

## *Christ, the Light of the World!*

Take this blessed candle home as a gift from St. Mary's Parish Vancouver and join us on Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Easter Vigil Mass which will be broadcast on You Tube (see the parish website for details: <https://stmarysvancouver.ca/> )

Each year at the Easter Vigil, Catholic Churches around the world light the Paschal Candle to remind us that Christ is the Light of the World. During your Easter celebrations, light this candle as a reminder that you are a bearer of the light of Christ.



*Eternal God* set us aflame with the fire of Your love and bring us to the radiance of Your heavenly glory. Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to Him, and all ages; to Him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. By His holy and glorious wounds may Christ Our Lord guard and keep us. May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds. *Amen.*

## *St. Mary's Parish Easter Vigil, 2021*

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the Mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.

“But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of them to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. (Mark 16.1-8)