

# THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



## PASTOR'S CORNER

**Here are some counsels on faith and religion for all of us.** Their author described himself in this way: *"I'm almost 80 years old, a spiritual writer whose main focus of research and teaching right now is on the spirituality of aging, and I'm a Roman Catholic priest, a religious insider, who can be perceived as simply a salesman for religion and the churches."*

**1. Search honestly.** God's first concern is not whether you're going to church or not, but whether you are staying honest in your search for truth and meaning. When the Apostle Thomas doubts the reality of the resurrection, Jesus doesn't scold him, but simply asks him to stretch out his hand and continue searching, trusting that if he searches honestly he will eventually find the truth. The same is true for us. All we have to do is be honest, to not lie, to acknowledge truth as it meets us. In John's Gospel, Jesus sets out only one condition to come to God: Be honest and never refuse to acknowledge what's true, no matter how inconvenient. But the key is to be honest! If we're honest we will eventually find meaning and that will lead us where we need to go – perhaps even to a church door somewhere. But even if it doesn't, God will find us, perhaps in those totally unexpected places where we live and move and have our being.

**2. Listen to what's deepest inside you.** A soul is a precious commodity. Make sure you honor yours. Honor the voice inside your soul. Deeper than the many enticing voices you hear in the world inviting you in every direction is a voice inside you which, like an insatiable thirst, reminds you always of the truth of this prayer from Saint Augustine: You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Stay in touch with that voice. You will hear it in your restlessness, and it will teach you something that's initially hard to bear but eventually sets you free.

**3. Beware of the crowd!** In the Gospels the word "crowd" is almost always pejorative, for good reason: Crowds don't have a mind, and the energy of a crowd is often dangerous because of the propensity to be led by ideology, group-think, the latest trend, the popular person or thing, the false feeling of being right because the majority of people feel that way, and the social pressures coming from both the right and the left. But in spite of all this, always be true to yourself. Protect your soul. Don't give it away cheaply.

**4. Don't confuse faith with the churches.** When they ask those without religious affiliation today why they aren't religious, invariably their answer is, "I just don't believe it anymore." But what's the "it" which they no longer believe? What they don't believe anymore isn't in fact the truth about God, faith, and religion, but rather what they've heard about God, faith, and religion. Sort that out and you will find that you do have faith. Moreover, don't write off the churches too quickly. They have real faults; you're not wrong about that, but they're still the best GPS available to help you find your way to meaning. They're a roadmap drawn up by millions of explorers who have walked the road before you. You can ignore them but then be alert to God's gentle voice that is often saying: "Recalculating". God will get you home, but the churches can help, for as someone once said, "In every tribulation, there will be a revelation."

**P.S.** I want to conclude this reflection with a short statement, which succinctly summarizes his thoughts: "In the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable, we eventually learn that here in this life there is no finished symphony, because we await our own resurrection."

*Fr. Slawek*

# APRIL 20, 2025

## The Divine Mercy Novena

Good Friday April 18 – Saturday April 26, 2025



Day 1 - Good Friday After the 3:00 p.m. Service  
Day 2 – Holy Saturday After the 7:30 p.m. Mass  
Day 3 – Easter Sunday After 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass  
Day 4 – Monday 10:15 a.m. (In Church Basement)  
Day 5 – Tuesday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Day 6 - Wednesday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Day 7 – Thursday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Day 8 - Friday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass  
Day 9: Saturday 3:45 p.m. – Before Evening Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, April 22

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

### Wednesday, April 23

9 a.m. Repose of the of Elizabeth Comeford req. by Bridget Murphy.

### Thursday, April 24

9 a.m.. Repose of the soul of Romeo Agtarap req. by Maria Valerio.

### Friday, April 25

9a.m. Repose of the soul of David Emer req. by the Emer family.

### Saturday, April 26

7:30p.m Repose of the of Thomas Donaghy req.by the Bridget Murphy.

### Sunday, April 27

9 a.m. Intentions for all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Silvestro DeLaurentis req. by the DeLaurentis family.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul  
Holy Spirit Conference

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord” - (Psalm 33.5) Let us spread this goodness by reaching out to those who depend on us for the basic and material needs. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul relies totally on the generosity of benefactors like YOU in their mission to help our neighbor-in-need get their basic needs.

Please remember the POOR BOX on your way out of the Church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!



## Parish Summer Camp Grade 1—8

July 7-11 and July 14-18  
from 9 am to 3 pm.  
More information to follow

## ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH

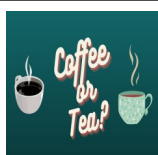
**Pre-Authorized Giving Plan**—Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish's account.

This amount will be receipted at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.

## 2026 Photo Album for Holy Spirit's 70th Anniversary

Holy Spirit Church will be celebrating it's 70th Anniversary in 2026!! As was done 10 years ago, Holy Spirit will be creating a Photo Album/Directory FREE of charge for those parishioners who sign up to have their portrait taken. Single, couples and families are encourage to sign up at the Church office during the week in order to get a professional portrait taken Please help to make this 2026 photo album for our 70th Anniversary a success!



## COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Everyone welcome

Live as if Christ **DIED** yesterday, **AROSE** today,  
and is **COMING TOMORROW.**

