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Resurrection - Anselm Grün

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Celebrating the Resurrection

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Men want to see and touch everything and take it in hand, but women see the invisible. Women have a sense of birth and death. They remain at the cross , while the men flee. Now it is the women who witness a new birth, new life which rises from the grave.

In Matthew's Gospel, at the very end of the Sabbath , that is, when it was getting dark , " the women went to watch at the grave " (Mt 28,1-7) . The Greek word " theorein " means : to see, to meditate, to reflect , to observe. The women wanted to stand watch at the grave, silently communing with the person who had touched their hearts. Apparently they wished to be witnesses at the tomb : they wanted to stand with Jesus in his death, and reflect upon the mystery of his life. They had the courage to go out into the night and persevere in mourning at the grave. They may, therefore, experience a resurrection encounter with the Risen One. Women are less afraid of being with those who are dying or of visiting loved ones at the cemetery. For them, death is part of life just like birth. Men rather avoid the realities of illness and death - are afraid of them. They do not know what to say to the dying. It is difficult for them to grieve. But then they cannot experience transformation . Women believe in life despite death. When you meet the Risen Lord on the way into town, run to him spontaneously: "Women took hold of his feet and worshiped him" (Mt 28,9). They bowed down before the mystery of life, because it is stronger than death. Lovingly they embraced his legs. Because they are not afraid to touch the grave, they may also experience the Risen Christ and touch the life that triumphed over death. In Mark and Luke, the women come at dawn to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with scented oils. They want to demonstrate the last service of love . They themselves prepared spices from different

aromatic herbs. Their love for Jesus does not stop with his death for they embrace Jesus' dead body. At first glance, it seems pointless, because in the Middle Eastern climate one dead could be already in decay. Yet love still hopes for miracles. Love is stronger than death: this the women experienced firsthand. They did not encounter Jesus' corpse, but the One who had Risen. Jesus is alive. So their love does not come to nothing, but it touches the One that forever lives and loves.

Church would do well if it believed the message of women because they have a healthy sense of what it might awake us to life. The Easter Gospel is therefore inviting you today to be especially careful about understanding what the women in the family home, at work or in a personal meeting want to tell us. Where else would you hear something new and different? Where else can feel in their words the meaning of resurrection? Each of us has a different "experiences" of the soul. The women who met at the tomb of the Risen One want to encourage you to trust that in silent impulses of our heart we experience resurrection. We experience the Resurrection when we have the courage to stand up, relate to people, say what we have on our minds, realize the possibility of victory over a problem that weighs us down. Thereby, we have consciously listened to the silent voices of our hearts. The resurrection can now become a reality, even an experience, for us. I believe that life will triumph over death and that love is stronger than death.

Chapter from the book, Secret of Easter Joy, by Anselm Grün.

Alleluia!

*Christ our Victor has overcome death
with life!*



*I wish you the joy of Christ's resurrection
filled to the brim and overflowing.*

*After all 'in his resurrection is the guarantee of our
own resurrection.'*

*I ask for you the grace of this holy season and the
courage and strength to bear witness to the risen
Jesus, for our love is so that the
world may believe in him.*

+ Peter Ester

DOUBLE CANONIZATION IN ROME APRIL 27.



“Just weeks before the canonizations of Blessed John



XXIII and John Paul II, hotels in Rome are reporting they are almost fully booked, and the Vatican has confirmed that the Mass will take place in St. Peter's Square. That means hundreds of thousands of people will have to watch the ceremony on large video screens.

Pope Francis announced in late September that he would proclaim the two popes saints in a single ceremony on April 27, the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Less than two weeks after the date was announced, the Prefecture of the Papal Household issued an advisory that access to St. Peter's Square would be first-come, first-served and warned pilgrims that unscrupulous tour operators already were trying to sell fake tickets to the Mass.

With perhaps more than a million people expected to try to attend the liturgy, rumors had abounded that the Vatican would move the ceremony to a wide-open space on the outskirts of Rome. But the Vatican confirmed on Feb. 27 that the Mass would be held in St. Peter's Square, just outside the basilica where the mortal remains of the two rest.

