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### Eucharistic Celebrations :

**Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> private mass – Odile Divorne (famille Divorne)**

**Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am Adoration of the blessed sacrament and reconciliation  
private mass – Ernest Montsion (funeral collection)**

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - private mass – Sereena Klassen  
(Simone & André Lambert)**

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Sereena Klassen**

God's Share April to date : \$535.00 + \$0.00 (loose) + \$220.00 (DD) = **\$755.00**

LOVE in a LOONIE collection : **\$228.20**

**Please keep a thought in your prayers for:** *Sereena Klassen*, daughter of Eliette Ricard (Simone's sister) and Ron Miller, who passed away from cancer on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the age of 32 years. Our condolences to her husband, Matt, her 18 month old daughter, Eve, her parents, her sister and brother, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. May the Lord in his divine mercy receive her with open arms and give her eternal peace.

### **Readings for Sunday: April 19, 2020**



Acts 2.42-47  
1 Peter 1.3-9

Psalm 118.2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (R.1)  
John 20.19-31

**Prayer Intention for April 2020:** *Freedom from Addiction* - We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

*April 12, 2020 - The Resurrection of the Lord (A)*

**Easter message from Fr. Peter to parishioners of St. Claude and St. Denis,**

Brothers and sisters,

***The Lord is risen, alleluia! Let us sing hymns of praise,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**Happy Easter to all of you!**

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in our Catholic Church. Jesus did really die and through his death, He conquered for us the power of devil and death. He died for us and resurrected to bring us back to life. **Christ's resurrection is the ultimate hope of all Christians**, "for if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in resurrection like His" (Romans 6: 5). Therefore, **Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection**, as we profess our faith in Credo: "I believe in the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting".



Many people think that the story of human life is, "birth, life, and death." For Christians, it's different. The story is not "birth, life, and death," but rather, "birth, life, death, and resurrection." For us, death is not an end: it is an entrance to eternity, to share eternal joy and life with God in our heavenly Father's home. This is our faith. This is our hope. This is what we are living for in this earthly life.

In times of fear, sorrow and uncertainty due to the coronavirus pandemic like now, God is our hope and peace. Remember that God is always with us. We are not alone. In this sense, **Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement** in this world of pain, sufferings, and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. Jesus died for us so that we have life and have it abundantly (Jean 10:10). As Christians, this is a good time for us to discover and rediscover the meaning of life, and to discern what the most important things in our lives are.

We all know that one day we all will die. But sometimes we forget this: we live as though we will never die. And maybe we will die as if we have never lived. We are living in the modern world, rushing to keep pace with life's many different activities and preoccupations. We think anxiously about our future in such a way that we forget the present, such that we live neither in the present nor in the future. More than ever, we are encouraged to spend more time to pray, to develop our personal relationship with God because when we have God, we have peace.

So, ask the Lord to help us to live our lives to the fullest, and entrust our past to His Mercy, our presence to His love, and our future to His Providence.

I want to take this chance to thank all of you for your donations to our parishes during these difficult times. We hope to receive your continued support to keep our pastoral ministries going. May the Lord reward you abundantly for your generosity.

## Some announcements to share with you as follows:

- **Easter Vigil:** French at 9:00 PM (Presider, Archbishop Albert LeGatt at Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish) English at 9:00 PM (Presider, Fr. Carl Tarnopolski, VG, at St. Bernadette Parish). Masses are livestreamed via the diocesan Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/> As well as on the Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLbnkM6HIRYpb4QjiXeBOg/live>
- *I will be celebrating Ester Sunday privately in both parishes.*
- **Lighting of Candles in our Homes to Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.** Taking note of the initial suggestion by Michèle Sala Pastora, parishioner of Holy Family Parish, as well as by several other people, Archbishop LaGatt invites all the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface to light a candle, or other source of light (battery-powered) at 9:00 PM or a few minutes earlier on Saturday, April 11th and to place it in the main window of their home to celebrate Jesus Christ as the light of the world.
- **Ringling of Church Bells:** Archbishop LeGatt invites parishes to ring church bells at noon on Easter Sunday and on every Sunday until Pentecost, i.e. till the end of the Easter season. In St. Claude and St. Denis- Haywood, we will ring the bells to express the joy of Easter, and to express our gratitude to all frontline workers who dedicate themselves for the service of many people during this pandemic. We are invited to show our deep appreciation for all these people and pray for them.
- **Novena to the Divine Mercy:** We are invited to pray the nine-day Divine Mercy Novena leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19, 2020. The novena would begin on Good Friday, April 10th. The intention of this Divine Mercy Novena will be for an end to the coronavirus health crisis in Canada and throughout the world. We include in our prayers the intentions of all health care workers and those who are struggling with the virus and those who have died. You can click on the following link to view the Divine Mercy Chaplet: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>
- *Pamphlets of the Divine Mercy are available in our parishes.*
- Please follow our parish Facebook page: "Paroisse Saint-Claude Parish" for updated information.
- I am here to serve you, do not hesitate to contact me at parish number 204-379-2434 or my cell as seen on the parish bulletin.

Being your pastor, I keep you all in my heart. I am praying the Liturgy of the Hours, Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy, especially celebrating Mass every day, of course privately, to pray for all of you.

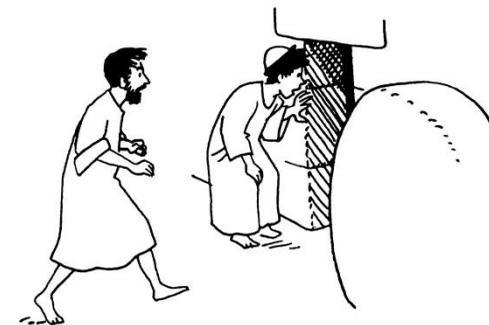
May the Risen Lord grant you peace, keep you safe and healthy!  
Happy Easter to all of you!

Fr. Peter Le

April 12, 2020 - Easter Sunday (A)

## Do we recognize signs and listen to testimonies?

For more than two thousand years, people have always been curious and closely examined the mystery of Jesus. *If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile* (1 Cor 15:17). This is the central affirmation of our faith and can be just as difficult to understand today as it was in the past. Even when St. Paul spoke about the Resurrection to the Athenians standing before Areopagus Hill, some scoffed and said to him: *We will hear you again about this!* (Acts 17:32).



In 2020, no one of our era has witnessed Christ's Resurrection. Since this is beyond our possibilities, we refer to the signs and testimonies that are recorded in the Gospels. We live in a difficult world that is always profoundly questioning. Though some people are tempted by despair and doubt, others are supported by hope and the certainty of our faith.

**The first sign:** Mary Magdalene had purchased perfumes to embalm Jesus' body. She then informed the apostles that the tomb was empty and that *the stone had been removed from the tomb*. What does this testimony about the empty tomb mean for us?

**The second sign:** Peter and John entered the tomb and discovered that the linen wrappings that had covered Jesus' body were folded on the ground. What do the folded linen wrappings that were left behind mean for you?

Many have inquired about the difference between Lazarus' resurrection and Christ's. While there were witnesses at Lazarus' resurrection, there weren't any for Christ's. Also while Lazarus emerged wrapped in embalming linens, the linens were left on the ground in Jesus' tomb. The Holy Spirit brought him into the divine sphere. St. John saw the empty tomb and he believed.

These events have changed our human existence. On this Easter morning, we celebrate our joy in Christ's Resurrection. Christ is truly risen! Alleluia!

**Yvon Cousineau, c.s.c.**

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli