

Ascension of Our Lord Church

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Easter Sunday

*This is the day
the Lord has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad.*

Psalm 118:24

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April 21, 2019

Ascension of Our Lord

Liturgies for the Week

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Sunday, April 21, 2019 (Easter Sunday)

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

12:00 PM Intention of the Parish Family

Monday, April 22, 2019

12:00 PM †Dale Anthony Cowel - Mary Barclay

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the
Kroeger and Lewis Families - Sue Kroeger

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

12:00 PM Bojan Family Intention - Martha Bojan

Thursday, April 25, 2019

12:00 PM †Fred J. Bero, Jr. - Friends at Ascension

Friday, April 26, 2019

12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the
Tumino and Demma Families - Kathy Demma

Saturday, April 27, 2019

4:00 PM †Diane Klazura - Loving Husband
†Sarina Conmey - Loving Sister
†Bud Grane - David & Nancy Hayden
†Andrew Catalano - Cetta
†Phillip & Angelina Varco -
Loving Daughter
†Bud Grane - Hermine Hausner
†Jim Fennell - Pauline Mitchell

Sunday, April 28, 2019

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM †Josephine Zadrozny -
Mike & Dorthy Carbon
†Gloria Power - Estelle Graham
†Julia Kubacka - Bill & Barbara Cizek
†Anna Arelano - Mariani Family
†Fritz Eder - Ronald & Sherry Kozarits
†Ted A. Calinog M.D. - Family
Special Intention - Family

† Denotes Deceased

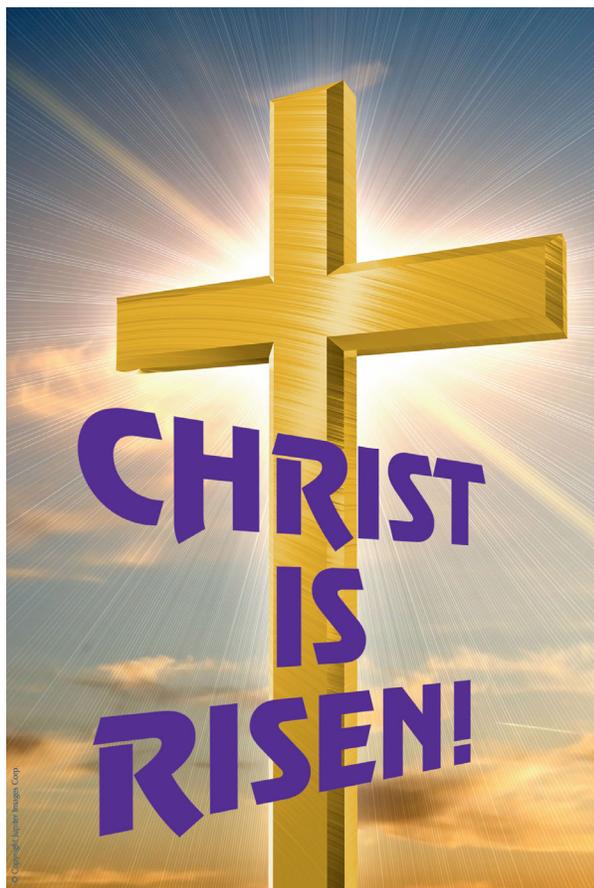


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FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! Let the Alleluias be sung as we hear them for the first time since the journey of Lent, as we celebrate the great resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Having completed our Lenten journey, we now enter the Easter Season in which the Church rejoices at the victory of Jesus over sin and death.



Over the next fifty days, the Church celebrates the Easter Season through Pentecost and we are asked to renew our efforts to live the life Jesus has won for us through His suffering and death on the cross. We are reminded of that each and every time we renew our baptismal promises! Jesus asks us to allow Him to **live in us** and, through **our participation** in His new life, to **build up His Kingdom in our neighborhoods today**.

As your Pastor, I ask you to allow the joyful hope we share to be present in the way you practice your faith during this Easter season. **Be excited to follow the Lord** more closely by the joy of knowing that your eternal reward has been secured by Christ each and every time you look at the Cross! During this Easter Season, if you are able, join us for weekday Mass at 12 noon. One hundred plus people join us each weekday.

It continues to be important that our neighborhoods are able to see the face of Jesus at this moment in time. For it is the Lord, risen from the dead, who desires to be present to this broken and hurt world through you. **Your Christian life gives witness** that Christ is alive in the world today. **By living the Gospel values** that the Lord teaches, **by allowing His love to be a part of that you do**, you and I can make a difference in this world!

Perhaps you are being called to help serve our Church. Please be in contact with myself, Deacon Peter, or Vince Zaprzal as to how you can best **utilize the gifts and talents** the Lord has given to you to make our parish community a better place.

May this Easter season be one of great blessings and graces for all the faithful here at Ascension of Our Lord Parish. On behalf of the entire parish staff, I wish you a prayerful and joyous Easter Season.

By His Cross and Resurrection,

Fr. Jose

Parish News

This week's calendar

Wednesday, April 24: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, 1:00 p.m. in Corpus Christi
Choir Practice - 7:00pm in Corpus Christi
Thursday, April 25: Legion of Mary Prayer Group, 10:30 a.m. in the Founder's Foyer
Friday, April 26: Grief Support Journey in Teen Zone Room, Good Shepard Prayer Group - Church 7:00pm



Children's Liturgy of the Word *Sundays at 10:00 a.m.*

Children's Liturgy of the Word is meant for **all children**, and is offered on most Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass thru early June. Please have your children participate so that they can learn about the Gospel using language and terms appropriate to their age.

