

# Genesis Vicariate Newsletter

From Fr. Alex (Genesis Vicar),

**HAPPY EASTER!** The cornerstone of our Christian Faith is what we say in the Nicene Creed each Sunday: “We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.” And yet, perhaps as a surprise to church-going Catholics, the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes that “On no point does the Christian Faith encounter more opposition than on the resurrection of the body” (n. 996). Indeed, many Christians don’t believe in the Resurrection—Jesus’ and our own. But only the Resurrection from the tomb now encased in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (the holiest church in the world) explains the empty tomb.



No other explanation does justice to the explosive growth of Christianity in light of its murdered founder and to the transformation of the formerly cowardly Apostles. As Pope Benedict noted in his 2009 Easter homily, “Easter is not based on a myth, a theory or a fairy tale, but rather on the very real historical event of Christ’s death and resurrection.”

I am writing this column at Capuchins’ St. Bonaventure Monastery after having just walked at Mt. Elliott Cemetery praying my Rosary. Just as I was leaving I glanced at a freshly dug grave that had a framed photo outside it. Long story short, the husband of a recently deceased woman was just across the street and he came over in his truck and told of how, despite his grief, they are still so spiritually connected (and through Fr. Solanus). That experience of the Communion of Saints despite death is exactly what Jesus’ Resurrection made possible. Do you believe?

Finally, I want to encourage everyone to participate in **Divine Mercy Sunday**—an unfolding of the rich mystery of Easter. Fulfilling the normal conditions for a Plenary Indulgence (Holy Communion, pray for the pope, detachment from sin, doing some good action—in this case venerating the image of Jesus, the Divine Mercy—and Confession which only for this feast may be 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday [and thus need NOT be on the day itself])—you can experience a deepening of Easter’s message of mercy for yourself or apply it to someone who has died that they may experience the fullness of Easter in Heaven. And this is all part of the 50 days of our Easter celebration leading to the great capstone of Easter—Pentecost. The Spirit proves Christ is risen. In the words of the Eastern Christians, “Christ is risen! Christ is truly risen!”

## St John Paul II Parish – Good Friday Fish Fry April 19 3:30 pm to 7 pm

Transfiguration Social Hall Luce and Mound Road. Good Friday Service Noon to 3:30 pm



## St. Florian Parish Strawberry Festival – May 4 and May 5

Delicious Polish Food and Beverages, Live Music, Polish Dance Groups, and Raffle

## Praise and Worship Event at Blessed Sacrament – May 9 and May 10

The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament is hosting a Praise and Worship event, especially for youth, on the evening of May 9 and again in the morning on May 10. Schools and Parish groups are particularly invited and all are welcome. To learn more and to register, visit our website at [www.cathedral.aod.org](http://www.cathedral.aod.org) or visit the Cathedral Facebook page.

## Healing Service at Blessed Sacrament – June 27

The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament will have a Healing Service beginning with Confession at 6:15 pm and Holy Mass at 7 pm. Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. After Mass, there will be Healing Prayer Teams to pray over those who are interested. There will also be the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction at 9 pm. All are welcome.

~~~~~ **Genesis Vicariate Rep Meetings** ~~~~~

The Next Genesis Vicariate Rep Meeting is Monday, April 29 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven – Good Shepherd at 6:30 pm.

**Bp. Donald Hanchon, Regional Moderator**  
 (313) 596-7444  
**Father Alex Kratz, Vicar**  
 (313) 727-9784

**Assumption Grotto**

**Pastor, Rev. Eduard P. Perrone**  
 13770 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, MI 48205  
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[grottoctory@ameritech.net](mailto:grottoctory@ameritech.net)  
[www.assumptiongrott.com](http://www.assumptiongrott.com)  
 Saturday ~ 7:30 am (Latin), 4 pm  
 Sunday ~ 9:30 am (Latin), 12 pm

**Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

**Pastor, Rev. J.J. Mech**  
 9844 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48202  
 (313) 865-6300 ~ FAX (313) 867-4613  
[cathedral@aod.org](mailto:cathedral@aod.org)  
 Saturday ~ 8 am, Sunday ~ 11 am

**St. Moses the Black**

**Pastor, Rev. J.J. Mech**  
 1125 Oakman Blvd., Detroit, MI 48238  
 (313) 868-4308 ~ FAX (313) 868-9771  
 Sunday ~ 10 am

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles**

**Pastor, Rev. Janusz Iwan**  
 3851 Prescott, Hamtramck, MI 48212  
 (313) 891-1520 ~ FAX (313) 891-3552  
[qofaparish1917@gmail.com](mailto:qofaparish1917@gmail.com)  
[queenofapostlesparish.org](http://queenofapostlesparish.org)  
 Saturday ~ 5:30 pm (English)  
 Sunday ~ 8 am (English), 9:30 am (Polish)

**St. Hyacinth**

**Pastor, Rev. Janusz Iwan**  
 3151 Farnsworth, Detroit, MI 48211  
 (313) 922-1507 ~ FAX (313) 922-2459  
 Saturday ~ 4 pm  
 Sunday ~ 11:15 am

**Our Lady Queen of Heaven – Good Shepherd Catholic Community**

**Pastor, Rev. Michael C. Nkachukwu**  
**Associate Pastor, Rev. Tyrone Robinson**  
 8200 Rolyat, Detroit, MI 48234  
 (313) 891-4553 ~ FAX (313) 891-5782  
[ladyofgoodshepherd@att.net](mailto:ladyofgoodshepherd@att.net)  
[www.ourladyofgoodshepherd.net](http://www.ourladyofgoodshepherd.net)  
 Saturday ~ 4 pm  
 Sunday ~ 10 am

**St. Florian**

**Pastor, Rev. Mirosław Frankowski, SCh**  
 2626 Poland, Hamtramck, MI 48212  
 (313) 871-2778 ~ FAX (313) 871-5947  
[office@stflorianparish.org](mailto:office@stflorianparish.org)  
[www.stflorianparish.org](http://www.stflorianparish.org)  
 Sunday ~ 10:30 am (Polish) 12:30 pm (English)

**St. Ladislaus Chapel**

2730 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212  
 Saturday ~ 4 pm (English)  
 Sunday ~ 9 am (Polish), 6:30 pm (Polish)

**St. John Paul II**


**Pastor, Rev. Andrew Wesley**  
 5830 Simon K, Detroit, MI 48212  
 (313) 305-7394 ~ FAX (313) 305-7396  
[sjp2parish@gmail.com](mailto:sjp2parish@gmail.com)  
 Sunday ~ 10 am (Eng) and 11:30 am (Polish)

**St. Raymond – OIGC**


**Pastor, Rev. Michael C. Nkachukwu**  
**Associate Pastor, Rev. Tyrone Robinson**  
 20103 Joann Ave., Detroit, MI 48025  
 (313) 527-0525 ~ FAX (313) 527-9776  
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