A spokeswoman for the office of Rome's mayor said the city hoped to have by March 24 a working estimate of the number of pilgrims, as well as preliminary plans for transporting them to the Vatican and providing them with water, toilet facilities and first aid stations. Marco Piscitello, a spokesperson for the Rome hotel owners' association, Federalberghi, said that already by early March, owners were reporting that more than 82 percent of hotel rooms in the city had been booked for the canonization weekend.

“There will be a strong presence in Rome for this double canonization,” he said.

Blessed John Paul II, known as a globetrotter who made 104 trips outside Italy, served as pope from 1978 to 2005 and was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI.

Blessed John XXIII, known particularly for convoking the Second Vatican Council, was pope from 1958 to 1963; Pope John Paul beatified him in 2000.

Asked by reporters in July to describe the two late popes, Pope Francis said Blessed John was “a bit of the ‘country priest,’ a priest who loves each of the faithful and knows how to care for them; he did this as a bishop and as a nuncio” in Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece and France before becoming a cardinal and patriarch of Venice.

He was holy, patient, had a good sense of humor and, especially by calling the Second Vatican Council, was a man of courage, Pope Francis said. “He was a man who let himself be guided by the Lord.”

Meeting in March with priests from the Diocese of Rome, Pope Francis said one of the greatest inspirations of Pope John Paul was his intuition that “this was a time for mercy.”

“It is a gift he gave us, but one that came from above,” Pope Francis said. “It is up to us as ministers of the church to keep this message alive, especially in our preaching and gestures, in signs and pastoral choices—for example, in deciding to give priority to the sacrament of reconciliation and, at the same time, to works of mercy.” *America Magazine, April 7, 2014.*

QUOTES FROM POPE JOHN XXIII

It often happens that I wake up at night and begin to think about a serious problem and decide I must tell the Pope about it. Then I wake up completely and remember that I am the Pope"

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential.

Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what is still possible for you to do". -

GEORGE DVORSKY

Moving Toward Easter

Do you feel like there is not enough time to do your Lenten obligations? There is still time in the next two weeks to prepare for the great celebration of Easter.

At my local parish (American Martyrs church) there are many ministries that help us to prepare for Easter. For instance we are asked to join every Friday night during Lent for:

- Family Stations of the Cross at 5:00_{pm},
- Family Mass at 5:30_{pm}, and
- Lenten Dinner in the parish Hall. The menu is a simple meatless meal consisting of homemade soup, pasta, rolls, fresh fruit, crisp salad, and PB&J sandwiches for the kids. A donation comparable to what one might spend in a family restaurant is suggested - most give \$5/ person or \$20/ family. All proceeds are given to the poor. It is also a great time to socialize with fellow parishioners.

For many years I just went to mass and did not try to know fellow Catholics. It was when I started to get involved in various ministries that the church community became alive for me. No matter what event or mass I attended there was someone I knew and enjoyed greeting them with conversation. Unfortunately because our Czech Church is located so far for many of us it is difficult to participate in activities more often than once a month. The mass is the central theme of our gathering, and it is by gathering for a meal that we enjoy friendship and conversation. Was it not a meal gathering where Our Lord offered the Eucharist?

Throughout the year there are other ministries such as: Welcoming committee, Bible reading, Scripture readings of the upcoming Sundays gospel readings, RCIA functions for new Catholics to be baptized or confirmed, Stephen ministry which cares for people by providing emotional and spiritual support for parishioners having life difficulties. Once a month we have pancake breakfasts after every mass which is also an opportunity to get to know our church going neighbors.

There are many more programs that help with the stewardship of our community.

Are you ready to:

- *Get more involved in Czech church Leadership?*
- *Help shape the future of our faith and cultural community?*
- *Help with our outreach, reach out to fallen away Catholics, or help deepen the spiritual, liturgical or faith life of our Czech mission?*

Let's hear your ideas on bringing Catholics and Christians of Czech background into our fellowship.

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You are invited



TO OUR CZECH EASTER LITURGY!

In SAN Diego our holy Mass will begin on Holy Saturday, April 19, at 4:00 pm in the Hall of St. John's Parish, on the corner of Normal and Lincoln. There will be refreshments after Mass.

