



*Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead.
In Him we have eternal life. Alleluia!*

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

**LITURGY SCHEDULE
April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord**

Monday, April 5 at St. John's
10:00a.m...Clara Mae Ford
Tuesday, April 6
:00a.m...No Mass
Wednesday, April 7 at St. John's
12:00noon...Severino Sulit
Thursday, April 8, at St. Mary's
5:30p.m...Special Intention
Friday, April 9, at Holy Family
9:00a.m...Brenda Hughes
Saturday, April 10, at St. Mary's
5:00p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11
9:00a.m...Adam Viellieux at St. John's
11:00a.m...Margaret Wilson at Holy Family

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



Exult, let them exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty king's triumph. This is the opening lines from the Exultet from the Easter Vigil calling us to rejoice and to give praise for Jesus' victory over sin and death this day. It is a clarion call for us all to share with everyone that we meet that we are no longer enslaved to suffering and death: that Jesus has won the battle and even our failures to this point become nothing in comparison to the graces we now have access to in His triumph. In fact, later in the Exultet it says regarding the Original Sin of Adam and Eve, "O Happy Fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer." It is a great reminder that because of all the things that have transpired—even the failures and tragedies—we have a Savior that has transformed all of our creation and reality itself forever for the good.

As we will hear in the Easter Sequence before the Gospel, "Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining." We now have new life in Jesus Christ and His Church, and this is something worth sharing in big and small ways as we live our lives of faith each day. I hope and pray that this Easter season we get to experience this joy of the Resurrection and in it see the world more clearly through the lenses of our faith. Please know of the prayers from all our staff and volunteers as we celebrate this Easter season with our hearts, minds, and souls.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

WALKING WITH CHRIST THROUGH LENT

Reflection: *Rejoice in the risen Christ. His death and resurrection allow us to enjoy eternal life with Him..*

"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put Him!" (Jn 20: 2b)

My Offering to God:

I will praise and thank Jesus for His gift of eternal life!

RELIGIOUS ED

Religious Education classes resume at both St. John's and Holy Family on Sunday, April 11.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

FOR APRIL:

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, Apr. 6: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday, Apr. 7: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Thursday, Apr. 8: Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

Sunday, Apr. 11: Religious Ed & Bible Study at St. John's & Holy Family resume at 10am

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$670.00

Catholic Moment: \$22.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,680.00

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Building Fund: \$50.00

Food Pantry: \$25.00

Flowers: \$25.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$2,270.00

Sharing Cupboard: \$10.00

Votive: \$10.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$630.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Apr. 5: Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Mt 28: 8-15

Apr. 6: Acts 2: 36-41; Jn 20: 11-18

Apr. 7: Acts 3: 1-10; Lk 24: 13-35

Apr. 8: Acts 3: 11-26; Lk 24: 35-48

Apr. 9: Acts 4: 1-12; Jn 21: 1-14

Apr. 10: Acts 4: 13-21; Jn 21: 1-14

Apr. 11: [Sunday of Divine Mercy] Acts 4: 32-35; 1

Jn 5: 1-6; Jn 20: 19-31

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA OF CHAPLETS

This novena begins on Good Friday each year and ends on the Sunday following Easter. There is a different intention for each day. The Chaplet can be prayed anytime, but the 3:00pm hour or Hour of Great Mercy is ideal. There are prayer cards located on the tables at each of our three churches' entrances. Each day's intentions can be found at divinemercysunday.com.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day. St. John's Confession time is 8-8:45 am and Holy Family's time is 12noon-1pm this day.

FOR LENT FOR LIFE

Rice Bowls can be turned in at each of our parishes by leaving them on the table beside the collection baskets. Thank you to all who participated in this almsgiving.

Happy Easter!

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let's do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl on the table beside the collection basket.

Let us Pray: For those we encountered through CRS Rice Bowl, and all members of our one human family, that they might have access to enough nutritious food to thrive and reach their God-given potential.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Alleluia! HE is risen! Spend time in prayer with Mary to Jesus through the Holy Rosary.

The rosary is prayed each Sunday at 4pm with Divine Chaplet and each Wednesday at 4pm with recitation of 15 decades at Holy Family.

St. Mary's will pray the rosary each Saturday prior to Mass beginning at 4:40pm.

All are invited to the DVD series, **"Eucharist: Discovering The Mass In The Bible"**. We meet in the parish hall downstairs 9:55-11am. Coffee and doughnuts are available. The

Apr. 11- Session 10: Revelation: Heavenly Worship and the End of Time

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

ACTS 10:34a, 37-43; PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; COL 3:1-4; JN 20:1-9

Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! Our readings today reveal how we can live out the joy of Easter all year long in our day-to-day lives.

Our Gospel portrays the third day after Jesus' death when Mary



of Magdala visits Jesus' tomb. Once she saw the stone removed, she ran to tell Simon Peter and John. They ran to the tomb as well, and upon seeing, they believed. We can tell the relationship that these disciples had with Jesus because of the way they responded about Him — they “ran.” Mary didn't see the empty tomb and think, “someone else will figure it out.” Peter and John didn't hear the news and think, “I will check on it later.” They each responded with conviction as they “ran” for Jesus.

