

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:



(While we are not able to gather in church as a faith community to receive Jesus present in the Eucharist, Fr. Paul does continue to offer the sacrifice of the Mass each day for our intentions as listed below. At minimum for the Sunday obligation, We can participate in Mass through many forms: Online live streaming with Bishop Doherty from the Cathedral (or many other churches offer live streaming of the Mass), on our website with Bishop Barron, EWTN, Catholic Radio of Indy (89.1 or 90.9) our Word Among Us books have daily Mass readings, or the following:

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Monday, April 13

No Mass

Tuesday, April 14

Rick Charnley

Wednesday, April 15

Severino Sulit

Thursday, April 16

Don Martin

Friday, April 17

Jess Huggins, Jr.

Saturday, April 18

Winifred & Adam Viellieux

Palm Sunday, April 19

Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR APRIL:

Freedom from Addiction

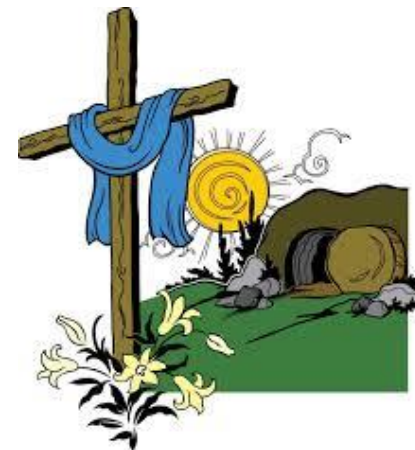
We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Weekly Prayer Corner:

HE IS RISEN!

O day of resurrection! Let us beam with festive joy! Christ has risen from the dead! Yesterday I was buried with you, O Christ, today I rise with you as you arise. Yesterday I was crucified with you; glorify me with you, savior, in your kingdom.

--St. John of Damascus



In this time of uncertainty, there are still some things that remain constant. The passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus. We are a people of hope!

This hope holds true as the news reports that our COVID-19 flattening the curve efforts are showing a glimmer of positive improvement. May God continue to answer our prayers for the gifts of strength and fortitude that we may emerge from this time renewed and transformed for the better.

May this Holy Week and Easter be one of great meaning as we recall the words of the Easter Exsultet:

"May this flame be found still burning
by the Morning Star:
the one Morning Star who never sets,
Christ your Son,
who, coming back from death's domain,
has shed his peaceful light on humanity,
and lives and reigns for ever and ever."

AMEN

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CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS

If at all possible, please continue to keep your contributions up-to-date and mail them to the office both for St. Mary's or St. John's to:

St. John's Church
213 S. Spring St.
Hartford City, IN 47348

Diana will be able to distinguish which parish they belong to and appropriately post & deposit to that account. Thank you for your efforts to continue your financial support to the church.

BRING LENT TO LIFE

A life-changing Lenten journey with 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.

PRAYER: For those we encountered through CRS Rice Bowl, and all members of our one human family, that they do not go hungry, and always have the proper nutrition giving them the opportunity to build their dreams and a brighter future.

If you have a rice bowl to turn in, you can drop it off Monday-Wednesday or Friday 9-12 at the back doors of the school building or count the money and mail a check to the office payable to St. Mary's/St. John's marked "Rice Bowl".

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$468.00

CRS: \$5.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$800.00

Food Pantry: \$35.00

CRS: \$75.00

Haiti: \$40.00

CRS: \$75.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

"Very early in the morning after the sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Apr. 13: Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Mt 28: 8-15

Apr. 14: Acts 2: 36-41; Jn 20: 11-18

Apr. 15: Acts 3: 1-10; Lk 24: 13-35

Apr. 16: Acts 3: 11-26; Lk 24: 35-48

Apr. 17: Acts 4: 1-12; Jn 21: 1-14

Apr. 18: Acts 4: 13-21; Mk 16: 9-15

Apr. 19: [Sunday of Divine Mercy] Acts 2: 42-47; 1 Pt 1: 3-9; Jn 20: 19-31

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary for all who are sick and for all who have died as a result of the Coronavirus, as well as for the safety of healthcare workers, the consolation of those who cannot leave their homes, and for the encouragement of all who feel anxiety, fear or doubt during this health crisis. Pray the rosary daily at 4pm live on facebook.com/AscensionPress/

Don't forget to check in with your neighbor and help those in need of food, meds, or just old-fashioned communication...and prayer!





