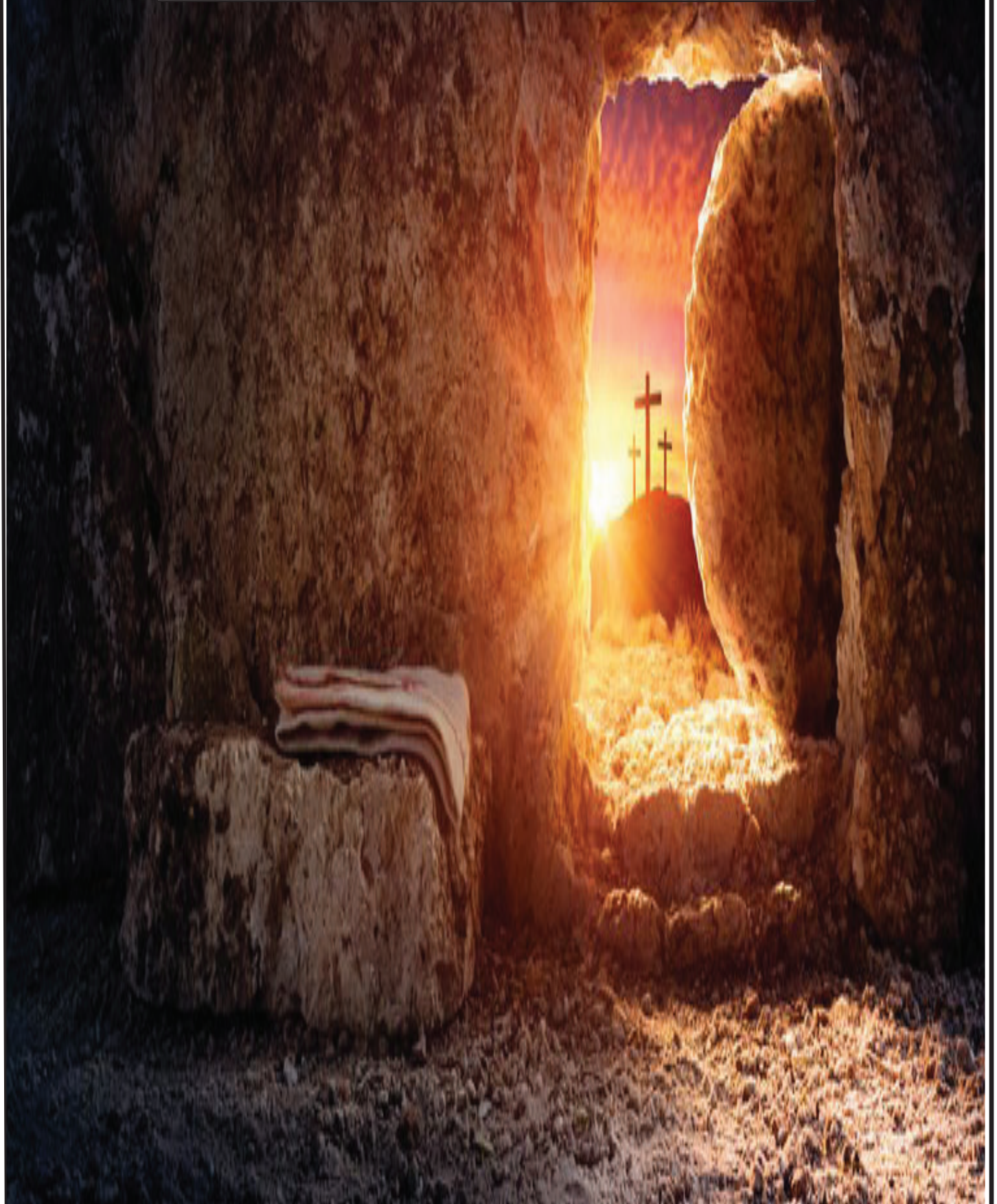


St. Elizabeth Seton

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024



Mass Intentions

Monday April 1st

10am: **Rosario Fava**

Req. by: Cupe 1571

Tuesday April 2

10am: **Marie Lehman**

Req. by: Al & Theresa

Wednesday April 3

10am: **Evelyn Melvin**

Req. by: Morena

Thursday April 4

10am: **Luis & Manuela Gaspar**

Req. by: Gaspar Family



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Your cancelled stamps can make a difference. Christmas cards may soon be arriving! Please donate your stamps in the box located in the foyer of the church or by dropping them by the parish office. The money raised from the sale of the postage stamps goes to the Canadian Food for Children Mission Fund.

Ukrainian Relief Fund:

In addition to praying for the situation, parishioners can contribute to the Ukrainian Relief Fund, which the Archdiocese has established to help suffering Ukrainians.

Parishioner are able to contribute online by going to: www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-humanitarian-relief/



St. Vincent de Paul

You can donate online to the Newmarket conference at:

<https://sjcses.blogspot.com/p/donate.html>

Parish Giving

March 24, 2024

Offertory	\$9,589.45
SES Building	\$ 70.00

Month of March PAG (Pre-authorized Giving)

Sunday Offertory	\$3,959.72
SES Building Fund	\$ 400.00
ShareLife	\$ 272.00

Ruminations

This year is the thirty-fourth Easter that I have celebrated from the priests' view, from the 'other side of the altar'. There have been many wonderful experiences of the Triduum. When I was up north we celebrated that Triduum at the mission Church which hadn't celebrated the Holy Three days for over three decades. We celebrated Holy Thursday with the washing of the feet; Good Friday with the procession of the Cross; and Easter Vigil fully. They were very appreciative laying all kinds of accolades on me for my creativity. I tried to explain that all these rituals were expected parts of the liturgy and that I invented none of them. They assumed it was just my feigned modesty. It wasn't until a few years later that one of those who had attended my 'creative Mass' and then went to St. Paul's university in Ottawa to study pastoral liturgy, that the truth