The Resurrection
THE GREATEST OF MIRACLES

With You, nothing is lost; You are my hope.

Pope Francis
**Easter Blessings**

**PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**

**ON MONDAY, APRIL 13.**

Daily Mass will be broadcast live at 12:00 p.m.

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At the time of writing this there is very little to be joyful about. We are all confined to our homes. People can’t go to work. The kids must be climbing the walls right now. My sympathy to the parents. Clearly I was meant for a priestly celibate life because if I was a parent I don’t know how I would cope. Psalm 30 says “At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.” It is hard to find the joy right now.

So here we are, Easter Sunday. Jesus rises from the dead. Alleluia. It seems to me to be a Christian imperative that we be a people who proclaim joy. Granted it might take a bit of an effort but we are going to exult. A memory comes back to me. During my seminary years I was friends with a priest who was an expert in Liturgy and Music. Sometimes I went to his place where we had donuts, coffee and a chat. I remember that his house was full of sheets of music stacked up everywhere. In between the stacks were piles of books. The room was also filled with various memorabilia. I remember one picture on the wall. This was a hand done present from a musician friend. The picture consisted of sheet music with a few notes and two words. “Alleluia Anyway!” All my life I have loved that. Alleluia Anyway is so hopeful and defiant. When your whole world seems to be collapsing all around you sing your shout of joy, Alleluia Anyway! When they are going to take away all that you have shout your joy, Alleluia Anyway! Hope and joy are infectious things. We need people to lift us up. A poor man took his life in New York a few weeks ago. He jumped from a window. He left a note that basically said, what’s the point? That poor man’s tragedy is that note that said, what’s the point? That poor man’s tragedy is that nobody shared any joy or hope with him. I guess left to ourselves we would all be jumping from the windows. Let this be our Easter duty. We will contact all the people we know and love and offer them Easter Joy. Christ is risen! We are an Easter people and we want to express our joy. Death will not conquer us. We will not be afraid of it. We will not be beaten down because of Covid-19. I don’t think I will be singing Opera to my neighbors across the street. Somebody tried that from his apartment in New York. A person a few floors down shouted, “Shut the .... Up!” That is very New York. However, I will stand at my doorway and wish them all Easter joy. Alleluia, Anyway!

With love,

Fr. Pat
Stewardship News

Regular Sunday Collection:

Sunday, April 5 .......................................................... $34,114*
* includes $18,056 in online donations received 3/29 - 4/4

Stewards live each day as if Jesus were walking beside us, pointing out acts of compassion for us to perform. In this way, we act in Jesus’ name and manifest what we profess in our creed.

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If you typically give in the offertory basket, now is the time to go online.

PLEASE GIVE FROM HOME

With the recent changes to our worship life arising from the coronavirus, St. Catherine is facing the following concerns:

Although our work at the church continues, we fear that our tithing will diminish. Still unsure how you can help in this difficult time?

- You can mail your envelope to the office but please don’t send cash
- Either you or your bank can mail checks to the parish office:
  4800 Convict Hill Road, Austin, TX 78749
- You can give from home by establishing an online arrangement through our parish website.
  Just click on donate. If you cannot do this yourself, please contact Erin Hummel at (512) 892-2420 and she can assist you.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Catherine of Siena.
Our prayers are with you and your family to stay healthy and safe.

In Loving Memory

The Easter flowers in the church have been contributed as memorials to loved ones by families and friends

Ann Marie Armstrong
Dianne Armstrong
David Michael Benavides
Bertha Cantu
Mr. & Mrs. Emil Cardiel
Hilario De La Pena, Sr.
Frank & Carolyn Foppiano
Margaret Foppiano
America Garcia
Casey Alan Gonzales
Elvia S. Gonzales
James Gutierrez
Mary Jacquez
Micah Lawrence
Silver Lawrence
Rojo Lawy
Mr. & Mrs. Max Lopez
Hildebrando Lozano
Chris & Guadalupe Lucio
John Lucio
Terri Moser
Alfonso & Petra Munguia
Pablo Munguia
Edward Narro
Betty Odum
Rene Ortiz
Rosalinda Ortiz
Jesse Perales
Mitchell Perales
Phyllis Perales
Martin & Nellie Petersen
Maximus Quintanilla
Albert A. Rodriguez
Evelyn Sherman
Bill Smith
Gary Smith
Bob Stone
Maria Alicia Suarez
Hector Valdes
Bob & Beverly Williams

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Please pray for...

