



APRIL 4, 2021 • EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
Weekday Masses at St. Matthew:
Tuesday and Friday: 7:45 am
1st Friday: 6:30 pm

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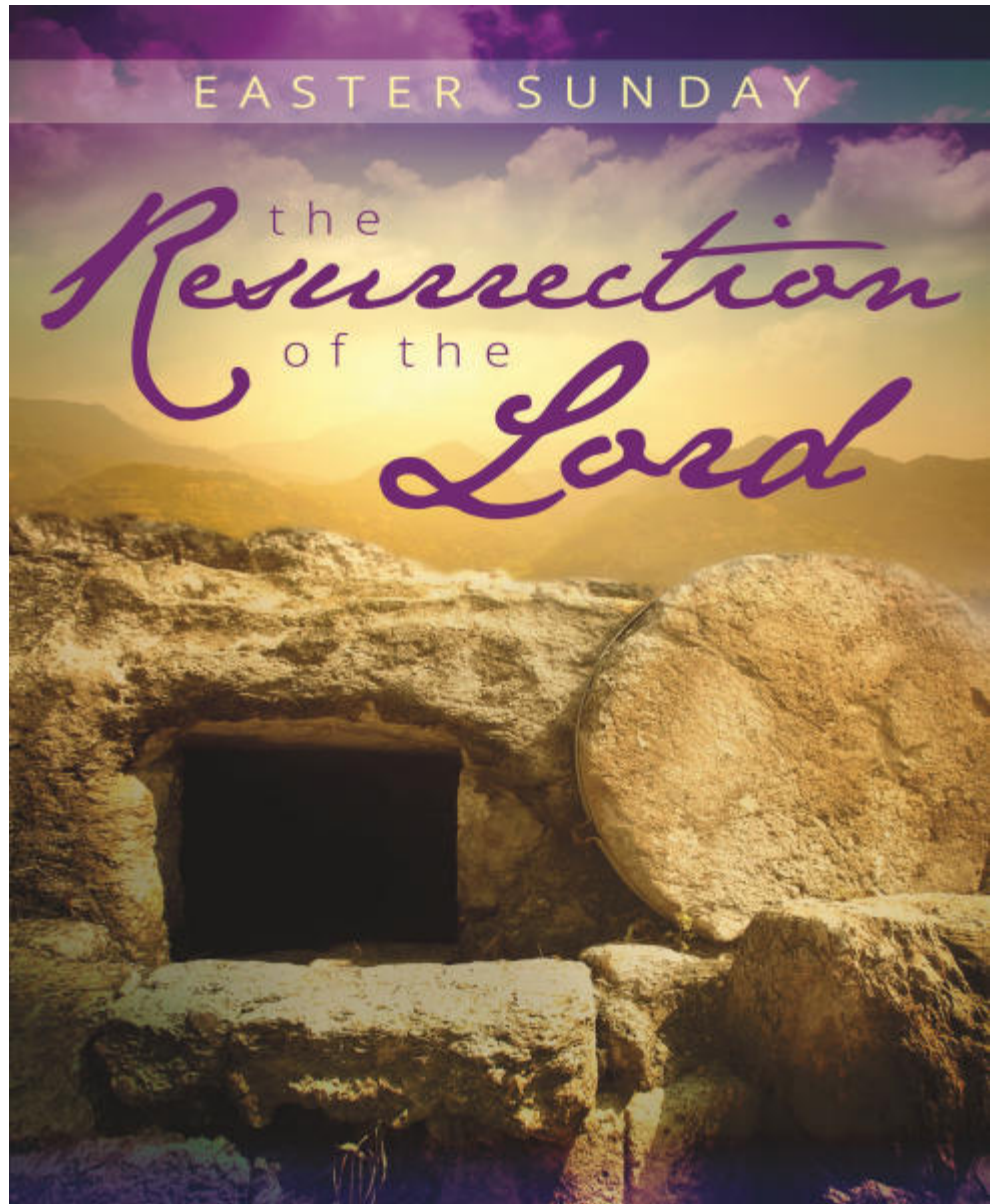
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BAPTISMS: A class for both parents is required before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office.

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES: Registered, practicing members, call the pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Forms are available in the vestibule or contact the parish office.

