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Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

APRIL 4, 2021

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Weekend Masses

Sundays

9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Mondays through Fridays

11:40 am and 1:15 pm

Confessions

Lower Level of the Church

No reservation required.

Mondays through Saturdays

10:30 am until 3:00 pm

Devotions

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St. Anthony Devotions

After the 11:40 am and 1:15 pm

Masses.

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9:00 am until 6:00 pm

Saturdays

10:30 am until 4:30 pm

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Mondays through Saturdays

10:30 am until 3:00 pm

Sundays

8:30 am until 12:30 pm

Please wear a face covering and practice social distancing.



EASTER SUNDAY

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-7

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- www.vatican.va
- www.usccb.org
- www.catholicstv.org
- www.ewtn.com
- www.relevantradio.com

Saints' Days and Observances

- Sun., April 4:** Sunday of the Resurrection
- Mon., April 5:** Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tues., April 6:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wed., April 7:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- Thurs., April 8:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Fri., April 9:** Friday within the Octave of Easter
- Sat., April 10:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter

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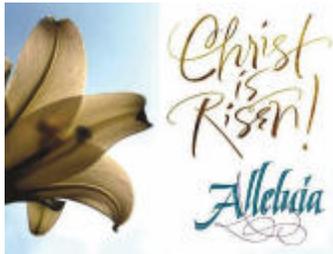
Weekly Goal	\$ 12,000
March 14-20 Total	\$ 2,058
	Difference \$ - 9,942

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



“Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God’s throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!” (from The Easter Proclamation) After forty days of prayer and sacrifice we have

arrived at the great feast of Easter. Christians throughout the world would ordinarily be filling churches on this day for prayer and celebrating the end of Lent. Many families traditionally would gather at home for food and being together. But as we all know we are not living in ordinary times. For over a year we have tried to keep one another healthy, avoiding close contact, wearing masks and learning how to live our lives in a very restricted environment.



As we celebrate this Easter 2021 we give thanks to the many medical, scientists and health care workers who have worked tirelessly to combat the COVID virus and to keep us safe. As more and more people in the USA and

other countries have been able to receive vaccines we are seeing the danger of this terrible disease slowly lessening. Though we all need to continue to be vigilant (wearing masks, getting the vaccine, practicing good hygiene, etc.) we are slowly easing the restrictions that have kept us apart these past months.

As we gather together this Easter to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and his promise that in baptism we also will rise with him on the last day, we do so remembering all those who have died in the past year due to COVID. Though the winter storms of January and February hit Chicago hard this year we knew we would sooner or later experience the promise of green grass, crocus, tulips and other spring flowers starting to bloom with the arrival of spring.

Holy Week reminds us that Christ has shown us how to live when we suffer, when we experience tragedy and pain and that in his promise comes Resurrection and Eternal life not only for Him but for each of us who accept his message.

Last year at the Easter Vigil Mass in Rome, Pope Francis preached of our hope in Jesus. He reminded us that in Jesus we do not need to be afraid. The Pope's words last year have even more meaning this year having experienced this year of pain and suffering with the pandemic. I encourage you to prayerfully read the following excerpts from Pope Francis. Discuss them

with your loved ones, your friends and others. For even though in the past year we often had little to hope in, these thoughts of Pope Francis call us all to be people of hope. Even in the coldest, darkest and snow-filled winter of February we placed our hope and trust that warmth would return. We trusted that trees will fill with leaves, flowers will bloom and the sun will reflect off the deep blue of Lake Michigan reminding us of the beauty of our earth and our honored place to be humans on God's good Earth.

EASTER THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



At dawn the women went to the tomb. There the angel says to them: “Do not be afraid. He is not here; for he has risen” (vv. 5 -6). *They hear the words of life even as they stand before a tomb... And then they meet Jesus, the giver of all hope, who confirms the message and says: “Do not be afraid”* (v. 10). *Do*

not be afraid, do not yield to fear: This is the message of hope. It is addressed to us, today. These are the words that God repeats to us this very night.

On Easter we acquire a fundamental right that can never be taken away from us: the right to hope. It is a new and living hope that comes from God. It is not mere optimism; it is not a pat on the back or an empty word of encouragement, uttered with an empty smile. No! It is a gift from heaven, which we could not have earned on our own. Over these weeks, we have kept repeating, “All will be well”, clinging to the beauty of our humanity and allowing words of encouragement to rise up from our hearts. But as the days go by and fears grow, even the boldest hope can dissipate. Jesus’ hope is different. He plants in our hearts the conviction that God is able to make everything work unto good, because even from the grave he brings life.

