

Happy Easter 2019
St. John the Baptist Parish

Estevan



EASTER



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



Easter Blessings from Hall Funeral Services



Wishing you and your family a Happy Easter...may God's infinite blessings be showered upon you as we celebrate the Risen Christ!!



THANK YOU TO OUR MINISTERS



Thank you to all our ministers who served during the season of Lent, through Holy Week, and Easter Sunday. You are a true example of stewardship and our Parish Family is blessed by your many gifts.

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



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St. John the Baptist Parish Office will be closed from Friday, April 19 to Wednesday, April 24. Regular hours will resume Thursday, April 25. Please note, there will be no weekday Holy Masses from Monday, April 22 to Wednesday, April 24. Weekday Holy Masses will resume on Thursday, April 25 at 9am.



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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| <i>† Gaylord Daoust</i> | <i>† Mary Grube</i> |
| <i>† Myrna Stefiuk</i> | <i>† Patty (Odgers) Spearing</i> |
| <i>† Mike Stefiuk</i> | <i>† Marie Ludwig</i> |
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| <i>† Juwana</i> | <i>† Matias</i> |

In thanksgiving of Dylan Jesse Ravanera

In thanksgiving for my son Benn Rey



Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Thursday, April 25	9am Holy Mass † Sharon Foster; Gerald & Joyce
Friday, April 26	9am Holy Mass Health of Darlene Geisel; Geisel Family
	10am (Nursing Home) Holy Mass † Gerry Keen; Mom
Saturday, April 27	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass
	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, April 28	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass
<i>St. Peter Chanel</i>	10am Holy Mass
<i>St. Louis Grignon de Montfort</i>	

