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TIVE MINUTE SERMON

REV. J. J. BURES, PRORIA, ILL. EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION - MOTIVES FOR REJOICING

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us be giad and rejoice therein." Words taken from the 17th psaim and applied by the Church to Easter Sunday.

To day the Christian world is celebrating the great Easter solemnity for which we have long been prepar-ing. This is the bright sun of Christian festivals around which all other festivals revolve. This is the festival of festivals, the day which the Lord hath made. "Let us be glad and rejoice therein."

During the past few months, the sol-mn ceremonies of the Catholic Church have presented to our consideration the private and public life of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We have learned salutary lessons of poverty, humility and mortifica-tion from the divine Infant as He lay cold and abandoned in the crib at

We have seen Him subject to His We have seen fill duplet to file Virgin Mother and foster father, St. Joseph, and have resolved to imitate His prompt obedience; while His faithful observance of all the details of the Law has filled us with admira-

From His public life we learn the duties of charity. "He went about doing good." His whole life, but especially His public life, was a con-tinual work of compassion and

For the past forty days we have been meditating particularly upon the sufferings of His passion and preparing by penance and mortifica-tion for the glories of His triumphant resurrection. We have followed Him to the cross and laid Him in the tomb. But the gloom and desolation of Good Friday, the lamentations of sorrow and the garb of mourning have been laid aside; and the Church to day puts on her robes of splendor and pours forth her allelujahs with accents of joy.

She rises from mourning more glorious than the sun from the midst f clouds. But why such rejoicing? Why does the Church decorate her altars with the choicest flowers and celebrate this day with all the pomp and grandeur of her magnificent ceremonial?

It is because on this day we cele-brate the consummation of His mistion, of all His labors for the salvation of man. It is the anniversary of His victory over death and the powers of darkness.

Of the many reasons for rejoicing I wish to call your special attention to two from which all the others

The first reason for our rejoicing to day is centered in the fact that the resurrection of Christ is an un answerable proof of His divinity.

That Jesus Christ is both God and an we, as Catholics, firmly believe In fact, if we had the least doubt about it we should cease to be Catho lics. You all know that the Church always taught it and that the faithful always believed it. But did you ever ask yourself why, upon what grounds, the Church taught it ? Did it ever occur to you that the Church may teach some things without a reason? If so, let me tell you this: the Catholic Church guided by the spirit of truth is infallible and teaches nothing that Christ did not teach, nothing that is not solidly grounded in Scripture or apostolic

Let us then take a brief review of the reasons upon which this dogma is founded and then we will better understand the motives of our rejoic.

and in three days I will rebuild it." and in three days I will rebuild it." "I will arise again in three days." This prophecy was fulfilled. Three days after His death, Jesus Christ arose victorious from the tomb. The stone of the sepulchre was moved. The guards were overturned, awe-stricken and bewildered. The dis-ciples beheld again their Master Who is glorious and immortal. St. Thomas, the incredulous apostle, touched the scars of His wounds, and placed his hand in the wound in His side and, moved by the miracle NEARLY IN

and placed his hand in the wound in His side and, moved by the miracle of the resurrection, exclaimed full of faith "My Lord and My God." This fact of the resurrection of Christ firmly established by the four Evangelists who record it in almost the same words : "He is not here; He is risen," is the foundation of our faith, and the confirmation of the divinity of Christ and of the Church founded by Him. "If Jesus Christ be not risen," says St. Paul, "then is also vain." oWhen we recall to mind the state "I am not a strenuous user of medicines or patent medicines, but I have taken nearly everything recommended for Indigestion and Constipation.

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Goa and that the transformation of society was wrought by Christ and His Church—then will we under-stand why we rejoice on this glori-ous day, the anniversary of that act which wrought this transformation. The resurrection of Christ is a Ottawa. Each soul shall be united to the body it had in this life as is clear from the words of Job. (xix, 25, 26.) "I know that my Redeemer liveth; and in the last day I shall rise and pledge of our own resurrection. Is not this another powerful motive for our rejoicing? We shall rise again from the dead. What an irresistible

see my God; Whom I myself shall see, and my eyes shall behold." The resurrection is clearly stated incentive to perseverance! Yes, we by Martha when she says to Jesus (St. John xi, 24) "I know that he shall rise at the last day. Faith teaches it, reason sustains this belief. Faith (i. e. Lazarus) shall rise in the resur-rection at the last day." The postradition strengthens it, Scripture confirms it, and Christ's resurrection

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sibility of the resurrection of our bodies is shown by the resurrection of Lazarus who had been dead four days. But the great, the unanswerable