In LOS ANGELES Holy Mass will be held on Easter Sunday, April 20, at 1:30 pm in the Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda CA 92886. After Mass a meal of smoked pork butt will be served. Suggested donation \$10.00; parky \$5.00.

In SAN FRANCISCO our next Czech Mass will be on Sunday, April 27, at 11:00 am in the auditorium of STAR OF THE SEA Church, 4420 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, CA. Refreshments will follow.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: May Masses
SD 10, La 11, SF June 1.



Children, don't forget about the Easter Egg Hunt as part of our Czech Easter celebrations!

Parents, please bring colored eggs and candy which will be blessed after Mass and taken to the back lawn for the children to collect them.

We can always use more pastries and desserts for our Easter meal!

Pope Francis Surprises Priest, Kneels Before Him And Confesses His Sins In St. Peter's Basilica

Reuters | by Philip Pullella

- Pope Francis surprised his own master of ceremonies on Friday by confessing his sins to an ordinary priest in St. Peter's Basilica.

The pope was presiding at service intended to show the importance he attaches to the sacrament of reconciliation, commonly known as confession.

After reading a sermon, he was to have gone to an empty confessional booth to hear confessions from ordinary faithful as some 60 priests scattered around the huge church did the same.

His master of ceremonies, Monsignor Guido Marini, pointed him toward the empty booth but the pope went straight to a another one, knelt before a surprised priest, and confessed to him for a few minutes.

He then went back to the empty one and heard the confessions of a number of faithful.

The pope goes to confession regularly but in private.





KAREL SKROB
1925-2014

The memory of my father.

In January we lost our dear father, husband, grandfather and great-grandfather Ing. Karel Skrob. He was born in Kanice u Brna in 1925. With his wife Mary and two daughters Eva and Edith they lived nine years in Slovakia. In Bratislava, he graduated from the university in mechanical engineering. In 1958 he moved to BRNO where he worked first in Brno and KRÁLOVOPOLSKÁ STROJÍRNA as a mechanical engineer. In addition to the work he enjoyed his biggest hobby, playing the violin. He was an excellent musician and played in one of Brno's prominent orchestras.

In 1968, the family went to Austria and, after a three-month stay in the camp came to the USA. After a short stay in New York they settled in California. For many years my father worked at McDonnell Douglas as a mechanical engineer and also retired from there. He was an active member of the Czech Mission and played the violin in the church. He was very fond of their children, grandson Roman, granddaughter, Yvonne, and his great-grandchildren.

At an advanced age, however, Alzheimer's disease struck and gradually overcame his ability to perceive and interact with the family. On the nineteenth of January this year, the Lord called him. His wife Marie continues to live in their house in Hacienda Heights; daughter Edith and her husband live near the mother; and daughter Eva and her husband moved to be with their son and four grandchildren to the State of Georgia.

We remember and pray to the Lord God to give our father eternal rest.
Daughter Eva Plachy

Peace
BE WITH
YOU

ÚMYSLY NA MŠE SVATÉ:

DUBEN • APRIL

1. za živé a zemřelé členy české síně Karlín - Joe Kocáb
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- 7.+ rodinu Smolíkovu - Hana Louda
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- 16.+ Dr. Lud'ka Kozlíka - manželka Brigitte
17. + Raymunda Dvorského - manželka Marie
18. GOOD FRIDAY. No Masses
- 19.+Jiřína Kroupová (+ 2006) - přátelé
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- 21.+Jaromíra a Marii Hrobařovy - matka Anna
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- 28.+Petra Vranu - manželka Jarka
- 29.+Miloslava Maříka - manželka Edith
- 30.+ Jiřinu Jordánovou - manžel Pavel

POZOR!

Please don't forget to send your pictures, along with text, for our 50th anniversary book. If you have any pictures from the early years that we didn't use in the 40th anniversary book, we would like those too. You will be credited. Send all to Frank Onderka, checks made out to RC Czech Mission.

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\$1,000.00 Bishop's salary; 375.00 (rent ofo Hass in San Diegu 50, LA 200, SF 125); **\$120.00 (gas, car maintenance); Věstník printing: \$216.00 +230.00 (postage).**

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