

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .



Alleluia! Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

I want to extend wishes of a beautiful and happy Easter to all parishioners. This has been a different Lenten experience for us. And, celebrating Easter virtually is not what we expected. Nevertheless, the power of Christ is still at work. Perhaps the emptiness of our Church can be a symbol of the empty tomb. It should serve as a reminder that the spirit of Christ cannot be contained. In fact, it is very much alive and present among us. Jesus, risen, and ascended to the Father, empowers us to carry on his work. So we, the body of Christ, must continue to proclaim the great joy of Easter.

In the spirit of Easter joy, two things for which I'm grateful:

My gratitude to all of you who continue to support the parish financially. I understand that these are difficult financial times for everyone, and I appreciate you making the sacrifice. Remember, that God is never outdone in generosity. You can continue to drop your envelopes off at the office, mail them, or use the online giving link.

I also want to thank those who have helped with the online streaming of our Triduum and Sunday Masses. My first inclination was to do nothing online during the first two weeks of quarantine. However, when we were extended during the month of April, I realized something needed to be done online. A few talented people came forward to set this up and oversee our social media presence. I must say I was pleasantly surprised to see the response. It is my intention to livestream our Sunday liturgies if my crew will be available.

Happy Easter!

Father Kirby Hlavaty

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday and reopen on Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

DIOCESAN DIRECTIVES to MEET the GUIDELINES OF LOCAL & NATIONAL AUTHORITIES:

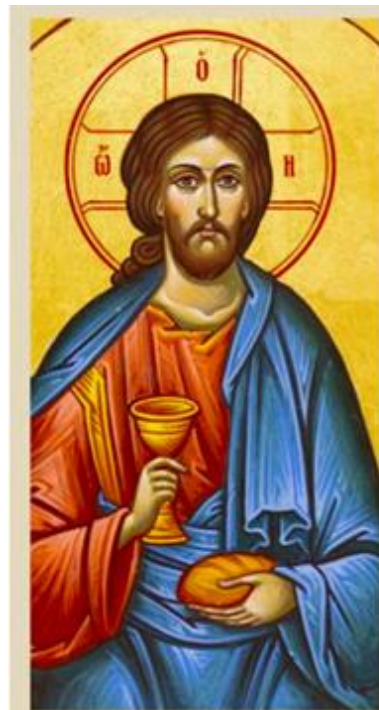
- Assumption Church will continue to celebrate Mass, but will do so without a congregation.
- Mass on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. is live-streamed at www.facebook.com/pg/abvmganado/videos/
- The sacrament of Confession will not be celebrated until further notice.
- All other events in the parish are suspended.

MASS INTENTIONS

Father Kirby will say the following Intentions this week: Willie Mae Cykala, Bruce Sulak, Agnes Novak, Josephine Schneider, Bud & Ruth Richards, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Parishioners & Benefactors

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In memory of Bernard Bures
by Evelyn Bures



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The Church encourages us to make an act of "spiritual communion," where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

COVID 19: Ways to Cope

The **Emmaus Center** for counseling in the Catholic tradition has created a special gift for our parishes to share with everyone. It is the gift of mental well-being in a time when many are anxious and depressed.

Here is the link:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ssVRG8qsLbnJ7SJhz-8dN7v3uZCYlF-rQmWOIBZ0tCg/edit#slide=id.gc6f972163_0_0

HOW to PRAY the TV MASS FROM HOME

Creating a sacred space to reverently watch the Mass in your home:

- ❖ Create a prayer altar under your TV or streaming device. Consider setting a crucifix or other sacred art in the prayer space.
- ❖ Open your Bible to the gospel of the day and place it on your “home altar” to remind you that the Word of God is among you.
- ❖ Light a candle to symbolize the beautiful light that shines in the darkness and to help your home resemble the Church
- ❖ Set up chairs like a pew to help you engage in the Mass and keep you from passively watching from the couch.
- ❖ Get dressed as you normally would when attending Mass. Keeping this routine is especially helpful for children.
- ❖ If you have holy water at home bless yourself and your family before you begin the Mass
- ❖ Take a few moments of silence to transition from the busyness of your home to the sacredness of the Mass
- ❖ Fully participate by standing, kneeling, sitting, and responding according to the rubrics of the Mass
- ❖ Engage in community by having coffee and breakfast with your family after Mass or by calling your loved ones to connect.



MISSALETTES

If you haven't already, stop by the Church and pick up a Missalette to use when you watch the Sunday liturgies online. For those of us who usually use the missalettes when at Mass, it will help make the livestream Masses at home more normal.



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CCD CLASSES

- All regularly scheduled CCD classes are **canceled** through the end of this school year.
- **First Holy Communion** originally scheduled for April 19 has been postponed. It will be rescheduled as soon as restrictions allow.

Father Kirby and Joey Sablatura are working on a plan to offer a “make-up” CCD short program (think along the lines of Vacation Bible School) sometime during the summer. Watch the bulletin for details.

Parents have always been considered the first and best teachers of the Catholic Faith. During this time when we are spending more time at home, use this wonderful opportunity to share and discuss our faith with your children.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

April 5

Envelopes – \$3,810.00 Maintenance – \$165.00

Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who have made contributions during this difficult time.

Offering Envelopes



The Bishop asks the faithful to continue to support their parish by mail, through on-line giving, or drop it by the office. This will ensure our parish is able to meet payrolls and pay monthly bills.

The Diocese of Victoria has set up a donation page to receive donations for each parish. Go to: www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-assumption-ganado

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Nansi Moore, Kevin Quinn, Gary Skalicky, Lesley Klekar, John Perez, ❖ Allen Friedrich, Margaret Waters, Debbie Fowler, Larry Kaspar, Sr., Doug Hlavaty, Alice Saucedo Sanchez ❖ Corrian Bock, Lucy Soto, Evelyn Janssen, Donna Atzenhoffer, Steve Rosalez, Janie Mendez, Gary Staff, ❖ Joyce Bundick, Jon Henry, Albert Bures, Jim Bollom, Lena Partida, ❖ All the Unborn and their parents, People serving in the military, Holy Souls in Purgatory

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 19

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AMID A GLOBAL CRISIS



For those, who have been wondering, whether or not, if, it is, still, possible to receive the special Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday, this answer is, most definitely, yes!

In the original Vatican decree, establishing the plenary indulgence, in June of 2002, there is a special provision, to, still, obtain the plenary indulgence, without attending Mass. It is in the last section of the decree, titled *“For those who cannot go to church or the seriously ill”*. The document, which has perpetual force, clearly states that “all who for a just cause cannot leave their homes” “may obtain a plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday”.

We must remember, this does not remove the three conditions, which must be fulfilled, to receive the plenary indulgence, which are: (a sacramental confession, a Eucharistic communion, and a prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff). The decree clearly states that these must be done “as soon as possible” The decree reads, as follows:

“if totally detesting any sin, as has been said before, and with the intention of fulfilling as soon as possible the three usual conditions, will recite the Our Father and the Creed before a devout image of Our Merciful Lord Jesus and, in addition, pray a devout invocation to the Merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you).”

The decree, also, has many other, special, provisions, including “the sick and those who nurse them”. The decree goes, even, further by saying “If it is impossible that people do even this, on the same day, they may obtain the Plenary Indulgence, if, with a spiritual intention they are united with those carrying out the prescribed practice for obtaining the Indulgence, in the usual way, and offer to the Merciful Lord a prayer and the sufferings of their illness and the difficulties of their lives, with the resolution to accomplish as soon as possible the three conditions prescribed to obtain the plenary indulgence”.

READINGS FOR APRIL 19

Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.