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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

18 APRIL 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FULFILL



"Everything written about
me in the law of Moses and
in the prophets and psalms
must be fulfilled."

LUKE 24:44

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Mass Schedule

*Sunday 9:00 am in Oak Park
and 11:00 am in Ferndale*

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for COVID 19 Guidelines

Sacraments:

***Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, and
Reconciliation***

Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310

***Marriage—Must be active and registered
members of the parish (for at least 6 months
prior to scheduling)***

call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

First Communion and Confirmation

Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE at
248.374.9045



Saturday, April 17, 2021
Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter
 Rev. Robert S. Liberty, Jr. (2013)

Sunday, April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter
9 am – Oak Park
 Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson
 Joseph and Helen Meo by Family
 Carlos Summer by Family
 Stanley and Josephine Fliger by Carol Fliger
11 am – Ferndale
 Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Monday, April 19, 2021
 Rev. Sigismund C. Kowalczyk (2018)

Tuesday, April 20, 2021
 Rev. Francis H. Burns (2003)

Wednesday, April 21, 2021
 Rev. David F. West (2004)

Thursday, April 22, 2021
 Rev. Paul R. Hennes (2000)

Friday, April 23, 2021
 Rev. Alfons Gorecki (1991)

Saturday, April 24, 2021
Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Rev. Leonard A. Makulski (1995)

Sunday, April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter
9 am – Oak Park
 Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson
11 am – Ferndale
 Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis
 Daniel, Dennis, and Timothy Sweeney
 by Maureen and Stephen Hudak

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
 ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS**

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone's privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then contact the parish office at 248.545.2310. If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the office by e-mail at omophparish@gamil.com or by phone at 248.545.2310. Names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. Contact the parish office, at 248.545.2310, if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list for an additional four weeks.



***Pray for Our Sick, Their Families and Caregivers,
 and the Special Intentions of Our Parishioners***

David Doig, Andy Doig, Euna Feschuk, Chuck Yodhes
Pray for Our Men and Women Serving in the Military
 1st Lt Jacob Ashmore-USAF, Cpt Jonathon Ashmore-USMC, Sgt Cory Berry-US Army, LtCOL Thomas Goedert-USMC, Matthew Pelletier-USAF, Sgt Douglas Raven-US Army, COL David Rogers-US Army, COL Thomas Rogers-US Army, PFC Edy Silveira de Souza-USMC, Staff Sgt. John W. Tomassi-USAF, AB Ashley N. Vozel-USAF, SSG Noah Reiter-US Army, HM2 Maura Curtin--Navy, CPT Matthew Carey-USAF, HN Autumn-Kyoko Cushman--US Navy

OFFERTORY FOR FY 2020-2021:

| | Apr. TD | YTD |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Offertory Amount | \$6,636 | \$160,404 |
| Over/(Under) Prior Year | \$5,426 | (\$34,783) |
| Over/(Under) Budget | \$1,636 | (\$39,596) |

Week of 04-04-2021 Offertory total: \$6,636.00

On-line giving totaled \$1,775.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$4,861.00 for a grand total for 1 week of April deposits totaled \$6,636.00.

THE 2020 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS: 33,695.00
 AS OF 04-06-2021: 173 PLEDGES RECEIVED;
 168 FULLY PAID

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$99,275.00
 TOTAL PAID: \$99,590.02
 REFUND DUE PARISH: \$9,140.00;
 refunds issued: \$56,755.02

FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES
BY LEONARD PIASTA, FFC CHAIR
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
FROM AGHAST TO FORGIVENESS
LUKE 24:35-48

The two disciples who encountered Jesus at Emmaus are with the eleven disciples of Jesus in Jerusalem. Jesus appears to them while they are speaking to each other and Jesus stands in their midst. He greets them with, "Peace be with you." The disciples are in a panic and frightened thinking they are seeing a ghost. Jesus shows all those gathered his hands and his feet.

