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Easter 2022



The Lord Descends Into hell

Something strange is happening – there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: “My Lord be with you all”. Christ answered him: “And with your spirit”. He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: “Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light”.

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated. For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth.

For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.



Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

An Ancient Homily by Early Church Fathers.

http://www.vatican.va/spirit/documents/spirit_20010414_omelia-sabato-santo_en.html

For more reading: CCC Article 5 pages 631-637

The Risen Lord Descends into hell

Some reference:

Mathew: 27: 51-53 Tombs were opened for Resurrection.

Ephesians: 4:7-10 He led captivity captive.

Hebrews: 2.14 Conquered Death and devil

Preaching to the Dead: 1Peter: 3:19; 4:6



Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Sunday, April 17	10am Easter Sunday Holy Mass The Resurrection of the Lord
Tuesday, April 19	6:30pm Baby Care Training held in the Parish Hall 7pm Children's Liturgy Meeting held in the Meeting Room
Thursday, April 21	9am Holy Mass † Jake & † Louise Schell
Friday, April 22	9am Holy Mass † Lillian Luzack
Saturday, April 23	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, April 24	10am Holy Mass

St. John the Baptist Parish Office will be closed on Friday, April 15 and Monday, April 18. Regular hours will resume Tuesday, April 19. Please note, there will be no weekday Holy Masses on Tuesday, April 19 and Wednesday, April 20. Weekday Holy Masses will resume on Thursday, April 21.



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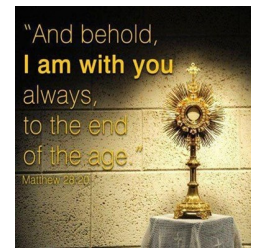
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Adoration

This quiet hour of prayer He invites us to and wants us to spend with Him. It is spent any way you like. You may want to bring your own prayer books, pray the rosary, read scripture or speak to Jesus Heart to Heart. You may want to listen to Him speak to you as He does through inspiration. Or, you may just want to sit and relax and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being in His company, for He said: *"Come aside to an out-of-the way place and rest while."* (Mk. 6:31) *"Be still and knows that I am God."* (Ps. 46:11) or *"My peace is My gift to you."* (Jn. 14:27)



Adoration

Adoration will resume Thursday, April 28.



Easter Flowers

Thank you to the families who have donated for Easter flowers in thanksgiving for someone in their lives or in memory of their departed loved ones. May your families be blessed this Easter and may your loved ones rest forever in the loving arms of Jesus.

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May you and your families will be abundantly blessed by the Risen Christ!!



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May the blessings of the Lord guide you, protect you and be with you on Easter and always!

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 Father Antony, our Parish Staff, our Parish Pastoral Council, our Finance Council, our Liturgy Committee, the C.W.L and the Knights of Columbus.


 Wishing you
 a blessed & joyful
 Easter!