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Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

-- Colossians 3:4



Daily Mass

Week of April 22nd – 27th

- Monday: 8:00 Gary Nelson+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Catherine McGough+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Thursday: 8:00 Donna Bersaglieri+
- Friday: 8:00 Paul Rosso+
- Saturday: 8:00 Walter Crinnion+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Easter is the greatest Feast of Christendom because it commemorates Christ's victory over sin and death. As it is written in Scripture:

"By dying He destroyed death and by rising He restored life."

His victory is our victory. The gift of the Resurrection is that salvation is ours, if we live in our Savior's love. Let us celebrate this joyous Feast of Easter with gratitude and love, because through the saving power of Jesus Christ:

"The strife is o'er, the battle is done, the Victor's triumph won!"

Happy Easter!

Fr. Leo, Fr. Basil
Katie, Joe, Sam, Lori, Ann, Rebecca
Vince, Catherine, Karyn, Gail & Judy



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Easter Schedule 2019

Holy Saturday, April 20th
8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 21st
Easter Liturgies
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not celebrated during Holy Week or on Holy Saturday.



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Table Blessing for Easter Dinner

We praise you, Lord with greater joy than ever in this Easter Season, the thirsty have come to the water. The poor have come to receive bread and eat. Blessed are you in earth's bounty: the joy of the resurrection renews the whole world.

We joyfully sing your praises, Lord Jesus Christ, whom on the day of your resurrection were recognized by your disciples in the breaking of the bread.

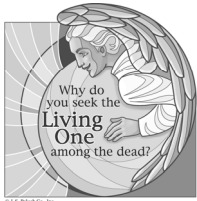
Remain here with us as we gratefully partake of these gifts. At the banquet table in heaven welcome us who have welcomed you in our brothers and sisters, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen!



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Easter Vigil Reception!

There will be a reception in the Gibson Center immediately after the Easter Vigil to honor the individuals who will be baptized and confirmed that evening. Plan to spend a few minutes after the Easter Vigil to congratulate the newest members of our community and to celebrate the end of the Lenten Fast and the beginning of the Easter Feast.



Today's Readings

First Reading -- Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm -- This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

Second Reading -- Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel -- Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9).



Special Collection!

The Outreach collection for April and May is for new and gently-used infant and toddler clothing to 2 years. The clothing will benefit clients of the Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. If you have any questions, call Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Please be as generous as you can!

An Evening at the Oakland Zoo!

Please join us in celebrating Katie Murphy and her distinguished forth-seven year career in Catholic education on Saturday, June 8th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the California Trail at the Oakland Zoo. Tickets are \$100.00 per person, with partial proceeds funding a School scholarship in Katie's name. Purchase your tickets early as they are expected to sell out. Please visit: www.auctria.com/auction/happytrailsKatie for additional information.

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Treasures From Our Tradition!

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs, and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated, and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg, not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ "Easter in us."



Special Thank You!

Outreach sends many thanks to everyone who so generously donated warm jackets, coats and sweaters to those who need them most! The men, women and children served by St. Vincent de Paul are deeply grateful for your help. Your kindness makes a difference in many lives!

Expect the Unexpected!

We all know what to expect of Easter: lots of lilies around the altar, our "Alleluia" joyfully sung over and over, perhaps a tasty ham dinner later in the day, topped off by some chocolates from the Easter basket. But all of this began, as we hear in today's Gospel, with the "unexpected" when Mary Magdalene found the tomb empty. Indeed, Peter's speech from Acts in the first reading could insert the phrase "you might have expected" at a number of points ... that Jesus would baptize John, not the other way around ... that his healing and exorcising ministry would win him acclaim, not death ... that his resurrection would place him in another dimension, not back at table with his followers. On a day like Easter, a day filled with traditions, customs and expectations, we are called more than ever to keep looking for God's will in unexpected places, people and events. In this way, we can continue to give witness, like Mary Magdalene and Peter, that Christ is truly risen from the dead, and continues to live among us.

God of all ages and all people, the shadows and gloom of Good Friday have been dispersed by the light and color of Easter Sunday. We rejoice in your power that turns our sorrow into joy, our despair into hope, our defeat into victory and evil into goodness. Help us on this Easter morning, O God, to burst out of the tombs that have trapped us: tombs of selfishness and sinfulness, greed and gluttony, scandal and corruption, pride and prejudice. Let now a new life of divine grace and human love burst forth from each of us this Easter day.



Amen!



HAPPY EASTER!

