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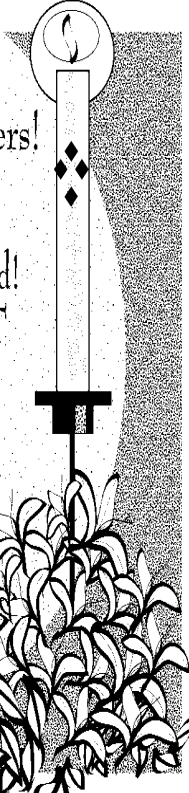
08 APRIL 2012  
EASTER SUNDAY  
*The Resurrection of  
Our Lord*

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**THE RESURRECTION:  
New Life for Christ,  
New Life for All !**

The Resurrection is, first of all, an event that concerns **Jesus Christ**. It is his personal triumph over death, and the vindication of the truth of his teaching. He had spoken about it before it happened. The fulfillment of that prophecy underscores the power of Christ and the truthfulness of his message. He **experienced his physical resurrection in all its transforming vitality, just as he had experienced the destructive power of sin in his agony and death.**

This is what the "Paschal Mystery" is all about. The Resurrection reveals this with a glorious clarity perceived



Rejoice, heavenly powers!  
Sing, angelic choirs!  
Exult, all creation  
around the throne of God!  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
our King is risen!  
Sound the trumpet  
of salvation!  
Darkness vanishes  
forever!

through the eyes of faith. But whatever happened to Christ has also a cosmic resonance. It influences and affects positively the whole universe, but especially mankind. **At the Incarnation, the Son of God united himself in a permanent way to every human being with a solidarity that makes him share in all the miseries of every individual (including the deadly consequences of sin), and makes every human being a sharer in Christ's dignity, holiness, and glory.**

This is why Jesus' coming out of the tomb alive, transformed, immortal . . . concerns us, too. It concerns all human beings. **His Resurrection is also mankind's resurrection because it marks mankind's liberation from the oppression of sin.** Christ's shattering the shackles of death (manifested through the breaking of the seals of his grave) is like the cracking of the shell of a seed which allows the sprout to burst forth with all the freshness of the new life it carries. That sprout is Christ, but is also all mankind. It is also each one of us. On Easter morning **a new world dawned, a new humanity rose from the slavery of sin and death, in Jesus, through him and with him.** (See Col 2:12-13.)

No human expression can exhaust the transforming greatness of this mystery. The Church has been proclaiming it during her 20 centuries of existence through her liturgy, her creeds, and her life. She will continue to do so until the liberating power of the Resurrection will have reached its full manifestation in the Kingdom of heaven. There are a billion and one reasons for celebrating, then, as we commemorate, re-live and rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus. **It is our resurrection, too. But we are challenged to prove it by living a new life.** We have to get rid of the "old yeast" of corruption and wickedness, and live a life characterized by sincerity and truth. (See 1 Cor 5:7-8.) We have to set our hearts "on what pertains to higher realms" (Col 3:1). Then will our actions ring the joyous notes of the Easter alleluia, and we shall **become a living "proof" of Christ's Resurrection.**

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Again our community has joyfully and competently celebrated the beautiful liturgical rituals of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Through the generous efforts and talents of many people we can say that we have faithfully worshipped, prayed, and journeyed to Easter. We are the Community of the Our Lady of the Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal. May we truly be an Easter people! Emboldened by our experience of sharing in Jesus Christ's Resurrection, let us go forth and share our Easter Faith. For fifty days

we will live the Easter Season. Let us live it fully. We know that Christ is in our hearts. Now is the time to let Christ shine before us--- for all to see !



As we begin our fifty-day celebration of Easter, we would like to acknowledge and thank all of the people who worked so hard to make Holy Week and the whole fifty days of Easter the high point of our liturgical year.

\* First, our thanks go to the all who attended the Friday *Stations of the Cross* and to the **DIFFERENT MINISTRIES** who hosted and participated in the 6-night '*Pabasa*' and the '*Linis-Simbahan*'.

\*Our special thanks to **Lorie Palisoc and Flor Acurantes** – our enduring '*Marthas*', together with **Mimi Tuvida, Rosie Calumpiano, and Dennis de los Reyes**. They spend countless hours preparing, executing and maintaining the church environment not only during this most holy season but the whole year round.

\* In addition, we thank **all of you who so kindly donated the Flowers, Greens and Plants** in honor of your loved ones.

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\* Thanks too to the **Pastoral Council** members and the **Administrators** for the numerous hours they put in. Our liturgies are glorious because of all of you!

\*Finally, we thank **EVERYONE** for your prayers, your weekly financial contributions and special donations.

**Thank you ALL for celebrating the Holy Days in your spiritual home here at the FCMM. May the Risen Lord bestow on you all the graces and blessings you need as we continue to journey with gusto these great fifty days of rejoicing!**



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#### **EASTER IS THE GIFT**

**Easter is the gift of HOPE. Easter is the gift of PEACE.**

**Easter is the gift of LOVE.**

**Let us rejoice in Him who gives them all.**

**May God bless you at Easter and keep you all year through.  
May God give you all the faith it takes to make your dreams  
come true. May his love and wisdom always help to guide you  
on your way. May His light shine down upon you now,**

**bless your Easter Day.**





**The Gospels do not explain the Resurrection; the Resurrection explains the Gospels !**



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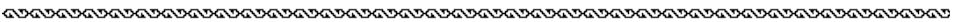
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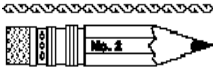
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The **SANCTUARY LAMP** this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **AS THANKSGIVING** offered by **TONY and NORMA FOZ.**



**From The Editor**

Our regular Hospitality Corner will be back on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks !

