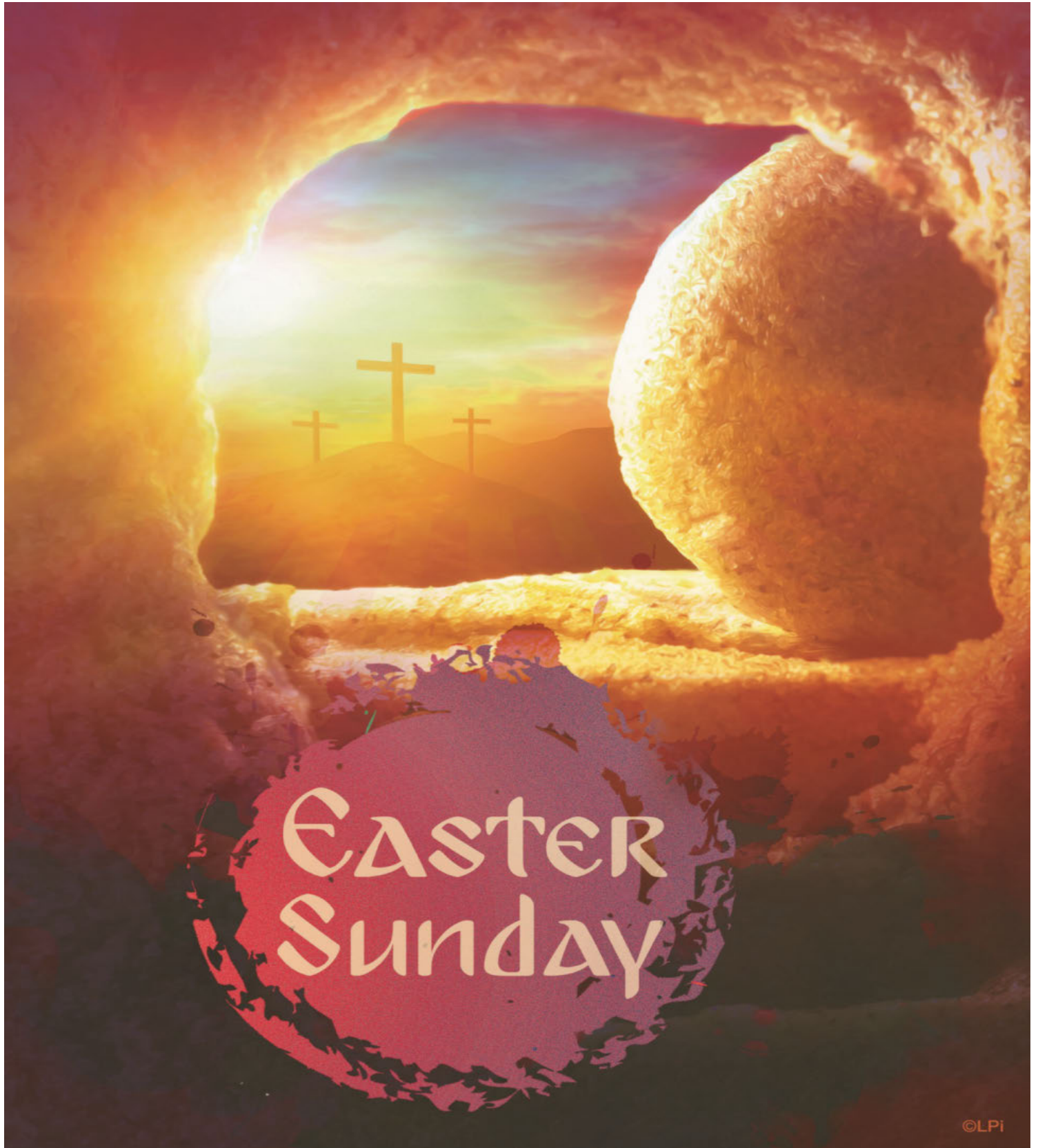


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Sunday, March 31, 2024, The Resurrection of the Lord





Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy,

Happy Easter!

The light of Christ's resurrection has dawned once more in our world. This is the day that our God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! This is the core and the proof of our faith as Christians.



As followers of Christ, we believe that he came into our world to live, suffer, die, and rise from the dead. And we now wait for His coming again in glory.

There are so many voices in our world telling us the right way to go. But after contemplating the life of

Jesus these past weeks, I hope and pray that we are now convinced that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

Therefore, let us stand up for our faith. Let us be like Peter in our First Reading this weekend. He boldly stood in front of all, giving witness to who Jesus truly was.

As we all know, Peter was not a man of great eloquence. He was not the kind of person to get up in front of a crowd. He was not the kind of person to put himself at risk. After all, he was the one who denied even knowing Jesus when he was confronted by people outside the house of the High Priest. Out of fear for his own well-being, out of fear of being arrested like Jesus, Peter denied knowing the Lord three times.

Following Jesus' crucifixion, Peter huddled with the other disciples in fear. But because Peter was called to be a witness to Jesus' victory over death, he gained the courage to stand up in the Temple precincts and call people to faith in Jesus!

Brothers and sisters! We too are called to find that courage beyond our fear of death. We, too, are being called to give testimony to our faith in Jesus and in his power over sin and death.

Yet we are still ignorant of this great mystery. We do not understand that Jesus had to rise from the dead. Jesus had to rise from the dead for us, this is what we celebrate, not just at Easter, but every day of our lives.

As we live in this mystery, as we grow in faith and in the courage of our convictions, we will come to know the risen Lord and we will live as the victorious people of God.

Hallelujah!

God bless us all!

Love,

+ *Father Marty*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

The collection amount for Sunday, March 24, was not available since this bulletin has to be prepared in advance because of Easter Sunday.

As always, we encourage you to be generous in supporting your parish through your Sunday contributions and we thank you for your unending support through your Stewardship of Treasure!



This year, the goal for Our Lady of Mercy Parish in the 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is **\$42,123**. Please support the Archdiocese with the blessing you have received and be generous as always!

PRAY REMEMBER
the sick of our parish

Names of the sick are published for four Sundays. Please contact the office to add or to continue a name.

Week One

Gloria Gallego Rendon

Rey Tanchanco Rodrigo Ledesma

Week Two

Betty Sambade

Week Three

Mercidita Fuentes Evelyn Adre

Jeannette Josue Sohan Mohan

Week Four

Maria Witchard



A PRAYER BEFORE AN EASTER MEAL

(This prayer is said before the main meal of Easter Sunday. It may be led by any member of the family.)

God of Glory, the eyes of all turn to you
as we celebrate Christ's victory
over sin and death.

Bless us and bless this food
that we will share on this glorious Easter Day.

May we who gather at our family table
continue to celebrate the joy
of the Lord's Resurrection.

Strengthen us to faithfully follow
the way of your Son, our Risen Lord,
so that one day
we may be granted a place
at his heavenly banquet
where we may rejoice forever
with all the angels and saints
and with our deceased relatives and friends
who we lovingly remember on this Easter Day.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,
who is our Resurrection and our Life.
Amen.



April 5, Friday, Youth Group Meeting
April 6, Saturday, First Eucharist Family Interviews
April 6, Saturday, Young Adults Dinner Get-Together
April 7, Sunday, Seniors Cafe
April 8, Monday, First Eucharist Family Interviews
April 9, Tuesday, First Eucharist Family Interviews
April 13, Saturday, First Eucharist Session
April 14, Sunday, Confirmation Session
April 15, Monday, Parish Staff Meeting
April 19, Friday, Youth Group Meeting
April 20, Saturday, First Communion at 5 pm Mass
April 21, Sunday, Coffee Chat
April 21, Sunday, First Communion at 10 am Mass
April 27, Saturday, First Communion at 5 pm Mass
April 28, Sunday, First Communion at 12 noon Mass

TWO SUNDAYS

A reflection for Easter Sunday

“Then God said: Let there be light, and there was light...God then separated the light from the darkness. God called the light ‘day,’ and the darkness he called ‘night.’ Evening came, and morning followed—the first day.”

It may seem odd that a reflection for Easter begins with a passage from Genesis. We would expect verses from Sunday's Gospel that recount how Mary Magdalene discovered that the stone closing the tomb of Jesus was removed or how Peter and John ran to investigate and found only the burial cloths.

But what happened that first Easter Sunday mirrors what happened at the start of creation.

On the first day of creation, the first Sunday, God created light. That light broke the darkness of chaos and nothingness. From there, God continued to create until he made all things including human beings. God found everything he had made “very good.” After those six days of creation, God rested on the seventh day, the first Sabbath, the first Saturday.

But as we know, things did not remain “very good.” The first humans chose to ignore God and sin entered the world, bringing with it the gloom of evil and the darkness of death. But God did not leave mankind in the enveloping darkness. God reached out to his people again and again, calling them to live in the light of his love. God's efforts are chronicled throughout the Old Testament.

Eventually, God decided to come among his people. Through Jesus, the love and mercy of God was made flesh. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16).

Just as those first persons created in the image and likeness of God rejected him, so did their descendants. They rejected God's Son. Jesus was scorned, rebuffed, killed, and thrown into the darkness of a tomb that first Good Friday. Three days later on a Sunday, the start of a new week, Jesus was raised to life. Jesus conquered the darkness of sin and death.

God, who had created light on the first day of creation, raised up the Light of the World on the first Easter Sunday to begin a “new creation.” The world was born again!

As followers of the Risen Lord, we are part of that new creation. As Saint Paul tells us in Sunday's Second Reading, “Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” We are the people raised to new life in Christ!

Masses For The Week



HOLY SATURDAY, March 30

8pm The Great Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

The Resurrection of the Lord

8am In Loving Memory of Tomas & Emilia Endaya
10am For the People of the Parish
12pm In Thanksgiving for
Guiz & Gigi Macalintal & Family

MONDAY, April 1

7am NO MASS
8:30am Reza Cailles r/b Susan Cailles

TUESDAY, April 2

7am Elaine Staltari (Birthday in Heaven)
r/b Bernie Staltari
8:30am Sarah Oller Nevado (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Mar & Caring Oller

WEDNESDAY, April 3

7am Sookhee Lee (Birthday Blessing)
8:30am Aurelio C. Mercado, Jr. (Birthday in Heaven)
r/b Manny & Jezz Mercado

THURSDAY, April 4

7am Benedict Lee
8:30am Pio Teves (Birthday Blessing) r/b Janet Banaag

FRIDAY, April 5

7am Concepcion Magsino (Death Anniversary)
r/b Ramos & Lumanglas Family
8:30am Gerard Marcel (Birthday in Heaven)
r/b Your Family

SATURDAY, April 6

8:30am Purgatorial Society
5pm Luis B. Galan r/b Vibar and Lanting Family

SUNDAY, April 7, The Second Sunday of Easter

8am For the People of the Parish
10am Marie Hudik r/b Michael Sottolano
12pm Ernesto Dimapilis, Sr. (80th Birthday Blessing)
r/b Cathy Garcia



BREAD & WINE

The offering for the Bread & Wine to be used this week at our Masses is given **In Loving Memory of the Deceased Members of the OLM Parish Family.**



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Lamp burning over our tabernacle in the church is offered for **The Intentions of the Members of the OLM Parish Family**

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Monday – Friday: 7 am & 8:30 am
Saturday: 8:30 am, 5 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon

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Monday through Friday 9 am to 9:30 am
Saturday 4 pm to 4:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

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MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you or a relative is hospitalized or homebound and wish a visit from a parish priest, contact the Office.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held every First Friday of the month from 9 am until 12 noon.

Happy Easter.
**God Bless You and
Your Family.**

A MUSICAL SENIORS CAFÉ

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 7, AT 9 AM

IN THE MARIA ROOM

Music is powerful! It offers various physical and mental health benefits to both old and young. Listening to music and learning to play instruments have become a form of therapy. Music is also a healing tool. It can reach inside us and impact our deepest emotions.



The power of music to cue memories suggests that the emotional and sensory elements of music become linked to a particular memory. So, when we hear a song from a certain time, it triggers associated memories and emotions. Studies have found that music enhances memory retrieval in Alzheimer's and dementia patients. The thought is that the music helps fire off synapses, creating or re-energizing brain pathways previously left dormant.

We know that energetic music and joyful songs can instantly pull us out of depression, fear, and hopelessness. Just listening to music that we find meaningful can help us to relax and can relieve stress.

All those 55 and up are invited to our Seniors Cafe next Sunday, April 7, at 9 am in the Maria Room. Our Music Director, Liam Barredo, will talk about the benefits of Music for Seniors.

So come and learn and share your favorite songs. You'll also have an opportunity to sing-along to some old-time favorite hits. We hope to see you next Sunday.

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