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Greetings from the Shrine

Easter was beautiful at the Shrine! All Shrine members and their families were remembered at the Easter Mass. We hope all of you had a blessed Easter.

We are very busy with different projects. The brick cleaning and repair is underway so some weekday masses will be held in the hall due to the noise. Hopefully they will be finished soon and you next visit you can see the work that has been done.

Our town is preparing for the 58th annual Kolache Festival which will be held on May 6th. We will kick off the week with the Czech Heritage Dinner on April 30th. The menu will consist of authentic Czech food which will include: Czech ribs, klobase and kraut, peas and barley, and poppy or apricot houska. If you come to the Kolache Festival stop at the St. Wenceslaus booth where we will be selling kolaches.

Mother's Day will be May 14th and the Shrine will be filled with roses to celebrate all the women in our life. The next newsletter will have lots of pictures.

We always keep all of you in our prayers here at the Shrine.

"Divine Infant Jesus Bless and Protect Us."

- For the Holy Father and All religious men and women
- Vocations to the Service of God
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Message from the Pastor

I am the resurrection and the life...

Fifth Sunday of Lent

“ . . . I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? The word of Jesus Christ to Martha in the Gospel of John today in the Fifth week of Lent conform the love of God to us and the faith we must have to God.

There was a long time in my life that I have wondered about the meaning of both the words “Resurrection and the life”. Do I really need the resurrection and the life from Jesus or can I do it by myself. I’m convinced that I do need Jesus for both, otherwise I cannot be the person who I am or who I will be after this life. In regards to Resurrection every day I try my best to allow Jesus Christ to help me to resurrect from doing bad to doing good, from doing good to do what Jesus Christ asks me to do. I believe every time I read the Holy Scripture and receive the Holy Eucharist with good intention, Jesus will once again help me to be resurrected and to give me a new life.

The word “life” from the mouth of Jesus continues to lead me to understand the full meaning of the word “resurrected”. My human body will be resurrected after the life on earth but what will happen after that, where will my body go. It will either go to the resurrection of

eternal life with God or it will to the resurrection of condemnation which will separate me from God. So I do need life after this life on earth and Jesus Christ is the only one who can give it to me. After reading and meditating on the Gospel of John this Fifth Sunday of Lent, I’m truly confident to say yes Lord I do believe that you are the Christ of God and your words are the words of the resurrection and the life.

Perhaps this is the core of our Christian faith unless we begin to believe in these words of Our Lord Jesus Christ we will not understand the meaning of resurrections and life from Him. May the season of Easter of this year help each one of us to depend totally and open our hearts to Jesus Christ and firmly believe in Him, despite all the hardship and challenges that we have to face every day in our journey of life here on earth.

Blessed Easter to all of you, your families and friends. . . let us stand straight every day to follow Our Lord Jesus Christ in the vocation we have received from the bountiful goodness from God. May the Blessing of the Infant Jesus of Prague always be with the whole world and with all of Us. We thank you for continuing support the Shrine of the Infant of Prague.

Sincerely


Priest Long Phan Ngoc

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