

Mass Intentions

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20th, 2019, 8:00PM

† Deceased members of our St Willibrord Community

Sunday, April 21st, 2019, 10:30AM

† Thomas Battcock by Betty Luyten-Friedman

† Conchita De La Cruz and † Juliana Penonal by Maria Garcia

† Juan Edralin Jr by Amalia Gutierrez Edralin

Thanksgiving for Blessings received by the Nunez Family

Thanksgiving for Blessings received by Cora Garlando and Family

Birthday blessings for Joshua Bolofer by the Bolofer family

Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019, 10:30AM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, April 24th, 2019, 7:00PM

Thanksgiving Mass for Susan Petalio..

Thursday, April 25th, 2019, 8:00PM

Thanksgiving and b-day blessings to Mila Taccabban and family..

Friday, April 26th, 2019, 7:00 PM

Blessings to Angelito Quiocho by Melina Pasal and family..

Saturday, April 27th, 2019, 8:00PM

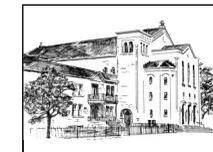
† Rowena Pilarte by Merly Nunez and Family..

Sunday, April 28th, 2019, 10:30AM

† Teresita Edralin by Amalia Edralin..

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April 21, 2019 — The Resurrection of The Lord (Easter)

“John saw the empty tomb and believed”

Meditation: What was it like for the disciple who had stood at the cross of Jesus and then laid him in a tomb on Good Friday, to come back three days later and discover that the sealed tomb was now empty? John, along with Peter, was the first apostle to reach the tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning. Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, John was not ready to see an empty tomb and to hear the angel's message, *Why do you seek the living among the dead* (Luke 24:5)?

What did John see in the tomb that led him to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? It was certainly not a dead body. The dead body of Jesus would have disproven the resurrection and made his death a tragic conclusion to a glorious career as a great teacher and miracle worker. When John saw the empty tomb he must have recalled Jesus' prophecy that he would rise again after three days. Through the gift of faith John realized that no tomb on earth could contain the Lord and giver of life. John saw and believed (John 20:8).

John had to first deal with the empty tomb before he could meet the risen Lord later that evening along with the other apostles who had locked themselves in the upper room out of fear of the Jewish authorities ([John 20:19-23](#)). John testified as an eye-witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ: *What we have seen, heard, and touched we proclaim as the eternal word of life which existed from the beginning* (1 John 1:1-4). John bears witness to what has existed from all eternity. This "word of life" is Jesus the word incarnate, but also Jesus as the word announced by the prophets and Jesus the word now preached throughout the Christian church for all ages to come.

One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Christ and to know him personally as our Lord and Savior. Do you accept the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection with skeptical doubt and disbelief or with trusting faith and joyful wonderment?

"Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won for us new life and resurrection power. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love for us and your great victory over sin and death."—copyright (c) 2019 Servants of the Word, source: www.dailyscripture.net, author [Don Schwager](#)

Please bring your bells for Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration
Flea Market April—
\$3,012.50
April 6-7—\$1,132.45
April 13-14—\$1,094.85

ST WILLIBRORD PARISH
Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am

(incl. Children's Liturgy)

Tuesday: 7:00 pm

(Rector)

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am

(Rector)

Adoration Thursdays

9:30am to 11:30am

(Rector)

Friday: 6:00 pm

(during Lent)

Please note the Mass, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be held in the Rectory

Sacraments



Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, May 26, 2019, at 10:30AM Mass

First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 2, 2019, at the 10:30AM Mass

A Reflection on Easter

By **Marta Timar**

The ultimate among Solemnities, the greatest among Feasts – Easter is the day we celebrate the crowning, central truth of our faith in Jesus Christ. Easter is the most important day of the Christian calendar, more important than even Christmas. It is the day of the Resurrection and Christ's triumphant victory over sin and death.