He tells them to touch him because he is flesh and bone. Even in their unbelief in what they are seeing, the disciples have sheer joy and wonder. Jesus even eats cooked fish in their presence. Jesus reiterates, "Everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms are fulfilled."

Jesus continues with what is written; "the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." Jesus goes on to say to the disciples they are to preach in Jesus' name for the remission of sin and to do so to all nations. Their preaching is to begin in Jerusalem. And Jesus makes the point that they are the witnesses of this.

Last week's gospel from John (Jn 20:19-31) gives an account of the disciples experiencing the resurrected Jesus and he gives them the power to forgive sins or bind sins. There is also the encounter of Thomas and Jesus. Today's gospel from Luke (Lk 24:35-48) have the eleven disciples with the two disciples from Emmaus telling of their encounter with the resurrected Jesus. When these disciples see the resurrected Jesus and they are in a panic and frightened and not believing what they are truly seeing. Yet these disciples in their unbelief have sheer joy and wonder in seeing the glorified resurrected Jesus in their midst.

"First of all the actual raising of Jesus' body from death is not described. Resurrection in its strictest sense is an act of divine power in which God destroys death's grip over the body and spirit of Jesus and raises him to new life. It is in this sense, something beyond history, beyond what the power of the human mind and human perception can grasp. The gospel accounts respect this by not attempting to cast the resurrection in limited human terms of time and space. What the gospels do narrate in the impact of Jesus' resurrection: the tomb - a vivid sign of death's terminal power - is now empty: witnesses who had been paralyzed in fear and despair are given new life and purpose." Donald Senior, C.P., A Gospel Portrait, pp. 139-140

Jesus gives these disciples the power to preach in his name for the forgiveness of sins. This ministry of forgiveness starts in Jerusalem and is to go forth to all nations. "This the Church does alike in the preaching of the Gospel of salvation and in its ministry of the sacraments of forgiveness, baptism, and repentance." Bruce Vawter, C.M., (1921-1986) The Four Gospels Vol II p.208

This week ponder on the forgiveness of sins in the name of the glorified and resurrected Jesus which began in Jerusalem then continued to all the nations and is still happening to this very day.

BLESSING OF SEEDS AND PLANTS
AT PLANTING TIME

In April and May many gardeners start their flower and vegetable gardens. The following is a blessings for seeds and plants.

Make the sign of the cross

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Resp: Who made heaven and earth.

A reading from one of the following passages from Sacred Scripture.

Genesis 1:27-31 - Creation

Matthew 13:31-32 - Parable of the mustard seed

Mark 4:26-29 - The seed and the kingdom of God

John 12:23-25 - Unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies

1 Corinthians 15:35-39 - The seed you sow does not germinate unless it dies

Leader: Lord of harvest,
 you place the gifts of creation in our hands
 and called us to till the earth and make it fruitful.

We ask your blessing
 as we prepare to place these seeds and plants
 in the earth.

May the care we show these seeds and plants
 remind us of your tender love for your people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Resp: Amen

Adapted from The Blessing of Seeds at Planting Time
 (Book of Blessings #1003-1005)



Earth Day
EVERY DAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - RESURRECTION

Loving Father, you raised Jesus from the dead and in that moment offered new life to the whole world. Creation was made anew in you. Help us to see your work in the world in the countless ways you transform every dark thing and bring it into the light of your love. Transform our hearts, enlighten our minds, and help us to hope in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

APRIL 18, 2021 - ALWAYS HOPE

Today's readings: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9; 1 John 2:1–5a; Luke 24:35–48. In Jesus, the Scripture texts about the suffering messiah are fulfilled. The people expected a different kind of messiah, a ruler who would overthrow the Romans, so many were not sure what to make of Jesus. After his death, many were no longer interested in him. Yet his disciples continued to proclaim his death and resurrection.