**THE SICK**
Robert Heckler
Amanda Hunt
Mary Juergens
Matthew Kelly
David Kerstein
Laura Lee
Tracy Leinen
Bea Lutz
Eddie Mazurek
Jim McAssey
John Muniz
Robert Paul
Pauline Pena
Dacier Prose
Esther Quintanilla
Lorimer “Larry” Sanchez
June Stewart
Betty Stone
Susie Victor
Mick Wempe

**OUR SERVICE MEMBERS**
Randall Davis
Kevin Goodlett
Louis Hause
Whitman Jones
Susanna Jordan
Dalton Knight
Ricky Martinez
Robert Monroe
Michael Pace
Nick Rocha
Andrew Sanchez
Daniel Suarez

**THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF LOVED ONES**
recently called home by our Savior, especially and Edward Narro, father of Rhonda Smith.

**Religious Education**

**ADULT EDUCATION**

**RCIA IN THE TIME OF COVID-19** by Pam Neumann

As strange as it is for all of us this Easter, in the RCIA process this is usually a time of excitement as we prepare for the final steps toward full initiation into the Church. We won’t yet be celebrating the Ephphetha Rite on Holy Saturday morning with the rite of opening the ears and mouth. We won’t be happily rehearsing our responses and figuring out where to sit, stand, walk in anticipation of our big night. Our vigil of waiting for Baptism and Confirmation is extended a while longer until it is safe to gather as the Body of Christ once again.

But we will continue to gather every Monday night (online) and grow in our faith in God, in our knowledge of Scripture, in our prayer life and will remain connected to the community as best we can. This coming Monday we will reflect on the Triduum, as we always do. This is to be a more somber Easter as we all feel what the apostles and Mary felt after the Resurrection; joy knowing that Jesus has risen from the dead but afraid of what the future brings.

For those of you who have participated in RCIA before, both as candidates as well as sponsors, I ask that you keep the candidates and sponsors especially in your prayers at this time. Remember your own Initiation and the grace you received. Keep watch with them as they await their day.

*We pray for Ashley Normand, Cody Ratliff, Patricia Dittmar, and Bruce Kennedy as they wait to be welcomed at the Lord’s table.*

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

We would like to express our sincere thanks to every one involved in Liturgy of the Word with Children every week. They enable our children to participate in Mass in a way that is meaningful to them by hearing the Scriptures in words they can understand, explaining the readings, sharing in the profession of faith and offering their own prayers of petition. These women and men share their faith with our children every week and are loving witness to all of us.

*SPECIAL THANKS* to Monica and Matt Howeth, Connie Maastrich, Jimmy Rose and their children for going online to continue to spread the Good News to our children every Sunday. The online version of Children’s Liturgy of the Word is posted weekly to the parish website.

**ST. CATHERINE ONLINE:** Not only is Mass online but many of our ministries are also meeting safely and faithfully. Religious Education, Family Faith, RCIA, Liturgy of the Word with Children, Alpha, ROMP, That Man is You! as well as many other groups are meeting in online groups as well.

After Easter, Bible Study will also move online (details to follow). So let us give thanks for all the technologists among us who have imagined, developed and created these amazing tools and who now so generously share their knowledge with the parish.
**Liturgy**

THERE ARE MANY DEDICATED PEOPLE who help bring our liturgy to life regularly at St. Catherine of Siena. Although the church remains empty this season, we remain humbled and deeply grateful for all of the wonderful friends and fellow disciples who serve us in the Liturgical Ministries, and who labor to make our celebrations beautiful and more worthy of the Lord we worship.