Creed says "I believe in the resur-rection of the body." In the Athan-asian Creed we read "All men shall rise again with their own bodies." rgument, the seal, the pledge of our And the fourth Lateran Council de-fined that "All shall rise with the resurrection is the resurrection of Christ Himself. "For," says St. Paul, "If the dead rise not again, This belief is not contrary to reaneither is Christ risen again." (I Cor. xv, 16.) And again he says "If we son. For it is easily seen that if God can create the body of man from believe that Jesus died and rose

nothing, He can also collect the par again ; even so them who have slept through Jesus will God bring with ticles of the body once dissolved. Him . . . and the dead who are in Christ shall rise first." (I Thess. Everything in nature proclaims the fitness of this. Plants die and return again to life; flowers decay iv. 13. 15.) All shall rise, the just and the re-

and revive; the seed that is put into the earth becomes corrupt and probate. The reprobate to igno-miny and shame, but the just to glory and honor. The bodies of the just will be rises again to a new life. Tradition strengthens our faith in this dogma. What was believed by the fathers and faithful in every age endowed with the qualities of a glorified body, like the body of our

must be the true faith of Christ. But it is so with this dogma. Time Lord after His resurrection. They will possess the quality of will not permit many quotations. Tortullian who lived in the second impassibility by which they will not be subject to pain or trouble of any kind; subtility by which they have century says that "the confidence of Christians is the resurrection of the lead." St. Ambrose says "the resurthe nature to a certain extent of a spirit; agility by which they are free rection of the body is necessary that the good acts may be properly rewarded and the bad acts may be from every burden and can travel through space with wonderful rapid-ity; and charity by which quality the

Scripture, both of the Old and New glory of the soul redounds and contributes to the glory of the body. Christ on this day, by rising from Testament, confirms this faith. God will send His angel to call the dead to life. "For," according to St. Paul (I Cor. xv, 52) "the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall rise the dead, obtained for us these wonderful privileges. O! my dear friends, are not these powerful reasons for

our joy ? But in order that our joy may be complete, in order that we may aspire to this glorious resurrection there is something necessary on our part. A spiritual resurrection must take place in us. We must rise from A MAN tried to sell me a horse once. He said it sin.

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

TEMPERANCE

WHY DO MEN DRINK ? Why do men drink ? There is nothing pleasant to the taste in beer or whisky. Beer has a tang that is made by acid. Alcohol is a fiery liquor that burns the lining of the

Drunkenness is coming to be re-garded in its true light. It is a dis-ease — a diseased condition of the stomach membranes, and sufferers should be pitied and helped instead of blamed or punished. The drink habit takes hold quickly. throat and the stomach. Why do men drink ? At first they Why do men drink? At first they drink for sociability's sake, because they are out "to have a good time," because they think it manly to go into a saloon, and stand up at the bar, and have a dram. They feel big. The drink is rather sickening to them, especially if they take much of it, but what does that matter, are they not " out for a lark?"

Why do men drink? Alcohol is a poison. Drink a quart of whisky at one time and it will kill you. Taking it in smaller quantities prevents it from being immediately deadly, but the constant use of it is, after all,

only a slower poisoning. Why do men drink ? There is a sense of exhilaration after several drinks of liquor, because the action of the heart is quickened. It throbs fas or under the stimulant. The brain too feels the excitement of the everish blood. There is a false sense of gayety. But after the poison loses its power on the system to enforce along the speed of the circulation of the blood, there is a reaction. The spirits droop. The heart slows down in its pulsations below normal. There

is a feeling of oppression and of sad-ness. If the man gets drunk, the stomach sickens before he gets over the spell, and the blood takes some time before it is rid of the poison. If his kidneys are not in prime condi-

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benefit from liquor. It does not add to a man's strength, or increase his It strengthens the inclina desire. capacity to work, or help him to achieve success. Why do men drink ? It is an expensive habit. Only one drink a day of 15 cent liquor means a yearly out-lay of \$54.75. And where is the drinker who takes only one dram a day? Even if he does not drink regularly, a periodical spree costs a lot of money, and the frequent treat-ing of boon companions exhausts his day. Why do men drink ? It is injuri ous to health. Life insurance com-panies will not take men who work in breweries unless they are total abstainers. Athletes are forbidden to touch it. Men who meet with seri-ous accidents or who have to submit Review. to surgical operation, usually have much better chances of recovery if

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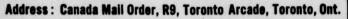


