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SPECIAL EASTER SEASON MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

As we celebrate the Easter Season and the joy of the Resurrection, we want to remember all of our loved ones who have died during this past year. We will be having a special Sunday Mass of Remembrance for all of our loved ones on **Sunday, April 25th at 5:00 pm** in the church.

I know that many of us have lost family members or friends this past year. And many of us have not been able to attend funeral services or even have a funeral for our loved ones because of COVID and social distancing requirements. This can complicate the grief that we feel because we have been unable to mourn our loved ones in the way we are accustomed.

That's why we are having this special Mass of Remembrance. We encourage you to bring pictures of your loved ones to the Mass to be placed on a table in front of the altar. You will also be invited to come forward and write the name of your loved ones in our Book of Remembrance and to light a candle in their honor. It is my hope that you will find a measure of peace and comfort knowing that we have prayed together for your family members and friends who have passed away.

The Easter Season is the perfect time to remember those who have died. For Jesus himself promised us, "*I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.*" (John 11:25) And again he tells us, "*Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith*

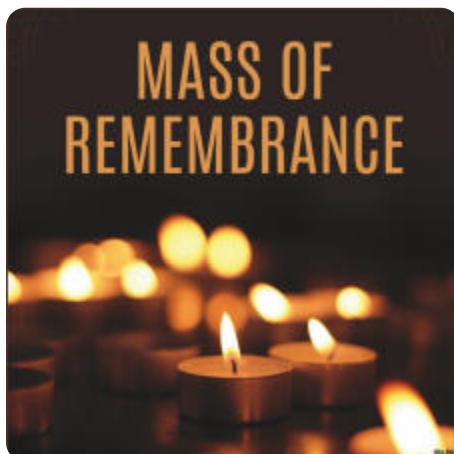
in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." (John 14:1-6)



So let us find comfort in knowing that our loved ones are already experiencing the joy of the Resurrection that we celebrate this Easter. They have been raised to new life with God, with our Lord Jesus Christ, our Blessed Mother and all the saints. And they are at peace in our Father's house! Let us come together to celebrate and remember their lives and to give thanks to God for the gift of his son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who has taken away our sins and has conquered over the grave.

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you,

Fr. Francis



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

First Reading Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

Responsorial Psalms 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9

Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading 1 John 2:1–5a

Gospel Luke 24:35–48

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

1ST: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19 2ND: 1 Jn 2:1–5a GOSPEL: Lk 24:35–48

I imagine that Jesus has a keen sense of humor. How else could his modesty in today's reading be explained? If someone you knew and loved died in a brutal and horrific manner, and a few days later happens to be casually standing near you and your friends, greets you, then questions your very human fear and confusion (what other reaction could be expected?!?) as if it's no big deal, could there have been a part of him that was thinking to himself, "(smirking) watch this...?"

It seems he anticipated their human reaction because he was ready to show his wounds and help them to believe that he was indeed risen from the dead. Then, rather than allowing much time for indulging their joy and amazement at witnessing this miracle, Jesus—much like a college kid returning home—interrupts their adulation and asks what there is to eat!

Makes me want to get to know this guy better. I find so much understated amusement here. Jesus eats his fish

and gently reminds them what he had told them before: "everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Can you imagine how much patience that takes? Jesus kindly refrains from rebuking them with, "weren't you listening to me?!" He knows that his disciples need help

comprehending what is happening and the good teacher that he is, he "opens their minds to understand the Scriptures." Who doesn't want that? I find it incredible that these are the same Scriptures available to *us* to read too, and that the Holy Spirit is working to open *our* minds to understanding. I am enjoying getting to know Jesus better!

— Tina Smat, Parish Support Specialist



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THANK YOU

"A truly great volunteer is hard to find, difficult to part with and impossible to forget."

We sincerely thank our amazing St. Josaphat Parish **Catechists** for all their diligent work, passion and love for teaching our young students the value of our Catholic faith. We were able to offer our Religious Education program this year because of their flexibility in adapting to online instruction. Thank you Michaela Moulder (Pre/K), Michelle Daut (1st), Caroline York (2nd), Danielle Bowsman (3rd), Andrew Knox (4th), Kristan Vaughan (5th/6th) and the wonderful Dr. John Dreixler (8th) for a fabulous year in spite of COVID!