MASS Intentions

This Week

Saturday	4/3/2021	8:00pm	Easter Vigil at St. Matthew Parish
Sunday	4/4/2021	8:00am	Sue DeVore
Sunday	4/4/2021	9:30am	Angie Vallin

Next Week

Saturday	4/10/2021	5:30pm	Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes
Sunday	4/11/2021	8:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE



Mass intentions can be scheduled for \$10 each by contacting the Parish Office. Dates are first come, first served and are only considered scheduled when payment is received. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Are you unable to attend Mass right now due to the pandemic, but still hunger for the Eucharist? Specially trained volunteers do not come into your home, only to your door, wearing masks and gloves. The sacrament is safely dispensed along with a short prayer card. Contact Heather Warner in the parish office if you would like to receive Communion.



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS



one up.

Thank you to those who helped decorate the worship space in memory or in honor of a loved one this Easter Season. You will find their names listed in our Easter Order of Worship. If you were not able to join us at our Easter morning Mass but you would like a copy, please call the Parish Office to have one mailed to you, or stop by during office hours to pick

MEAL PROGRAM - MONDAY, APRIL 5TH

Volunteers are needed to assist St. Mary by the Lake as we serve the Meal Program at the Hospitality Center (located at St Luke's Episcopal Church- 614 Main Street) on **Monday, April 5th**. Food can be dropped off at church from 3:30 until 3:45 or at the Hospitality Center after 4:00pm. Volunteers come around 4:00 p.m. to start serving at 4:30 p.m.

Food items needed are:

- pans of sloppy joes (feed 8-10)
- hamburger buns
- pans of cheesy potatoes
- cans of green beans
- individual cups of fruit — fruit cups / applesauce
- desserts to go

Volunteers are critically needed. Please contact Karen Recupero at nkrecupero@gmail.com or (262) 497-9891 if you can help.

FOOD PANTRY

The North Side Food Pantry that we support is in need of supplies. They are humbly asking us to "come thru again" with these specific items:



- Boxes of cereal
- Dry/instant potatoes
- Soup (no cream of)
- Hand soap
- Dry pasta (shells, elbow, egg noodles)
- Spaghetti O's
- Pork & beans
- Toilet paper
- Laundry soap

Food may be dropped off in the blue barrel at the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

ATTENTION LECTORS AND USHERS!



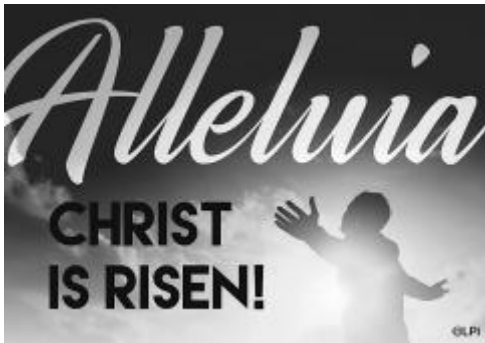
A schedule to sign up for April is available in the Vestibule, or you may call or email Jen in the Parish Office to be put on the schedule. Please let us know if you have any questions.

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. We, as a Catholic community, continue to work to maintain safe environments in our parishes and schools for our children to live, learn, and play.

Did you know...all clergy, employees and volunteers are instructed to contact local law enforcement or Child Protective Services immediately if they are made aware of a child being sexually abused. All bishops, priests, deacons, lay parish/school staffs, and volunteers are required to follow the mandatory reporting laws of the State of Wisconsin.





HAPPY EASTER!

Christ is risen! Truly! He is risen indeed!" This ancient pascal greeting sums up what we celebrate this Easter Sunday, the joyful Gospel News that Christ by his death and resurrection has conquered sin so we may live.

The Resurrection is the foundation and cornerstone of our faith. It is the climax in the story of our salvation. The liturgy of the Word these past several days re-enacts that story and this Easter Sunday when Mary Magdalene and the other women find the tomb empty and are the first to encounter the risen Lord, we joyfully celebrate as He offers Himself anew to us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We do this in a spirit of thanksgiving to God who gives His own Son to die in order to rescue us from the slavery of sin. May we live as people deeply touched by the resurrection and proclaim: "Christ is risen, Alleluia!"

May our encounter with the risen Lord on our journey of faith touch us deeply and transform us as He did for the first disciples. May the resurrection inspire us to be the best version of ourselves; committed to live out our Baptismal promises.

When we live the new life of the resurrection and become the best version of ourselves. We become what St Augustine referred to as an "Easter People", a people transformed into disciples and stewards who commit to give their time, their talent and their treasure in witness.

Happy Easter!!! The Lord has risen
Alleluia!!!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday. So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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