St. Joan of Arc Parish
Sunday, April 18, 2021

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday - Friday 8:30 AM
Reconciliation by appointment only

Baptisms by arrangement
Anointing: Families please contact rectory

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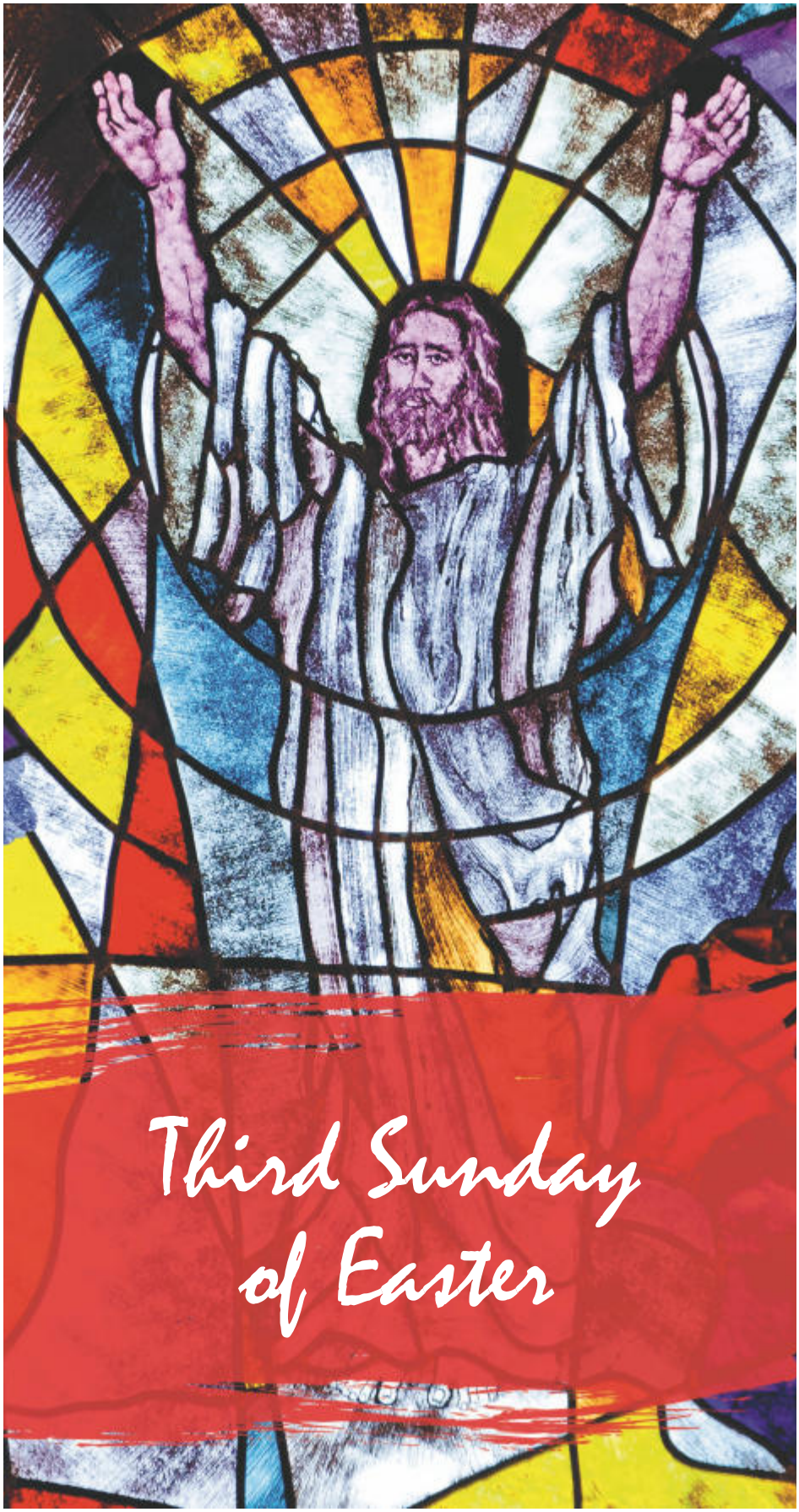

Renew My Church (RMC)
Evanston Grouping Update

Dear Saint Joan of Arc Family,

Happy Easter! My sabbatical time is going well and I am grateful to Fr. Rodlin and Fr. Val for their careful stewardship of the parish during these months. I will return to the parish on July 1, 2021. Recently, the Pastors of the Evanston Parishes *(St. Mary, St. Nicholas, St. Athanasius, the Sheil Center and myself)* had an orientation meeting with RMC staff. With this first meeting, we are already entering the formal RMC activation and the preparation phase. Three main items were discussed: Familiarization with the overall RMC vision, Grouping process phases and general timelines, and next steps for us.