came out. The next time she saw me, she hit me in the shoulder admonishing me because I did not create the Triduum rituals. I tried to remind her that I explained that it was just part of the liturgy. Oh well. I remember working with a carpenter creating the first adult immersion font for baptisms in Ajax. It was a home spa kit without the jets, and it was framed in beautiful cedar, and stained. It was stored in the garage which made a tight fit for two cars. The venerable old pastor peeked into the church during its construction, chuckled to himself and walked away shaking his head. He was a gamer though and expressed afterward how much he enjoyed the Easter Vigil that year. Anyway, when I finally moved from that parish, they bought him a t-shirt with a picture of my face on it that said 'Alleluia - I survived Fr. Roy'. I think that was summed up in his chuckle and head shaking. When we moved into the school in Ajax, we had another font built for the Easter Vigil. It was a five foot octagon - the octagon being an ancient symbol of the kingdom of God. Sometimes Sundays are referred to as the 8th day of Creation, that because the resurrection, all things are made new, and so Sunday is also looked at as the first day of the new creation. This font was a communal effort. There was a carpenter who constructed the frame, a roofer who laid the liner and sealed it, and then the finisher who created a water fall into the font so we could have 'living water'. The first year there was a bit of an incident with it. Once the pump was activated and the water began to flow, the glue that adhered the slate rocks to the waterfall melted away and ended up in the pool. We joked that the glue in the water should make the baptism stick. We corrected it for the next year. But the first Vigil still has a place of honour in all those memories. Sitting up in the sanctuary watching as the candles moved through the congregation as people lit their tapers, piercing the darkness of the Easter night was magical and serene, and holy and peaceful. It was one of those privileged times when all seemed right in the universe, and heaven was touching the earth. So each year on the Easter Vigil, as the liturgy unfolds, it always brings me back to that holiest of days. Happy Easter.