It is interesting that the disciples continued to emphasize Jesus' death. In today's world, people are uncomfortable with suffering and prefer that others overcome theirs quickly. An individual who has undergone a difficult experience might be told to "get over it" as quickly as possible. They might begin to understand that others do not want to share in their pain, leaving them to process the grief and deal with their troubles in isolation. When suffering is something to get over and forget about, it has no possibility of being redeemed. No chance for hope is offered.

The Church has a tremendous gift to offer our culture. She offers the knowledge that suffering does not have the last word—that pain and death, and any darkness can be transformed. That suffering can be transformed does not diminish the pain. Imagine the terrible pain Jesus experienced on the cross. Nothing about that was okay. But we believe that pain can be transformed. That is the essence of resurrection. When we unite our sufferings to Jesus, when we invite him into them with us, we realize the possibility of resurrections in our lives. Always there is hope.

MONDAY, APRIL 19 - STEPHEN SPEAKS THE TRUTH

One way to carry the Easter season forward is to look at the life of the early Christian community. In Acts, we hear how St. Stephen, the first martyr, was in conflict with the religious leaders because of his work in the name of Jesus. This story would be wonderful for children to turn into a play or for adults to journal as a first-person account, envisioning themselves as participants in the story. *Today's readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.*

TUESDAY, APRIL 20 - SAUL

By Saul's presence at the stoning of Stephen, Saul gave his consent to the first martyr's execution. Saul, however, allowed God to transform him. As an apostle, Paul used his gifts to build up the Body of Christ. Think of the ways he brought the light of Christ to others. He was initially one of the Church's persecutors. No matter what we have done, God is always ready with mercy and forgiveness. God is always ready to call us to do his work in the world. *Today's readings: Acts 7:51–8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; John 6:30–35.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 - THE BREAD OF LIFE

Jesus is the Bread of Life, and in him is our hope. He shares his very self with us in the Eucharist, that we might have eternal life. When you attend Mass, receive this gift, listening for what God is calling you to do as you are given food for your journey. The Eucharist is called the source and summit of our faith. How can you make it more central in your life? *Today's readings: Acts: 8:1b–8; Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 6–7a; John 6:35–40.*

THURSDAY, APRIL 22 - BREAD FROM HEAVEN

Jesus shows the people that God has been preparing them for him. As he explains that life comes through eating the bread that is his Body, his very self, he recalls the manna that brought life to the people of Israel in the desert. When Catholics read Scripture, we look at the law and the prophets and the whole of salvation history in light of what has happened in Jesus. Read Exodus 16. Think about how it enriches your understanding of Jesus' words. Then bake a loaf of bread. Think about what it might mean for Jesus to be such a fundamental food. *Today's readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9; 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.*

FRIDAY, APRIL 23 - SAUL, WHY DO YOU PERSECUTE ME?

St. Paul's conversion story is frequently depicted in art. Read Acts 9:1–20 aloud. Spend an hour with your family, each drawing or painting what you hear and sharing your art reflection with one another. You could also choose to act out the scene. Search online for other depictions of this moment in history, and see how your reflection is similar to those of other artists. *Today's readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52–59.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 24 - TRUSTING THE ONE WHO GIVES LIFE

In today's Gospel, many turn away from Jesus because his teachings are difficult. Peter says, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." I personally have often found comfort in Peter's words. It is not always easy to follow Jesus. Sometimes his teachings are difficult. How can Peter's words become your words? How can they become your prayer? *Today's readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.*



**SUPPORT OUR
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A BIG THANK YOU to all of those who have continued to support our parish. **Offertory is down and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a direct impact on our ability to pay our monthly bills.** Contributions may be mailed to the parish office at 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. You may also securely and safely donate online via our website or from the parish mobile app. Call Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598, if you have any questions about online giving.

**2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS AND 2021
ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS**

The 2021 contribution envelopes and calendars are available for pickup at the parish office in Oak Park. You may pick them up between 10am and 1pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK

WHEN YOU COME TO PICK THEM UP.

HOW TO FAIL YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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