

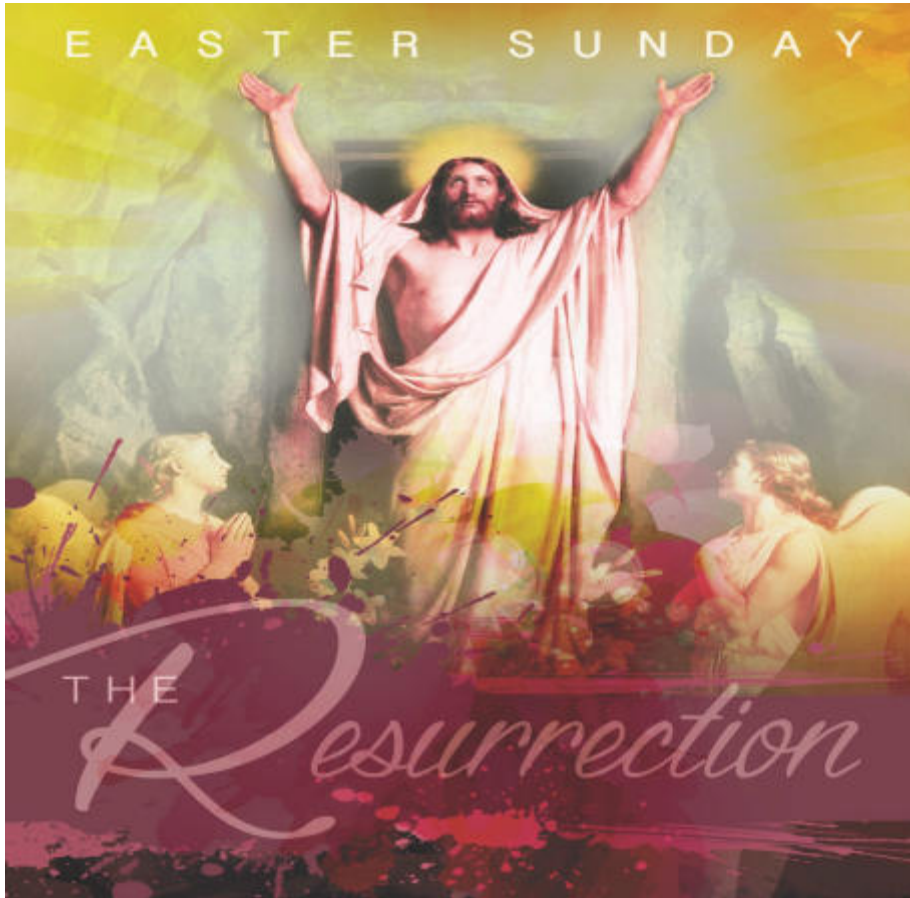
April 21, 2019 • *Easter Sunday*

THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

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To share the gifts God has entrusted us by "being Christ to one another" through welcoming, comforting, healing and teaching in loving service of our brothers and sisters, mindful of His unconditional love for all His children.



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Mass Schedule:

Weekend: Saturday 4:30 pm;

Sunday 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 pm

Saturday 8:15 am

Holy Days: 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm

Reconciliation:

Mon. - Fri. 11:30 am - 11:50 am

Sat. 4:00 pm - 4:20 pm and by appointment

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**Congregation of the Sons of the
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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 12:00 pm



MASS INTENTIONS

HOLY SATURDAY, 20th

6:30 pm Parishioners

EASTER SUNDAY, 21st

7:30 am Parishioners

10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, 22nd

12:00 pm Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, 23rd

12:00 pm Lynn Stackpole†

Wednesday, 24th

12:00 pm Carl Danielson†

Thursday, 25th

12:00 pm Rose Skipon†

Friday, 26th

12:00 pm Cynthia Ditsworth†

Next Saturday, 27th

8:15 am Deceased Parishioners†

4:30 pm Mike Boerjan†

Ken Weingartner†

Next Sunday, 28th

7:30 am John and Ann Mercado†

10:30 am Bill, Bev and Colleen

McDonough†

† Denotes deceased

LITURGICAL ROLES

Lectors

6:30 pm Jack Makowski/ Michael Peroz

7:30 am Tom Koller

10:30 am Susan Gores

Servers

6:30 pm Michael Gores (I)

Dick Rodriguez

Tony Piekarczyk

7:30 am Joe O'Connell

10:30 am Michael Gores (I)

Dick Rodriguez & Jack Boyd

Eucharistic Ministers

6:30 pm Michael Gores, Sue Ryan
and Mary Makowski

7:30 am Germaine Schaeffer

Pat Parnell & Tom Koller

10:30 am Michael Gores, Sue Ryan

and Terri Mercado

DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before all

Masses except on Fridays

Fatima Prayer Group: Mondays 4:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Weds 12:30p

Adoration every Thursday 12:30-6pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays 11:45am

Sacred Heart Novena-Fridays 12:30pm

FOCUS Scripture Group-Sat.7:15-8:15am

Easter Sunday

Death is defeated, New Life is offered to all!