Fr. Roy

Announcements and Events...



1. What colour were the first Easter Eggs dyed?
2. Which country started the tradition of the Easter Bunny?
3. Which country started the tradition of dying Easter eggs?
4. Where is the largest Easter egg museum?
5. Which country produced the first chocolate egg?
6. What do children in Sweden & Finland dress up as on Easter?
7. True or false—After Christmas, Easter is the 2nd most popular Church day in North America.
8. Which country grows the most daffodils?
9. From where is the name Easter derived?
10. Where is Easter Island located? (Bonus—what is its native name? We have a nativity from there in our Christmas collection)
11. Who was the first person to discover Jesus' tomb was empty?
12. What are the most extravagant Easter eggs called & where were they created?
13. The earliest date for Easter is March 22. What is the latest date on which it can fall? (Hint—it is the feast day of St. Mark)
14. What German baked good is associated with Easter?
15. Which country originated the blessing of the Easter baskets with foods that break the Lenten fast?

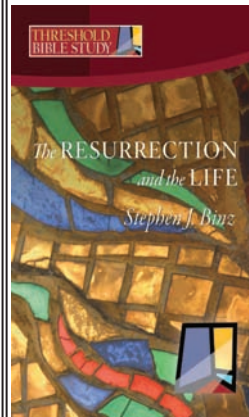
Answers:

1. red for the blood of Christ. 2. Germany
3. Ukraine 4. Poland 5. England in 1873
6. witches & wizards
7. false, Easter is the most popular followed by Christmas Eve.
7. United Kingdom
9. Anglo-Saxon goddess of Spring Eostre
10. Pacific Southeast, a territory of Chile
11. Mary Magdeline
12. Faberge eggs created by Russian goldsmith Peter Carl Faberge
13. April 25 which will take place in 2038
14. Pretzel 15. Poland

New Bible Study Session Beginning

Starting on Thursday April 04, the Bible Study will be investigating 'The Resurrection and the Life; from the Threshold Bible Study program. We will go until May 09.

If you are interested in journeying through the Mystery and significance of the



Resurrection, join us for some wonderful discussion and growth. Please contact the Office if you are interested and we will put you in contact with the Bible Study leaders.



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Let us pray for the sick...

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Donna Stea-Cutting
Andy Dube
Elizabeth Ryan
Matteo Savella
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Carmen Baldacchino
Mervin Correa
Leo Cadia Vaz
Orsola Accardi
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Michelle Canale

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Paul Jennas
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Tammy Elkie
Marcus D'Mello
Lisa Stokl
Jeanette Barbosa
Daniel Juresic
Bernal Gutierrez
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SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Doors open at 5:00 PM

DINNER SERVED: 6:00 PM

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\$5 for children 7 and under



**All tickets must
be purchased
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* After each Mass on April 6-7 and 13-14

* Visit, call or email the Parish Office











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THURSDAY APRIL 18th**

**Proceeds to support our
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The Life of Our Parish in April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am 	4 Soup & Movie  Bible Study 	5	6 2nd Sunday of Easter 1st Communion Weekend 
7 2nd Sunday of Easter 1st Communion Weekend 	8 RCIA 7pm 	9 CWG General Mtg. 	10 K of C General Mtg.	11 Bible Study 	12	13 3rd Sunday of Easter 1st Communion Weekend 
14 3rd Sunday of Easter 1st Communion Weekend 	15	16	17	18 Confirmation Retreat 7pm 	19 	20 4th Sunday of Easter 1st Communion Weekend. CWG Spaghetti Dinner 
21 4th Sunday of Easter 1st Communion Sunday 	22 RCIA 7pm 	23 CWG Exec Mtg. 	24 K of C Exec. Mtg.	25 Feast of St. Mark Bible Study 	26 Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel	27 5th Sunday of Easter Last 1st Communion Mass 
28 5th Sunday of Easter	29 Feast of St. Catherine of Siena	30				

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