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Give the gift of Religious Education to a child. Our program runs 2–3x times per month from August to April. For early-bird registration, visit our website under the Kids Tab.

ATTENTION: MARRIED COUPLES!

St. Josaphat Parish is inviting all married couples to a **Marriage Course**, where a "host" couple will guide us each evening on a certain topic pertaining to marriage. Over the course of 7 weeks, you will experience time together privately with your spouse, watching a video or working on private sharing exercises as directed. As time allows, we will also invite you to participate in some activities to get to know other couples, to help build our sense of community. All sessions will take place on Zoom on Thursdays from 8–9:30 pm (after kids are in bed!) We begin on May 6th. Invest in your most important relationship—your marriage! Sign up on our website today!! Email Mary Jane for more info: maryjane@stjosaphatparish.org

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: MAY 17

All are invited to the next Parish Leadership Summit on Monday, May 17, from 7–8 pm on Zoom. Our quarterly summits are intended to teach leadership skills and raise up lay leaders in our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Fr. Francis is praying his daily Mass for us and these intentions this week:

- MONDAY** For an increase of vocations to the Franciscans of the Eucharist
- TUESDAY** Parishioners of St. Josaphat
- WEDNESDAY** Living and Deceased Mothers and Fathers
- FRIDAY** † Purgatorial Society
- SATURDAY** Parishioners of St. Josaphat
- SUNDAY** 8 am: † Rosa Rutigliano
10 am: † Rose Alice Fedea

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Mary Louise Koehl, Roseanne Mazzanti, Margie Perzynski



We're most in need of bottled water and men's L or XL white t-shirts.

GREET OR CLEAN

We are looking for volunteers to greet people **before** Mass and clean pews **after** Mass. If you want to help make our church more welcoming, please sign up on the parish website > **How Can I Help?**

8:00 AM SUNDAY MASS

Our Sunday 8:00 am Mass has returned! Make your reservation on our website every Friday after Noon.

THIS WEEK

Mon.	4/19	8:00 am	School Mass (<i>closed to the public</i>)
		6:30 pm	School Board (<i>Zoom</i>)
Tues.	4/20	8:00 am	School Mass (<i>closed to the public</i>)
		10:00 am	Faith Sharing: Breaking Open the Word (<i>Zoom</i>)
		7:00 pm	Holy Hour of Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation* (<i>Church</i>)
Wed.	4/21	8:00 am	School Mass, Watch Live on Facebook
Fri.	4/23	8:00 am	Mass* (<i>Church</i>)
Sat.	4/24	5:00 pm	Mass* (<i>Church</i>)
Sun.	4/25	8:00 am	Mass* (<i>Church</i>)
		10:00 am	Family Mass, 4th Grade* (<i>Church</i>) or Watch Live on Facebook
		5:00 pm	Mass of Remembrance* (<i>Church</i>)

*Reservations required

Pre Cana is offered online by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Baptismal Preparation Class is offered virtually via Zoom the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Sign up on our website. Our next class will be May 10.

WHO'S NEW IN THE PEW?

We warmly welcome new parishioners Tom and Kim Arndt. If you are new to the neighborhood and have not yet registered, please register through our website at www.stjosaphatparish.org.

PRE-ORDER FOOD TRUCK

Smoke Daddy BBQ
Tuesday, April 20

Order ahead of time by Noon on 4/20, then pick up between 4:30–6 pm from their food truck parked at St. Josaphat! Choose from their family pack options and a portion of sales will be donated back to us: <http://bit.ly/Josaphat0420>

SHOP AROUND

Kendra Scott, 3426 N. Southport Friday–Saturday, **April 30–May 1**

Use the code **GIVEBACK-111F** online (kendrascott.com) or in-store and **20%** of your purchase will be donated to St. Josaphat!

SUNDAY OFFERING

In order to give you a better understanding of our financials, we are now publishing year-to-date (vs. weekly) Sunday Giving numbers.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 THROUGH END OF FEBRUARY 2021

Budget.....	\$434,831
Actuals.....	\$467,435
Difference.....	\$32,604

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