Novena of Divine Mercy in times of Pandemic

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. Our Lord Jesus gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena.

The different souls prayed for on each day of the novena are:

DAY 1 (GOOD FRIDAY) – All Mankind, especially sinners

DAY 2 (HOLY SATURDAY) – The souls of priests and religious

DAY 3 (EASTER SUNDAY) – All devout and faithful souls

DAY 4 (EASTER MONDAY) – Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know him

DAY 5 (EASTER TUESDAY) – The souls of separated brethren

DAY 6 (EASTER WEDNESDAY) – The meek and humble souls and the souls of children

DAY 7 (EASTER THURSDAY) – The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus’ mercy

DAY 8 (EASTER FRIDAY) – The souls who are detained in purgatory

DAY 9 (EASTER SATURDAY) – The souls who have become lukewarm.

During the Solemn Novena leading to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy should be offered each day for the day's intentions.

Many companies are offering wonderful free resources during this time of “stay at home”. The following link is a great site for many resources for adults and children alike. It offers daily readings, prayer, stories, a kid’s corner with games, and much more. Check it out and sign up for a daily e-mail filled with faith connection for the whole family: www.bayardfaithresources.com

If you wish to put someone on the prayer chain, please contact Janice Jackson at 348-1521.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[ACTS 10:34A, 37-43; PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; COL 3:1-4 or 1 COR 5:6B-8; JN 20:1-9](#)

The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace



the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.

Our first reading, from Acts, gives instruction on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord, “commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all the God has done? By the way we live our ordinary lives — through the intentional use of our time, talents and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

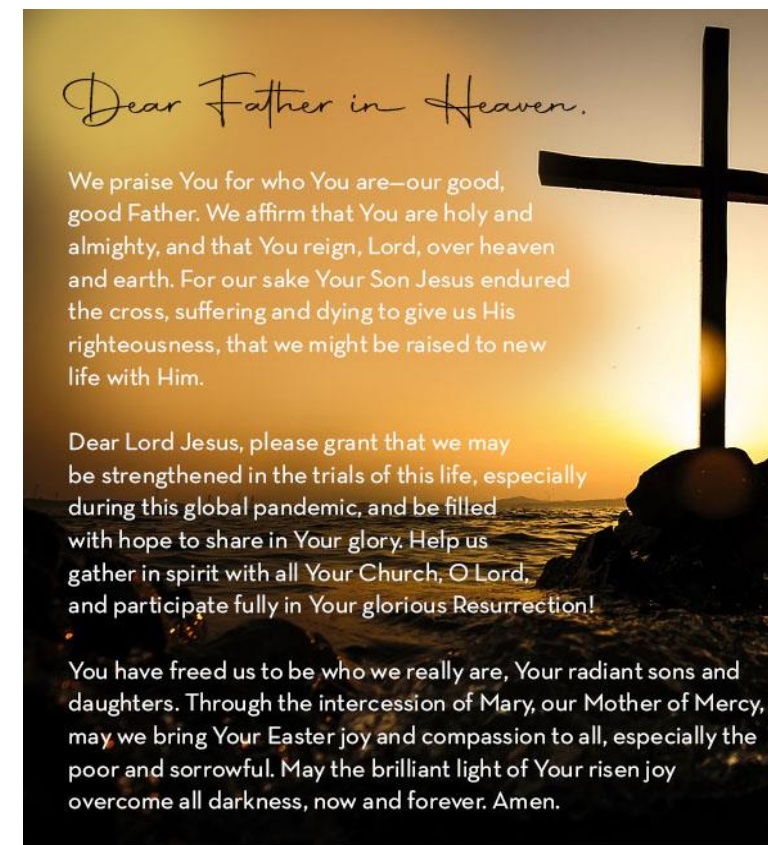
As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love — the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad and let’s make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace!

Good Friday Intercession from the Holy See

For the afflicted in time of pandemic
Let us pray also for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.
Almighty ever-living God, only support of our human weakness, look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children who suffer because of this pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to those who care for them, welcome into your peace those who have died and, throughout this time of tribulation, grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”
-Matthew 28:5-6

Alleluia!