The grave is the place where no one who enters ever leaves. But Jesus emerged for us; he rose for us, to bring life where there was death, to begin a new story in the very place where a stone had been placed. He, who rolled away the stone that sealed the entrance of the tomb, can also remove the stones in our hearts.

So, let us not give in to resignation; let us not place a stone before hope. We can and must hope, because God is faithful. He did not abandon us; he visited us and entered into our situations of pain, anguish and death. His light dispelled the darkness of the tomb: today he wants that light to penetrate even to the darkest corners of our lives. Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your



heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be strong, for with God nothing is lost!

All you have to do is open your heart in prayer and roll away, however slightly, that stone placed at the entrance to your heart so that Jesus' light can enter. You only need to ask him: "Jesus, come to me amid my fears and tell me too: Courage!" With you, Lord, we will be tested but not shaken. And, whatever sadness may dwell in us, we will be strengthened in hope, since with you the cross leads to the resurrection, because you are with us in the darkness of our nights; you are certainty amid our uncertainties, the word that speaks in our silence, and nothing can ever rob us of the love you have for us.



On behalf of all the Franciscan Friars at St. Peter's, the lay staff and all our volunteers, I wish to all of you and your family a blessed and holy Easter Season. I give thanks to so many of you who continue to support the ministry here at St. Peter's through your prayers, support and financial help. Without you we would not be able to be a prayerful oasis here in the Loop.

As spring returns and more people are in the Loop on weekdays and weekends, we are hoping that everyone will continue to be vigilant in following medical guidance to keep everyone safe from illness. As the danger of the COVID virus reduces and health protocols are eased we are planning to offer more times for prayer here at St. Peter's. Let us continue to pray for one another as we rejoice in the blessings of this Easter Season!

Fr. Michael



**St. Peter's Church
Mass Schedule**

Mondays through Fridays

Mass Times:

11:40 am & 1:15 pm

Sundays

Mass Times: 9 am and 11 am

A reservation is required to attend Mass. Please call the Church Office at 312-372-5111 Monday-Friday between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm or on Saturday between 10:30 am and 4:30 pm.

Confession

Mondays through Saturdays

10:30 am until 3 pm

Room B in the Lower Level Auditorium

No reservation is required.

For further information please view the website stpetersloop.org or call 312-372-5111.

Please Note:

Everyone entering the building must wear a face covering at all times and practice social distancing.

A Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.



O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

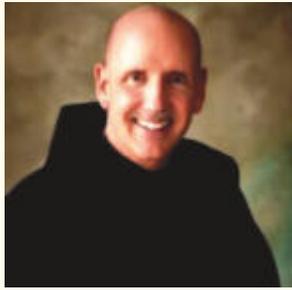
To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



St. Peter's Church ZOOM Mass Sundays at 5 pm

Fr. Ed Shea OFM
celebrates Mass every
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To access the ZOOM Mass, use the
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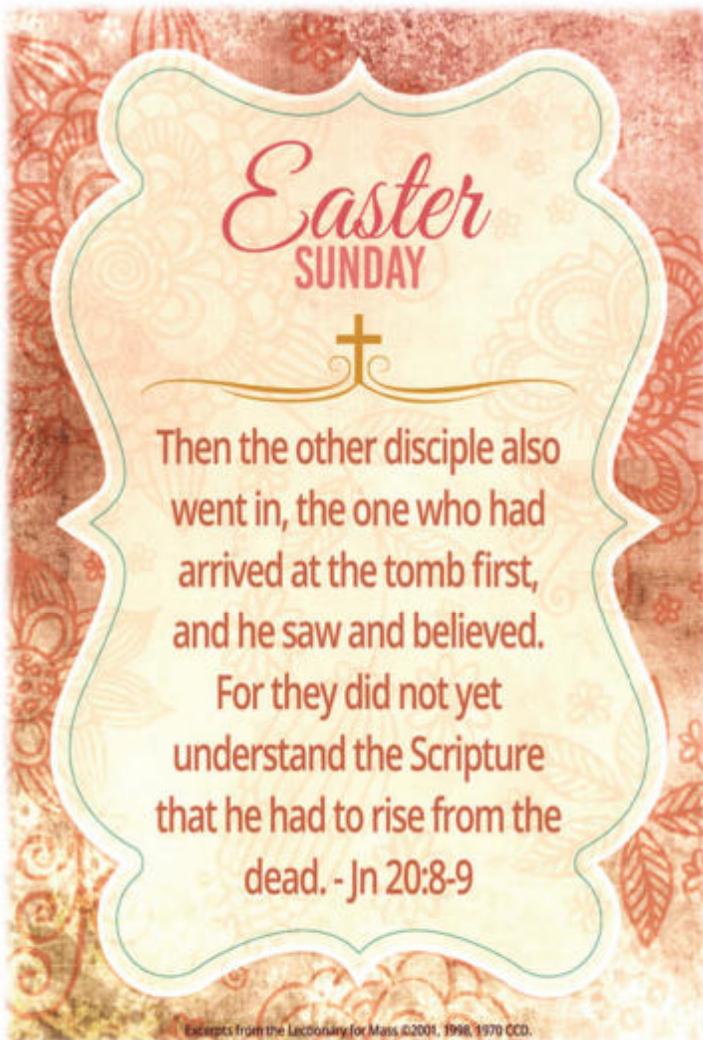
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Reconciliation at St. Peter's Church

