

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 4, 2010

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2010

8:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil**

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2010

(Acts10.34a, 36-43++, Col3.1-4, John20.1-18++)

10:30 **Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord**

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010 - NO MASS

(Acts2.14, 22-33, Matt28.8-15)

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010

(Acts2.36-41, John20.11-18)

5:00 Jack Bermingham by Helen Bermingham

Lorraine West & family (Estate)

James Ernest Smith by his family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010

(Acts3.1-10, Luke24.13-35)

9:00 Miss Helen McCauley by Constance O'Donnell

Lorraine West & family (Estate)

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010

(Acts3.11-26, Luke24.35-48)

9:00 Elizabeth Prévost & family (Estate)

Lorraine West & family (Estate)

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010

(Acts4.1-12, John21.1-14)

9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins & Mrs. Irene Collins by their family

Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010

(Acts4.13-21, Mark16.9-15)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010

Acts5.12-16, Rev1.0-11a, 12-13, 17-19, John20.19-31)

10:30 Patricia Taylor by her daughter, Andrea

Patrick Wickham by Dorothy Wickham & family

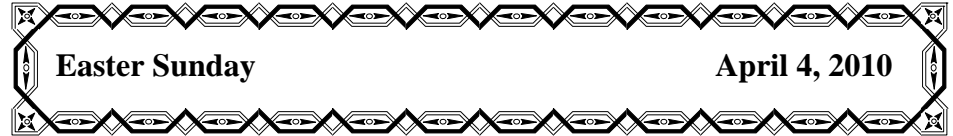
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Justin De Four by June De Four

This Week at Ascension

Monday: **Christian Meditation** at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room for information call 931-5536.

Thursday: **Choir Practice** at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.



Easter Sunday (*John 20:1-9*)

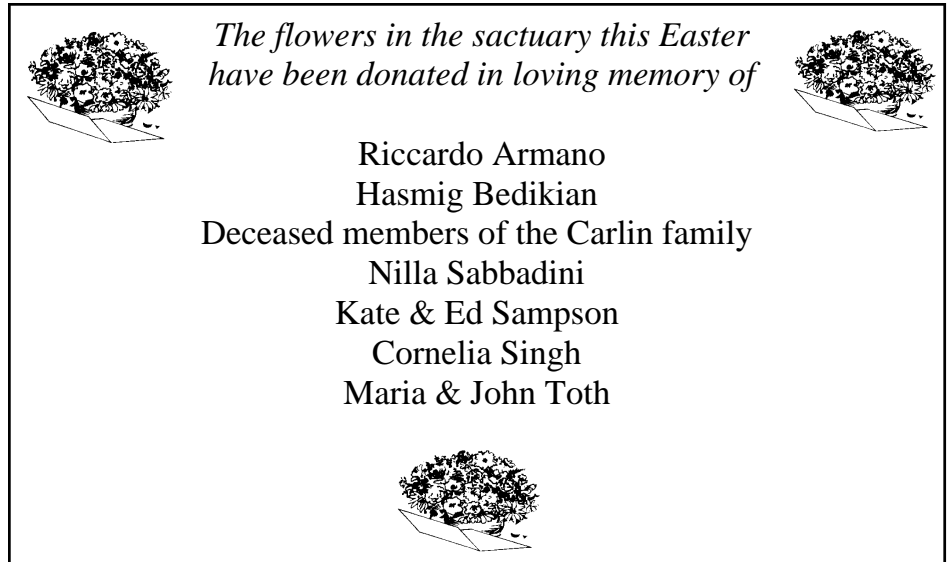
All four Gospels begin their Resurrection stories not with an account of Jesus' actual rising from the dead but with the discovery of the empty tomb. Although the stories differ in detail, they all agree on the most important point - the same Jesus whom the Romans crucified is now alive!

In the Gospel according to Matthew, Mary of Magdala and another woman (also named Mary) go to inspect the tomb early on Sunday morning. There is an earthquake, then an angel dressed in dazzling white announces that Jesus is alive. After the women inform the apostles of what they experienced, Peter runs to the tomb and finds it empty. In Luke's Gospel, the resurrected Jesus first appears not to the women but to two disciples on their way to Emmaus.

In today's reading we find Mary Magdalene visiting the tomb by herself. Seeing the stone has been rolled away, Mary fears that someone stole Jesus' body, so she runs to tell the apostles. Both Peter and the beloved disciple visit the tomb and find it empty. After the apostles leave, two angels speak to Mary, and Jesus appears to her. Mark's version has Mary of Magdala and two other women finding the tomb empty. A young man (an angel) dressed in white explains to them that Jesus has been raised from the dead and instructs them to tell Peter and the other apostles about what has happened. Unfortunately we do not have the original ending of this Gospel, so we do not know anything about what Mark says concerning Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances. The ending we do have dates back to the first century, but it is just a summary of the details we find in the other three Gospels.

Mary's role in all four Gospel stories is unusual because she appears as the hero in an event that took place in a male dominated society. It is interesting not that the resurrected Jesus chose to appear first to a woman instead of to Peter or another apostle, but also that he chose a woman instead of a man from his inner circle to be the first to tell the others. Jesus must have a great deal of confidence in Mary, and proving that this confidence was not misplaced, she did not disappoint him.

For Reflection: Throughout Scripture, God chooses the most unlikely individuals for his purposes. If the resurrection took place today instead of 2,000 years ago what type of person would be the first to experience the resurrected Jesus?



Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer/s is/are needed to drive a lady, who lives a few blocks from the Church, to Mass on the weekends (either Saturday evening or Sunday morning). If you can help, please contact Ann Smith in the Parish Office at 514-932-3131 or by email at ascenionoffourlord@videotron.ca

A Reminder

If you have not yet handed in your Share Lent envelope, please do so today and take this opportunity to stand with Development and Peace and the peoples of the Global South in their struggle for justice. Development and Peace needs our financial support in order to continue its work. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church or from the ministers of hospitality.

Parish Support

We encourage all parishioners to use the regular Sunday envelopes. These are mailed to parishioners four times a year. To obtain envelopes please call the parish office (932-3131) or fill in the form below and place it in the collection plate. We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Msgr. Harty & Fr. Donnelly after Mass.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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