Through the solemn observances of Lent, we join our sorrowful Blessed Mother in accompanying Jesus on the road to Calvary. Particularly on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, when we unite ourselves to our Lord's Passion, contemplating the suffering Jesus endured for love of us, we are transformed through this uniting in order to also share in Jesus' great culminating victory over sin and death. On Easter, we celebrate Jesus' glorious Resurrection from the dead – the basis for our faith, as Saint Paul emphatically reminds us in his first epistle to the Corinthians: "And if Christ be not risen again, your faith is vain, for you are yet in your sins. Then they also that are fallen asleep in Christ are perished" (1 Corinthians 15:17-18).

Just as we are called to share in Our Lord's Passion and Death, we are also called to unite ourselves to His Resurrection during Easter, for if "we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him" (2 Timothy 2:11). This greatest of gifts, given to us lovingly and freely by our Redeemer, has purchased for us eternal life. We can hope for no greater glory than to gain the Beatific Vision and live eternally with God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the angels and saints in Heaven.

The joy of our faith and hope rests in the words of Jesus to Martha before He raised Lazarus from the dead: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, although he be dead, shall live; and every one that liveth, and believeth in me, shall not die for ever" (John 11:25-26). Let us join our voices to Martha's as we echo her response to Jesus: "Yes, Lord, I have believed that thou art Christ, the Son of the living God" (John 11:27).

Easter not only is the foundation of our faith, Easter also invigorates our hope. Hope draws our eyes upward, where God resides. Saint Paul encourages us: "Therefore, if you be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Mind the things that are above, not the things that are upon the earth. For you are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ shall appear, who is your life, then you also shall appear with Him in glory" (Colossians 3:1-4).

While Christmas and Easter both have Octaves, the Church celebrates the Easter season for a longer period than it does Christmas. "Eastertide" extends to 50 days, and commemorates the 40 days Our Lord spent on earth after His Resurrection to the time of His Ascension into Heaven, as well as the 10 days from the Ascension to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

On Easter Sunday, let us all join with the chorus of the faithful as we proclaim, "Yes, rejoice and be glad for Christ is truly risen! Alleluia!"

<https://carmelitesistersocd.com/2017/a-reflection-on-easter/>

ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Resurrection Angel (Salubong) Celebration

This celebration is the re-enactment of the first meeting between the resurrected Jesus and His Mother Mary, will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2019, at 9:00AM

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings to all who are celebrating this week.

Thank you to , Jorge, Jonas, Pedro, Bong, Virgilio, for their work preparing for the Resurrection Angel (Salubong) celebration and to all of our volunteers and Mike, Cora, Maria, Ogaga, the parishioners who stayed after the stations of the Cross to prepare the palms for us.

Thank you to the parents and candidates of the Resurrection Angel (Salubong) celebration

Thank you to everyone who supported our candidates through donations and/or prayer

Resurrection Angel Candidates for 2019

Lexie Anne Castro, daughter of Edred Castro and Anabie Garcia

Vanessa Carbonneau, daughter of Cynthia Credito and Michel Carbonneau

Gabrielle Chloe Cawaling, daughter of John Paul Cawling and Roche Martiriez

Colin Victor Davantes, son of Marites Davantes and Silver Davantes

Vanexcel Salmon, son of Arnel Salmon and Heidi Saul

Victoria Sanglitan, daughter of Jocelyn Samulde and Victor Sanglitan

Thank you to all Resurrections Angels Candidates.

Congratulations to this year's Resurrection Angel is Colin Victor Davantes.

DATES FOR FAITH FORMATION AND FORMATION FOR LAY PEOPLE

Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members:

will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass

Choir Practice with Johanne (rescheduled)

will be held on April 28, 2019 following the 10:30AM Mass.

Acolytes:

Meeting will be held in the rectory, on May 11, at 9:00AM.

Faith in the family:

The next faith in the family will be on April 28, 2019, at 9:00AM, in Cameron Hall

DATE(S) TO REMEMBER

Flea Market: Saturday, May 4, 2019, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Mass in Cameron Hall Saturday, May 11, 2019, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

CONFESSIONS will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass weekdays and on weekends.

BAPTISM Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish

Office at 514-769-9678. A meeting with Parents and Godparents is a pre-requisite.

Godparents must be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church.

MARRIAGE Please contact the Parish Office or Father Gregory well in advance, as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall.