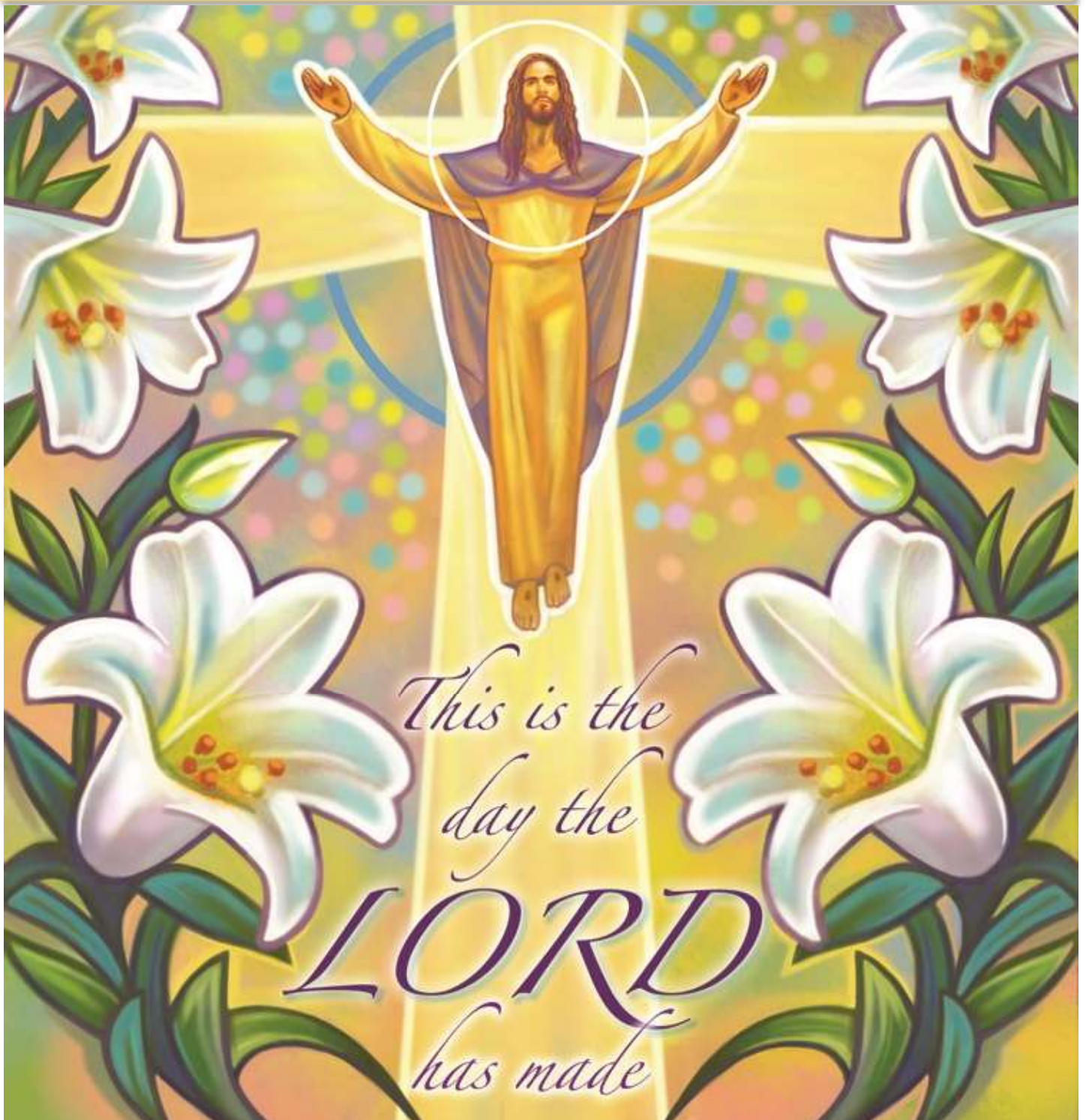


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Easter Sunday ~ April 4, 2021





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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM.

SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

DAILY MONDAY - FRIDAY

12:00 Noon

CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY: 11:30AM-12NOON

SATURDAY: 3:15 - 4:00 PM.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00AM ~12NOON ~6:00PM

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 4, 2021 - Easter

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

12Noon Intention of our Parish Family

Monday, April 5, 2021

12:00PM Living and Deceased Members of the Pellegrini and Bustamante Families – Family

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

12:00 PM †Gary Greene - Ellen Dattilo

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

12:00 PM †John R. Carbon— Mike and Dorothy Carbon

Thursday, April 8

12:00 PM †Robert Albiani - Family

Friday, April 9, 2021

12:00 PM †Stanley Skulski - MaryKay McCrory

Saturday, April 10, 2021

10:00AM First Holy Communion - Ticket Only

4:00PM †Konstantians Jablonskis - Mary Jablonskis
Living and Deceased Members of the Lamberty and Pestka Families - Family
Living and Deceased Members of the Tumino and Demma Families - K & M Demma Families
Intention of Jean Proskey - Louise & Pat Monaco

Sunday, April 11, 2021 - Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †John Power, Sr. - Gloria Power
†William Cizek, Sr. - Family
†Jose Llereza - Lito and Zeny Dungca
Intention of Jeremy Gooding - Family



**Alleluia!
Christ
is
risen!**

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† Denotes Deceased



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Dear Parishioners & Friends of Ascension of Our Parish,

ALLELUIA! HAPPY EASTER!

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, has conquered death and everything that diminishes the Divine life in us and among us. His resurrection from the dead is not simply a fact of history to be retold at Easter. It is a mystery to be lived everyday. As Christians, we are just as inspired by the presence of Jesus among us as those who first saw the empty tomb.

Like them, we know that Jesus is not found among the dead. **He lives among US** in the community gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. **He lives in the Gospel** proclaimed by word and deed. **Through the Sacraments of the Church**, he gathers disciples, heals the sick, reconciles sinners and calls us to service. **In the Church's outreach**, it is the hand of Jesus that lifts up the poor, feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless and visits the confined. In these ways, and many others, **we give witness to the mystery of Jesus living among us**. Indeed, **we become the Body of Christ for the world!**

This great Easter mystery cannot be lived in isolation. It requires the bonds of community to support us and to challenge us. During this time of the pandemic, we hold in prayer those gathered here and those who will join in prayer virtually. **Every Sunday the Church gathers as the Body of Christ at the table of God's Word and celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life in Christ.** We gather every Sunday as active participants in the life of our Resurrected Lord.

We wish you blessings in this Easter season and every day. We pray that our Risen Lord will be revealed to you in Word and Sacrament, in the love of family, friends and Church, in the witness of charity and holiness of life.

I also ask that you keep our First Communicants in prayer who will receive Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of the Eucharist this coming Saturday.

We sincerely wish you a blessed Easter celebration today and every day.

We hope to see you again next week!

~Fr. Jose

Parish News

Confessions

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UPDATED CONFESSION SCHEDULE BEGINNING APRIL 5TH

Confessions will **no longer** be heard on Thursdays before the 12noon Mass.

Confessions **will continue** on Fridays **before** the 12noon Mass, starting at 11:30am.

Confessions will remain on Saturdays from 3:15pm-4pm.

New Parishioners

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Welcome! May God enrich our lives together as we, as a parish, worship and serve our Lord.

Ms. Liza Sciarra
Ms. Monica Teuthorn
Ms. Lacey Dillman
Dr. and Mrs. Richard and Susan Pacelli
Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Ariana Mullen

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

For those who desire the Eucharist but are not comfortable coming to Mass, Father Jose will be available on Tuesdays by **appointment** from 9am—2 pm (excluding the time of the Noon Mass) when he will come to your car to give you the Eucharist *and* to give a blessing.

Please meet at Rectory garage. **Please call the office to schedule a time.**



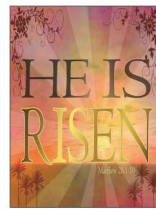
Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

If you or a family member are ill and would like to be placed on the Ascension of Our Lord Prayer List, please call the Parish Office. The name will be added for one month. Due to privacy issues, we will only honor requests made by you or a family member. Name will remain on list for one month.

Please call the Parish Office at 630-629-5810 to add a name to the "Pray for the Sick" list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Caridad, Henry, Carl, Grace, Arlene and Patrick



Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song. Pope John Paul II



As you leave church today, you will receive a Holy Water bottle for your use at home.

We, at Ascension of Our Lord Parish, wish you and your family a Happy Easter.



STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, March 21, 2021 - \$4,458
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT OF ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH.

This Week's Calendar

MONDAY, APRIL 5: MASS 12NOON
TUESDAY, APRIL 6: BLESSING & SPECIAL COMMUNION 9AM-2PM, 12NOON MASS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 12NOON - MASS
THURSDAY, APRIL 8: 10:30AM LEGION OF MARY - CORPUS CHRISTI, 12NOON - MASS,
FRIDAY, APRIL 9: 11:30AM CONFESSION, 12NOON MASS,
SATURDAY, APRIL 10: 10AM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—TICKET ONLY! 3:15 —CONFESSION, 4:00PM MASS
SUNDAY, APRIL 11: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 8AM AND 10AM MASS



“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!”
~Psalm 118

Easter 2021

When we recall Easter of 2020, it was different to say the least. With Churches closed, we did not gather for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, or Easter Sunday. We have much to rejoice for today as we are able to worship publicly together!

As you look around the Church, sure, things do look a bit different with social distancing and various other safety protocols in place. Once we look past that, we can see that we have truly come a long way in the last year as we are able to be together!

Thank You!

To have our doors open for Mass each day requires the work of many volunteers. Many of these volunteers give of themselves each and every week so we can gather as safely as possible. A special thank you to all of those who volunteer as a table greeter, church greeter, sanitizer, and setup person. We could NOT do it without you!

We also give thanks to our liturgical ministers who assist at Mass each week. For those who serve as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and help with our Art & Environment—Thank you!

To our parish staff who keep our church functioning behind the scenes each and every day—thank you!

To Father Jose, Father Bob, and Deacon Peter who nourish us well through the Sacraments—thank you!

Thank YOU for continuing to be a part of this faith community! We are better because of you!

50 Days of Easter Challenge

As we journey through these 50 days of the Easter Season, please pray about how you can better serve our parish community. Each and every one of us has something to offer! What are your gifts? How can you offer your gifts to this parish community?

Religious Education Program News

Our Religious Education year is about to wrap-up with our two last sessions taking place on April 6th & 13th. Registration for the 2021-22 will be out in August. August registration worked out really well for this past year that we will continue with that again this year. **This is also a great time for YOU to discern about becoming a Catechist to help pass on the faith to our children of the parish.** All necessary training and formation will be provided!

Please also keep our First Communicants and their families in your continued prayers as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 10th.

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

Mayslake Ministries

Engaging Catholics in a Modern World

"Digital Worship, Spiritual Communion"

This is not the first time in our history when the baptized have had limited or no access to communion. This presentation will explore the traditional wisdom and practice of spiritual communion as an authentic encounter with the Christ of the Eucharist and the ecclesial community."

Mayslake Ministries

ENGAGING CATHOLICS
IN A MODERN WORLD

VIRTUAL EVENT

EVENING OF REFLECTION
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

MAY 4, 2021 @ 7 PM

SPEAKER: FR. ED FOLEY

COST: \$20.00



The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils." Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all

liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of **the Lord's resurrection** from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are **50 days** of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

"What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind;... So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being," the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49).

Please keep these candidates for ordination in your prayers: Gregory L. Alberts, Brian Geary, Thomas Logue

Please join us for the Livestream of the

ORDINATION TO THE ORDER OF DEACON

Gregory L. Alberts Brian Geary Transitional Thomas Logue

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.
CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS, JOLIET

The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. **The Paschal Candle** is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations. Taken from the United States Conference of Bishops/prayer/worship/Easter



Next Sunday, April 11, 2021 is Divine Mercy Sunday

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

How can I receive extraordinary graces on Divine Mercy Sunday?

In order to receive the extraordinary graces, you should prepare by making a good confession, so that you can receive Holy Communion in a state of grace on Divine Mercy Sunday. In addition, Our Lord asked St. Faustina to be sure to perform acts of mercy, and to come to Him in Holy Communion with great trust in His mercy. *Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy (Diary 742).*

The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive (Diary 1578).

Taken from the divinemercy.org/celebrate/answers

