

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2010

COLLECTION FOR MARCH 28, 2008

Envelopes \$2,529.00 Loose \$564.27 TIA \$200.00

Holy Childhood \$34.29 Maintenance \$55.00

Flowers \$155.00 Votive Lights \$67.01

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday	April 6	7pm Dana Cenfalone	Rip
Wednesday	April 7	7pm Isabella Ting	Int
Thursday	April 8	7pm Holy Souls	
Friday	April 9	9am Boudreau Family	Rip
Saturday	April 10	5pm Schwab & Barton Fam.	Rip
Sunday	April 11	11am Didinia Lozana	Rip

**FATHER DAN will not be in the office this coming week.
However, Masses are as usual.**

EASTER SUNDAY REFLECTION

O Mary, come and say what you saw at break of day.

“The empty tomb of my living Lord!”

I saw Christ Jesus risen and adored!

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The empty tomb is a shock but the risen Lord is always our salvation. Let us feast with joy in the Lord and offer thankful sacrifice!

Dear People of God;

The Resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of our Christian faith. If Christ has not been raised from the dead, our faith will be empty indeed! (1 Cor. 15:14) But the Resurrection of Christ is not merely something ‘out there,’ not merely an historical fact at which we gaze admiringly. It is a present reality in which through Baptism, we are intimately involved. “If we have been united with Him through likeness to His death, so shall we be through a like resurrection” (Rom. 6:5) Our sharing in the crucifixion-Resurrection of Jesus brings about a mysterious change in our being. Paul expresses it in a startling way: “I have been crucified with Christ, and the life I live now is not my own; Christ is living in me” (Gal. 2:20) The English poet Andrew Young, in his poem “Nicodemus,” arrives at the same conclusion:

Why do I kneel before your empty tomb?

You are not here, for you are everywhere;

The grass, the trees, the air, the wind, the sky,

Nothing can now refuse to be your home;

Nor I, Lord, live in me and I shall live.

This intimate union between Christ and the Christian calls for a new way of life. We must change our behavior. Corruption and wickedness must yield to sincerity and truth. Putting teeth into our baptismal promises will challenge each of us in different ways. The goal is ‘Easter living’ all year long.

The means to the goal may vary, of course, but one practical approach, enthusiastically supported by many of the great saints, is the daily (or at least frequent) 'examination of conscience.' Far from being a nit-picking exercise in false guilt, this approach to 'Easter living' is a practical way of renewing our motivation for such living and of bringing our baptismal promises into the nitty-gritty of daily life. A positive and consistent use of this means is a great help in overcoming, on the one hand, a mere legalistic approach to Christian life, and on the other, a too ethereal (unrealistic) approach.

'God our Father...

Let our celebration today

Raise us up and renew our lives

By the Spirit that is within us.'

May you and your families

have a

blessed and joy filled Easter.