There, they will pray, color, craft, and participate in a way that's meaningful for them! Parents are always welcome to attend as well.

Please contact the religious education office at 630.953.4415 if you have any questions.

Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 - 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Bob
Euch. Min.: R. Hariman, C. Bane, E.Lugo
Lector: Barbara Santucci

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose/Deacon Peter
Euch. Min.: D.Morrissey, A. Stephens
Lector: Michael Klamut

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - 10:00 AM

Presiders: Father Jose / Deacon Peter
Euch. Min.: N. Cinco, J. Racila
Lector: Dolores Morrissey

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH



Our Lord's Divine Mercy Sunday grants forgiveness of all sins and punishment on the Feast of Divine Mercy, Mercy Sunday, mercy for even the most hardened sinners! It is the Sunday of Divine Mercy, the Feast of Mercy.

FAREWELL Over the past 4 years, mainly as Bulletin Editor, © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. it has been a pleasure serving Ascension of Our Lord Parish and getting to know many of you personally. Thank you to those who have brought bulletin errors to my attention and to those who have not! I found this to be a very generous parish on many levels and am proud to have been a part of this faith community. I pray Ascension of Our Lord continues to grow in size and substance. May God grant the members of Ascension many healthy and spiritually blessed years.

Christ is Risen!

~Jean Palasz



Noon Mass resumes on Monday, April 22, 2019, however the parish office will be closed.

C.C.W. News

Our parishioner donations in the amount of \$840 towards our C.C.W. St. Joseph's Table weekend will go to our St. Vincent dePaul Society.

STEWARDSHIP

April 7, 2019 - \$7,593

Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support.



Vince Zaprzal
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Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

(adapted from <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/easter-sunday-connection>)

Religious Education Program News!

Our Religious Education year concluded this past week. Registration has been sent out to those who were registered this past year. **This is also a great time for you to discern becoming a Catechist to help pass on the faith to our children of the parish.** All necessary training and formation will be provided!

New family and student registration is accepted as well for grades K-8. Please contact the Religious Education Office to setup an appointment to meet.

Please also keep our second graders in prayer as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion next Sunday, April 28th at the 10am Mass.

New Parish Website!

As with anything new, please be patient as websites are always a continued work in progress! A special thank-you to Deacon Peter who has been helpful with his expertise!

Check it out at www.ascensionoffourlord.net!

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

St. Vincent de Paul Society

EASTER = THANKSGIVING DAY

THANK YOU
GRACIAS
GRAZIE
MERCIE
DANKE DIR
GO RAIBH
MAITH AGOT
Etc.

Easter is in many ways our true Thanksgiving Day in the Church. It is the day when the whole Church can celebrate our THANKS for God's sacrifice of Himself and total outpouring of salvation of all and an entryway in eternal life.

Yes, we should be and are thankful for all that we have and have been given through God's grace and selfless sacrifice for all of us. At the same time our Society and its work is very thankful to all the many others that have provided us with the help and resources that are needed to help us help the poor. Our special thanks in commemorating the greatest Thanksgiving Day there is goes to:

- Those parishioners and friends that have given so much of their resources, time, help & prayers.
- The parish Religious Education students and parents who are providing Gift and Grocery cards to help the needs of the poor.
- The Members and friends of the CCW who have provided their help and again the St. Joseph's Table receipts to the poor.
- Our SVDP Members and friends who have given so much of their time, resources and thoughtful prayers in directly and indirectly helping those in need.
- And to the many others who we have failed to list but that will always be a part of God's recognition for all the good you do.

EASTER truly is our DAY of THANKSGIVING!
Have a very Happy Easter season.



Annual Diocesan Scout Recognitions Ceremony

Attention **ALL** youth members of the American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire & Girl Scouts of the USA. If you have earned your Catholic Religious Recognition for your age group then come and get it blessed at the Annual Diocesan Religious Recognition Ceremony. It will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 10am - 12:30pm (registration begins at 9am) at St. Jude Catholic Church, 241 W. Second Avenue, New Lenox.

The event is free and open to **ALL** who would like to come and share in the achievements of these young men and women. **No** pre-registration is needed (check-in at the door). For more information visit:

dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting and click on the 'A - Z Directory' from the main page. From there scroll down alphabetically to: 'Annual Recognitions Mass'.

VISITATION PARISH

779 S. York St., Elmhurst, IL

Will host two (2)

DIVINE MERCY EVENTS

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 7 pm

Divine Mercy Sunday – a Whole Ocean of Graces

An inspirational video explanation

(Q&A and refreshments)

(RSVP by 4/17/19 to divinemercyrsvp@yahoo.com)

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28, 2019

2:00 p.m. - Confession and Adoration

3:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Service & Benediction

All are welcome!

The **SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE**, an organization supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invites you to join them on Monday, April 29, 2019 at St. Michael Parish, 310 S. Wheaton, in Wheaton. Rosary and Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. Dinner in the Social Hall will follow. Speaker for the evening will be Cathy Loftus, an artist whose favorite projects have been in the area of Liturgical Art, which has given her opportunities to work with parishes in the diocese. She joined the Outreach Team of the Diocese Partnership in Mission, to teach art marking skills to children and teens in the Philippines.

To find out more about SERRA or to make a reservation for the dinner, please contact Joann

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