1. **Familiarization with the overall Renew My Church Vision:** Renew My Church is our answer to God's call to Rebuild his church in Chicago. Why is there a need for renewal? We are facing not an "age of change," but "a change for the ages." We are now in a missionary age. Pope Francis calls us to work towards a renewed model of a parish. Our Chicago journey is both structural, (to ensure our parishes have adequate resources for vitality) and spiritual (to re-encounter Jesus Christ as disciples and parish communities). The three important elements to drive renewal: Christ calls us to a personal transformation and conversion of heart, Christ calls us to ensure that our methods serve our mission, Christ calls us to communion and collaboration recognizing that we all bring different gifts necessary to support one another in this work of renewal.

2. **Grouping process phases and general timelines:**
   1. Now we are in the preparation and activation phase until September. During this time, Pastors are inviting 5 members from their parish community (Principal, paid staff and 3 more non-staff) to pray and consider to be part of the Grouping Feedback and Discernment Team. RMC Archdiocesan Staff is in the process of assigning a facilitator who will manage the process for the grouping. Besides the facilitator, we will also have support from the Vicariate Team and Pastoral Accompaniment Team. Priests will have a preparation retreat in late July or August. The Pastor and 5 parish members will start their formal meetings with the other parishes after Labor Day.
   2. Discernment and Decision will take from 4 to 6 months, beginning September after Labor Day.
   3. Organizational Transition will take from 8 to 12 months post decisions.
   4. Building the New Reality will take place when the new parish is ready.

3. **Next steps:** Let us pray for all of us as we enter into Renew My Church calling during these months. Let us pray for an open mind and heart to see us a missionary church. It is in the spirit of renewal and collaboration that we will re-encounter Jesus Christ as we have conversations with members of other parishes. We are called to bring the best of each other as disciples of Christ. Let us keep in mind that Christ calls us to have a personal transformation and conversion of heart.

Please look forward to RMC updates for the upcoming months.

Easter Season Blessings,

Rev. Kenneth J. Anderson

Father Kenneth Anderson
Saint Joan of Arc Parish

GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day."
- Lk 24:45-46

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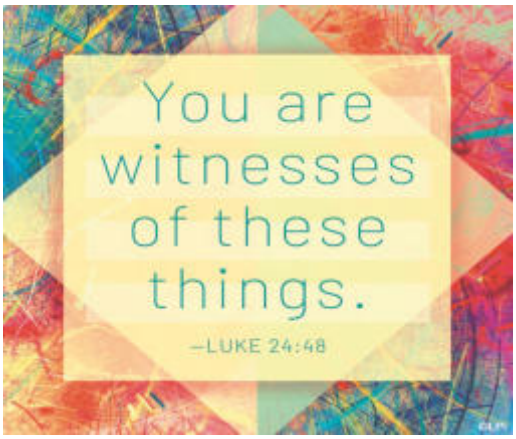

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/ Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/ Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/ Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Jean Olson	Maria Rosa	Robert Mena
Christopher Sawa	Debbie Bonick	Philip Hall
Marlene McCauley	Maria Holst	Carol Garrity
Elizabeth Ritter	Tiara Hawkins	Mercedes Quinol
Paz Billedo	Gilda Bilotto	Lily
Don Kohlfeld	Joan Walsh	Stephanie DeBoey
Christina & Maria Granjean-Ludwig		Maria Christina

Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 17
4:30PM John Cornyn

Sunday, April 18
8:30AM Andrej Cepko
10:30AM Maria Cepkova

Monday, April 19
8:30AM Edwin Revilla

Tuesday, April 20
8:30AM J.P. Schermerhorn

Wednesday, April 21
8:30AM Dr. Larry McCarthy

Thursday, April 22
8:30AM Tom Joseph

Friday, April 23
8:30AM Rev. Martin P. Carr

Saturday, April 24
4:30PM Richard & Mildred Eisenberger

Sunday, April 25
8:30AM Camilla Racine
10:30AM Luz Bello / Dr. David Wherry

Welcome

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MASS

Dear Parishioners,

In the last few weeks I have been inviting you to attend Mass in-person if you are healthy enough to do so. We really benefit from the Mass spiritually when we gather together with the other members of the community of faith sharing the Body and Blood of our Lord.

I was able to shoot a few pictures to show you that we can safely accommodate a few more people in the Church. Following all of the Archdiocesan guidelines and CDC regulations, **we can safely seat 90 people**. Unfortunately, we struggle to have even 50 people attend each Mass. Please consider joining us, in-person, for Mass.

Pax,
Fr. Rodlin

Sunday, March 21 at 8:30am

Sunday, March 21 at 10:30am

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