"Jesus has risen from the dead, and this is not a fantasy. It's not a celebration with many flowers, but much more." Pope Francis.

We began our Lenten journey with Jesus on Ash Wednesday. We were with Jesus as He entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. On Holy Thursday, Jesus bent low and washed our feet. On Good Friday, Jesus gave his life for our sins on the cross. Having sat at the table with him and having stood at the cross with him, we became part of our Lord's Incarnation, Suffering, and Death. Today as we stand at the empty tomb, with Mary Magdalene, who was the first to encounter the risen Jesus on Easter morning, let's raise the cry of victory: "He has risen! He has truly risen!"

Mary experienced the resurrection in a very personal way and then went and told others that she had met and spoken to the risen Lord. Pope Francis, in his letter 'The Joy of the Gospel' says to each of us, every Christian is a missionary, as they have experienced the love of God in Christ and to share and proclaim the good news of the resurrection with all those we meet.

How, our world, our modern-day culture, needs Easter's Redemption! We live in a world where love and happiness are so often confused and drained of their true value. Love is often reduced to own convenience or a fortunate emotion. Happiness is most often mistaken with a feeling to be fancied in the moment or having all our indulgences met. As we celebrate the Easter, we are reminded of how the Son of God came to set this straight, helping us to "know the gift of God", rather than seeking to possess or use one another. Christ came as a gift to all people and offered his body upon the altar of the Cross to win our redemption.

It is the mystery of the thrown-away stone, during His death on Cross, that ends up being the fountain of our life and the cornerstone of our existence. Christ has risen from the dead. We the little pebbles, who've been thrown in an earth full of suffering and tragedy, exist with faith in the risen Christ and a sense to look beyond: There is not a wall, but a horizon. As Pope Francis said, ". Today too, he places upon his shoulders so many of our brothers and sisters crushed by evil in all its varied forms."

The Easter Mystery of Resurrection gives us hope in many dimensions: that we have been delivered from our sin, we've been brought back to the life of grace in him, and we can hope to live "in the flesh" as He always intended, holy in his sight, in his image and likeness and thus rediscover the truth about love and happiness.

Here is our opportunity to share Christ's passion, for that is the only way to share his resurrection. Let the Risen Lord guide us to justice and peace and for those who are lost in the labyrinths of loneliness and marginalization. May the Good Shepherd, who vanquished the darkness of sin and death, remain close and grant peace to our days.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 in the Blessed Monti Community Room. All are welcome to attend.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Our Blessed Lord told Saint Faustina regarding the Feast of Mercy: **“The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness,”** and **“Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.”** (Saint Faustina’s Diary, 699.) OUR DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION IS NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 28th, AFTER 10:30 AM MASS. Come celebrate with us.

STEWARDSHIP MEDITATION

Stewards cannot calculate the effect a service may have on others. The work of redemption is sown in secret, but harvested for the benefit of all. Stewards simply trust that their efforts in Christ’s name make a difference. “Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough....” I Corinthians 5:6-7

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (CSAF) is a independent non-profit solely focused on supporting designated outreach ministries. Partnering with the CSAF helps those in need: the hungry, orphan, sick, suffering, dying and grieving. You assist in ministering to the imprisoned, evangelizing Catholic youth, college students and strengthening families. You enable the sacraments to be provided to Catholics both young and old.

Please remember that our parish also benefits. We receive 25% of the contributions made by our parishioners, if we reach our goal of \$12,003. To date, the total for pledged donations is \$6043 from 43 donors (50% of our goal). In response to the Gospel call to serve the poor and spread the Good News, the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (CSAF) works as Christ’s hands and feet throughout the 12-county Archdiocese. Visit www.csafspm.org to learn more, and please prayerfully consider how you might give back via the CSAF.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

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Upcoming Events

Parish Council Mtg, April 25th, 6:30 pm
Divine Mercy, April 28th, 11:30 am
1st Communion, May 5th, 10:30 am
Taste of St. Mary’s, June 2nd

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RE Class, April 27th, 9-10:15 am
(Practice for Assumption 1st Communion with parents/guardians.)



Linda Montpetit 20th, Stacy Drude 20th, Sharon Oneil 21st, Robert Chavez 21st, Joan Kerr-Decker 22nd, Krystra Kelley 22nd, Brian P. Plantenberg 25th, Gabrielle Schulz 25th, Aron Hanseter 25th, Michael Hall 26th and Lori Olson 26th.



Joyce Berg, John Betancourt, Renee Kasel, Mary Kay Peterson, Irene and Jack Stackpole



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. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed

.. Jn 20:6-8 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

MASS ATTENDANCE APRIL 13TH & 14TH: 207
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