

Christ is indeed risen !!!

Christ is risen because by death he has conquered and delivered Earthly existence at its very core. And, in rising, He has retained this core. And so he has remained.

When we confess Christ as risen to God in Heaven, we are saying that He is withdrawing from us his concrete transfigured humanity for a little while, and we are saying, moreover, that there is no longer a chasm between God and the world.

Christ is already at the very heart of all the lowly things of the Earth that we are unable to let go of and that belong to the Earth as mother. He is at the heart of the nameless yearning of all creatures, waiting to be allowed to participate in the transfiguration of his body.

Christ is at the heart of Earth's history, whose blind progress within all victories and all defeats is headed with uncanny precision toward the day that is His, where His Glory will break forth from its own depths, thereby transforming everything.

Christ is at the heart of all tears and all death as concealed rejoicing and as the life that gains victory by its apparent death. He is at the heart of one's handing something to a beggar as the secret wealth that is bestowed on the giver. He is at the heart of the miserable defeats of his servants as the victory that is God's.

Christ is at the heart of our weakness as the power that is allowed to appear weak because it is invincible. He is even at the heart of sin as the patient mercy of everlasting love that remains until the end.

As the most secret law and the innermost nature of all things, Christ is what still triumphs and prevails when all other laws appear to be dissolving. He is with us like the light of the day and the air to which we pay no attention, like the secret law of a movement, a law that we do not grasp because the duration of the movement that we can experience is too short to allow us to detect its underlying formula.

But Christ is here, the heart of this Earthly world and the secret seal of its everlasting promise.

Therefore, we children of the Earth may love the Earth, should love her, even where she is terrifying and tormenting us with her poverty and death-dealing impermanence. Since Christ has entered her forever through death and resurrection, her misery has become what is only preliminary and serves merely as a test for our faith in Earth's innermost secret – the Risen One.

That this is the hidden meaning of Earth's poverty is generally not our experience ... but our faith can blessedly defy experience. Ours is a faith that can love the Earth since she is, or will become, the body of the Risen One.

Therefore, we do not have to depart from the Earth, for God's life dwells in her. If we are looking for the God of eternity (and how could we not be?), and for an Earth that is meant to serve as our eternal chosen home, then this is the one way to find both. For in the Resurrection of Jesus as the Christ, God has adopted the Earth forever.

Adapted from Karl Rahner, *The Eternal Year*

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 20 - 28, 2019

Saturday, April 20: Holy Saturday

8:00 pm For all Parishioners Intentions

Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday

8:30 am For all Parishioners Intentions

11:00 am For all Parishioners Intentions

Monday, April 22: Weekday Mass

8:00 am Vincenza Forte by Nadia Arcuri
Guerrino & Luigia Ciambella by son Serafino

Tuesday, April 23: Weekday Mass

8:00 am For all Parishioners Intentions

Wednesday, April 24: Weekday Mass

8:00 am Sabatino Santache by family & friends
Giovanni Falcone by Angelo & Luisa Falcone

Thursday, April 25: Weekday Mass

8:00 am Agnese, Martino & Antonio Gagliardi by the family
Lionel W. Brookes by wife Elisa Nucci

Friday, April 26: Weekday Mass

8:00 am Teresina Vissa Tonini by Eva Kuchar
Giovanna, Pietro, Americo & Argeo Forlini
by Vincenzina & Michele Ferrara

Saturday, April 27: Weekday Mass

4:00 pm **IN LOVING MEMORY:** Leonard & Terry Winslade, Peter Duffy, Hazelin Charles, Antonio Bei, Flavia & Franco Spurio

Sunday, April 28: Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Pietro DiMeglio & Feni Castaldi by the DiMeglio family
Don Pare by Teri Laberge & family
Claire Gill by Glen & Mary Smith
11:00 am Vincenza Forte by Nadia Arcuri
Clemintine & John Larson by Erik Larson
Deacon Richard Haber by the Baptismal Team

Adult Faith Enrichment – Upcoming Events

Video Divina: This year, Fr. Lloyd Baugh's film series looks at films from different cultural and religious traditions and considers how their deities invite believers to undertake the journey towards *holiness* which is *wholeness*. Join him next **Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory** to view the film "Three Colors: Red". Free admission and popcorn, with discussion to follow! All are welcome!

The Five Love Languages: Understanding How We Give and Receive Love

Dr. Gary Chapman, pastor and author of the book "The Five Love Languages", teaches that there are five love languages; with one being our primary language. To be happier and more successful in our relationships it is important to know each other's love language. Join **Nathalie and John Bondyra** on **Saturday, May 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall** to learn the love languages, to discover your primary language, and to recognize the love languages of your loved ones. Start speaking each other's language, feel more loved and more loving, and get ready for your best relationships ever! Please register by **May 1**.

Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional information. If registration is required, kindly use the sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or contact Anna at the office (514) 481-0267.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your Parish. Collection for the weekend of **April 13 & 14, 2019**
Totalled **\$ 3,411.40**

Youth Ministry

At the weekend **Masses of April 27-28**, Tristan Mackenzie, from the Youth Ministry team at St. Ignatius parish, will address our congregation about the possibility of our young people joining the Youth Group at St. Ignatius.

Parish Council

Do you have an interest in taking notes during a meeting or would you like to volunteer your notetaking abilities – if yes, the Parish Council needs you! Please contact the Parish office to find out how you can assist. Thank you!

Catholic Action Montreal is hosting its Annual General Meeting (AGM) **Tuesday, April 23 at 5:30 p.m. at Loyola High School**. Bishop Thomas Dowd has confirmed his attendance. Please come chat with him, our other board members and hear about the good works Catholic Action does in the name of our Lord! Please RSVP rsvp@catholicaction.ca.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, April 22 and Tuesday morning, April 23. It will open on Tuesday, April 23 at 1:30 p.m..



HAPPY EASTER!