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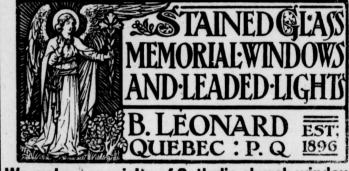
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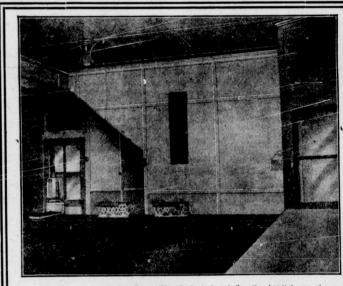


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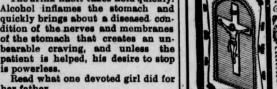


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ings. If we follow the life of our Saviour know anything about horses much. And I didn't know the man very well either. on earth from His birth until He began His public career, we find nothing extraordinary. He appeared as other men. He was called the either. So I told him I wanted to try the horse for a month-He said "All right, but pay me first, and I'll give you back your money if the horse isn't all right. carpenter's Son. Except on one oc-casion, His divinity was hidden ; His

humanity alone appeared. Afterwards, when He had commenced His public ministry, we catch now and then glimpses of His Well, 1 didn't like that. I was afraid the horse wasn't "all right" and that I might have to whis-tle for my money if divine nature. Although we see that He was a man, we see clearly I once parted with it. So I didn't buy the horse, although wanted it badly. Now this set me hinking that He was something more. "In things superior to man we may look to find God." find God." The changing of water into wine,

the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, the healing of the lepers, the curing of the blind, deaf and dumb, the raising of the dead are as super-And I said to my the rating of the deat are as tablet, ior to the powers of man as heaven is superior to earth. God alone could perform them. No one but God can undo the work of death. if, lots of people may think about my Washing achine as I thought about the horse and about the an who owned it. man who owned it. But I'd never know, because they wouldn't write and tell me. You see I sell my Washing Machines by mail. I have so d over halt a million that way. So, thought i, it is only fair enough to let people try my Washing Machines for a month, before they pay for them, just as I wanted to try the horse. Now, I know what our "too Gravity" Wahar will do. I know it will wash the clothes with out wearing or tearing them, in less than half the time they can be washed by hand or by any other machine. Jesus Christ had but to say to the man who lay four days decomposing in the tomb; "Lazarus come forth:" and the dead arose, the blood began to circulate through his veins, and he became as he was before he died. <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text> That Jesus Christ performed these wonderful things is as certain as is any historical fact. Had we been present, my dear friends, at any of these scenes, with what feelings of admiration and awe would we not have regarded the author of them Would we not have been irresistibly impelled to fall at Hisfeet and worship Him as more than human?

But if His divinity appears in these miraculous works, it appears far more strikingly in His own resurrection from the dead. All His other miracles—even the raising of Lazarus -might be and have been attributed to other causes ; but His resurrection firmly establishes the fact that He was God.

He was cou. He arose by his own power alone. Before His death He Who said "I am the resurrection and the life" had foretold that He would rise from the dead. "I will [destroy this temple

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sin. We must, as St. Paul says in to-day's epistle "Purge out the old leaven." Then with pure consciences and happy hearts we can feel to its fullest extent the joy which to day's festival ought to bring to every Christian. Then we can enter into the spirit of the Church and understand and feel the power of her joyous anthems and allelujahs. Thus we see, my dear friends, the

Burning The Midnight Oil Thus we see, my dear friends, the mystery of the resurrection is a pledge of our own resurrection, a proof of the divinity of Christ and the foundation of the rock upon which this Church reposes. Against that rock the storms and billows of two thousand years have beaten in vain. Against it all the powers of earth and hell have, waged an inces-sant warfare. But there need be no fear; for He Whose glorious resur-rection we celebrate to day has pro-mised that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against her." Let us, then, rejoice on this glorious feast, and let us resolve to conform our and let us resolve to conform our lives with that of our Divine Model, that loving and imitating Him here we may spend an eternal Easter with Him hereafter. Olmydear friends, I wish this joy to

each and every one of you. I trust you are all prepared to enter fully into the spirit of the Church on this glorious day. If any of you are not thus prepared, let me entreat you to remove the impediment. "Purge out the leaven." Attend to your religi-ous duties. Make a good confession and receive your Saviour in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Then you can raise your hearts in joy to the Lord. And then I can with confidence indulge the hope and prayer that you may so live that, when your time comes to finish this earthly pilgrimage, you may arise all glorious with Jesus and enjoy Him forever in that blessed abode whose joys it "Hath not entered the heart of man to conceive."

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