WE HONOR AND PRAY FOR THOSE who devotedly prepare the sacred space in the Art and Environment committee; those who keep church clean and uncluttered, wash the altar linens, craft the lovely flower arrangements and take care of many details behind the scenes, as well as our priests, deacons, Mass coordinators, lectors, psalmists and cantors, choir members, musicians, children’s liturgy leaders, altar servers, ministers of Communion, ushers, and greeters. Thank you so very much for your dedicated service. Our hearts long for you during this time of separation – we know you would be here if you could. May all of you be especially blessed this Easter – God bless you and keep you safe!

IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS WHERE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION, our Mother the Church invites us to participate in what it calls “Spiritual Communion.” The great St. Thomas Aquinas defined a Spiritual Communion as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and in lovingly embracing Him as if we had actually received Him.”

**Prayer asking for Spiritual Communion**

My dear Lord and Savior,

though I am but a sinful servant,

I approach you with confidence,

for you have said in your goodness and mercy:

"Come to me all you that labor and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest."

You will not despise a contrite and humble heart.

I am truly sorry for having offended you by my sins, because you are infinitely good.

I have wounded your Sacred Heart by resisting your holy will and transgressing the Commandments; but I love you now with my whole heart and above all things.

I adore you truly present on the Altar.

I have a great desire, dear Jesus, to receive you in Holy Communion, and since I cannot now approach the Holy Table to be united to you in the Blessed Sacrament, I ask you sincerely to come to me.

Refresh my soul with the sweetness of your grace.

Come, my Lord My God and my All.

Let me never be separated from you.

Amen.

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(†) Deceased  
(SI) Special Intention

**SANCTUARY LAMP & ADORATION CANDLE INTENTIONS**

WEEK OF APRIL 12 – 18:

- St. Jude Shrine – donated by Julio & Lloy Lizcano for a special intention in Thanksgiving.
AN IMPORTANT NOTE FROM FR. PAT

Dear parishioners,

There is an email message that is circulating pretending to be from me asking people for money because my brother has coronavirus. Another email is asking for you to contact me for an urgent matter. These emails or any others asking for money/response to an emergency are HOAXES. (Please check the senders email address, you will notice it is from a strange Gmail account.) Please know that this is not from me, do not respond or click any links.

Sincerely, Fr. Pat

Community Ministries

CRS RICE BOWL: HAPPY EASTER! We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate the Risen Lord! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share what we have with our global family. Please hold on to your rice bowls. We will collect them at a later time. Thank you for your participation in this program.

THE COMMUNITY MINISTRIES OFFICE has a number of resources on hand that can help you and your family during this time. If you need help, please send an email to Sylvianne Mariotti at sylvianne.mariotti@stcatherine-austin.org.

General Parish

2020 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, sponsored by the Amigos, recognizes outstanding academic achievement and provides financial support to qualified students completing the 5th, 8th, & 12th grades in the 2019/2020 school year. Applications can be downloaded from https://stcatherine-austin.org/outstanding-achievement-award. Deadline to submit an application is Thurs., April 23, these can be mailed to the parish office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS: Attending college full time next fall? Are you involved in the church and/or community? Knights of Columbus Council 8156 has scholarships available to members of St. Catherine and members of our Knights’ council. Go to kofc8156.org for an application. Full rules and deadlines are in the application.

STAYING CONNECTED TO THE PARISH: We will continue to publish a digital bulletin. It will be posted weekly on the parish website. You can also visit DiscoverMass.com to sign up to receive the bulletin via email or access it from our parish app. Please visit the parish website at www.stcatherine-austin.org for the latest updates and other online resources. You can also sign up to receive news and updates by email or on your mobile device from the parish home page.

Like us on Facebook
facebook.com/StCatherineofSienaAustin

Download our parish app
Text “App” to 88202 or search for myParish in your app store.

NEWCOMERS: Welcome to St. Catherine’s Parish. Registration forms are located online, in the back of the church and in the office.

MARRIAGE: Please contact Diane Bily at least nine months prior to the wedding date at 892-2420 or diane.bily@stcatherine-austin.org.

BAPTISM: Preparation required for parents & godparents. Contact Jeanette Britt at 892-2420 or jeannette.britt@stcatherine-austin.org.

BULLETIN: Email joann.campbell@stcatherine-austin.org or send written notice to the parish office 15 days prior to publication date.