of *fasting, prayer, and giving of alms* (charitable giving).

***Lenten Fast & Abstinence***

Catholics are obligated to Fast & Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.

***The Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.***

The fast on Ash Wed and Good Friday involves eating only one full meal. One or two smaller meals may be taken on those days, but may not total one full meal. No eating between meals.

***Abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday***

Abstinence on these days from meat can include eggs or dairy products.

***Age Requirements***

"All Catholics at 15 are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60 year.

***Fridays of the Year***

It is a requirement of our Faith that we abstain from meat on all the Fridays of the year (except Feasts) in commemoration of our Saviour's death.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: GRADE 1--GRADE 8.

*Sing 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun @ 5:30PM Mass*

CHALICE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

Total for 2017/18 achieved! Total to Date: \$2157.95

**MORE GOOD NEWS**

***Catholic Women's League (CWL) & K of C of St JXXIII***

The Catholic Women's League of JXXIII & the Knights of Columbus are donating a new floor for our Hall this summer.

Also, CWL have kindly accepted to research the possibility of federal financing for a wheel-chair lift that can be installed on the staircase leading down to the hall. This is a program offered to charitable institutions for disability access to buildings.

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**Sunday Mass**

Sat Vigil Mass 5:15PM / Sun Mass 9AM, 12:15PM & 5:30PM. (Wkds: Mon, Wed, Fri 7PM; Tues, Thurs, Sat 9AM)

**Baptism**

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Saturday of the month at 11AM and third Sunday of the month at 1:30PM. Preparation session is required.

**Reconciliation (confession)**

Before all Sun Masses/Sat Vigil Mass and the Wed Mass or by appointment. Confessional is in Adoration Chapel.

**Anointing of the Sick**

At any time by appointment. In case of emergency, please ask hospital for Catholic priest. Or see Fr Simon.

**Marriage**

See Fr Simon before setting a date.

**RCIA**

If you know someone who wishes to become Catholic speak to priest.

**Catholic Cemeteries**