Mondays through Saturdays
10:30 am until 3 pm

Lower Level—No Reservation Required



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Jn. 20: 1-9

“...to rise from the dead.” In some ancient belief systems sleep was understood to be a ‘little death’ and rising from sleep was like rising from the dead. Today, however, based on scientific studies of what happens when we sleep, we know that when we wake up in the morning we are still the same living person that we were when we went to sleep the night before.



In a similar way we might think of health care professionals treating desperately ill COVID-19 patients. Certainly a victim of the virus may feel that he has experienced a kind of rising from the dead when he is finally able to be taken off the ventilator and go home. But even though he will no doubt have a new appreciation for life he, too, will still be the same living person he was before his brush with death.

On the other hand, consider the woman who teaches a ‘Family Literacy’ course for newly-arrived immigrants, many fleeing places where war and terror are daily realities. When asked how her course differs from “English as a Second Language” she explains that, while she teaches English and reading to the children, when working with the adults she not only teaches language skills but also prepares them to be their children’s primary teachers, assessing needs and adapting materials that they can later use themselves. While it might be simpler to teach the adults along with the children she doesn’t want to deprive them of their role as first teacher. Her goal is not only to *improve* their lives but to actually *change* them, and because of her sensitivity and care her adult students are able to rise up to new life as parents and teachers in their own homes. For these people life will never be the same. Their previous life of pain and loss has died and now, because of this young woman and others like her, they are able to rise up from the dark tomb of fear and death into the life-giving light of possibility.

“...to rise from the dead.” Where else might we see Jesus’ words being lived out today?

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Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayer, and access to recorded lectures are included in the 6 lessons. Fr. Derran Combs, O.F.M., Ph.D. will facilitate the ZOOM sessions.

Before tuning into the Little Rock ZOOM live sessions, registered participants are asked to prepare by reading the assigned lessons in advance from the textbook.

Meeting Time and Dates:

Fridays, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm OR 5:00 pm-6:00 pm
April 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14 and 21

Program Fee of \$12 is payable by cash or check includes book. To register, please contact Jo Ann Bednar at 312-853-2376 or email joannstpeters@gmail.com.



St. Peter's Church

Lenten Reflections

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Why Did God Become Human?
Primacy and Pre-destination of Christ

Fr. Mario DiCicco, O.F.M.



The Passion and Death of Jesus
through the Story of the
Shroud of Turin

Fr. Johnpaul Cafiero, O.F.M.



Spiritual Direction is a way of listening for God's wisdom and understanding in our daily life by talking about our relationship with God and others.

Sr. Fran Sulzer FSPA, D. Min. and Br. Guillermo Morales OFM will work with persons who contact them for an appointment. Sr. Fran is also a counselor for people who choose or need a more clinical approach. Appointments can be made for times between 10:30 am and 3 pm.

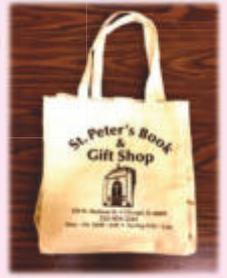
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If you would like further information you may contact Fr. Ed at:

friared@hotmail.com



St. Peter's Church Safety Guidelines

Please wear a mask or face covering when entering St. Peter's Church. All visitors must have their temperature taken and hands sanitized prior to entering the church. Please maintain social distancing. Thank you.



If you would like to contribute to St. Peter's Church in this time of need, please go to the website stpetersloop.org and click on the **Online Giving link.**

Memorial Votive Candles



St. Peter's is currently accepting reservations for the memorial votive candles within the Church. Once lit, the candles burn 24 hours a day for one year. A plaque in front of your candle notes who it is lit in honor of. Applications are available at the front office of St. Peter's. The cost is \$150.

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