We must ask ourselves, “Do I have a relationship with Christ to the point where I am running to Him each day?” The way these disciples responded is how we should respond to Christ. We must avoid complacency, and as intentional disciples, we must stop rationalizing our choices by telling ourselves we will someday get around to putting God first. Every moment throughout our day is an opportunity to respond to God in gratitude, compassion and eagerness. And although there will be moments when we do not “feel” like responding to Him, it is in those moments when we faithfully respond anyway that matters the most.

Let us celebrate this glorious day with prayer and feasting, for Christ is risen! And let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by how we respond to Christ each day.

Happy Easter!

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation.

The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass. May God continue to bless you and your new little one.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as:
St. Mary, 5-5:30pm each Thursday; 4-4:30pm each Saturday

St. John, 8-8:45am each Sunday prior to Mass

Holy Family, 12noon-1pm each Sunday; 8:30-8:55am each Friday.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

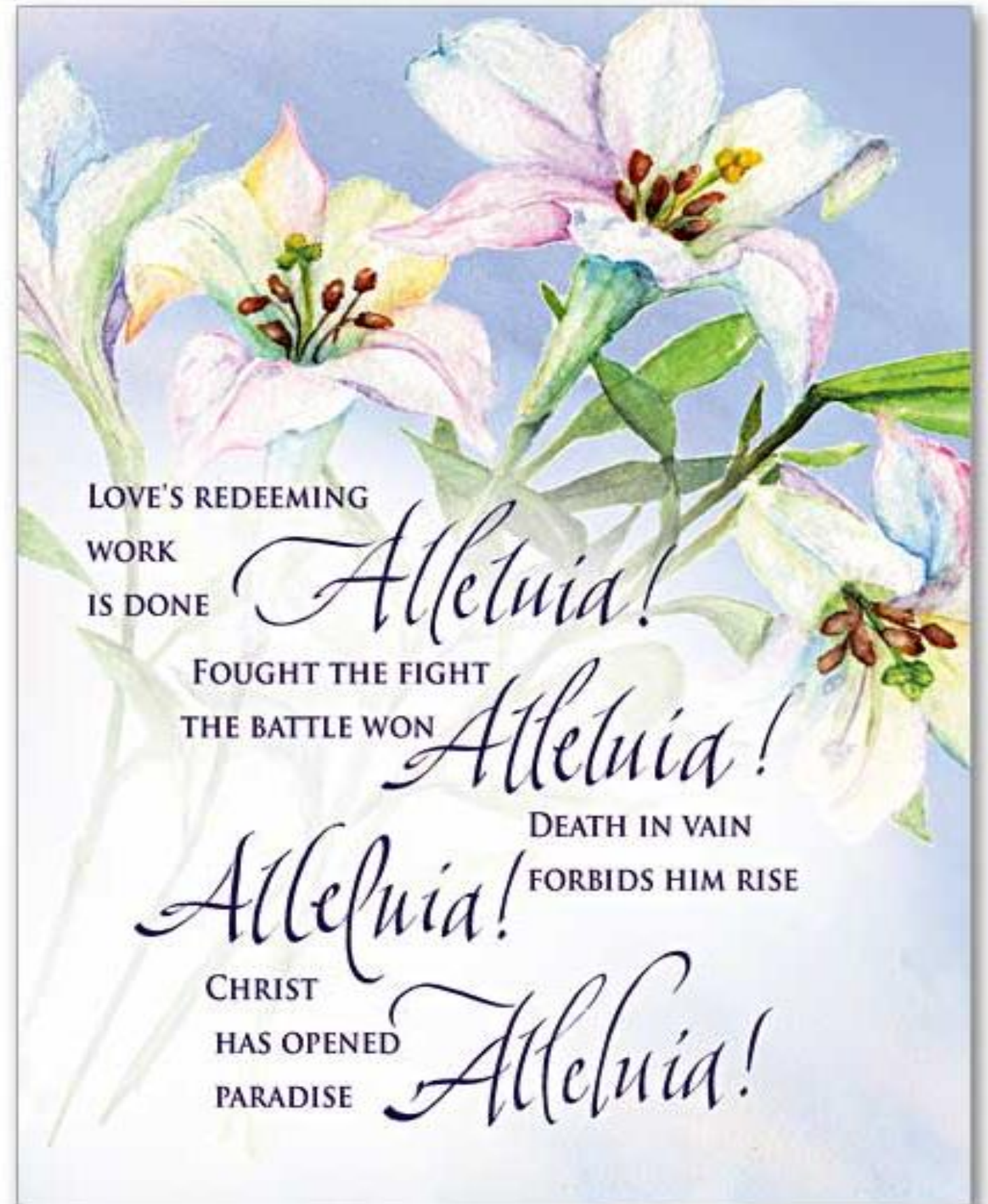
Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. Please contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Hurley is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades K-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.



LOVE'S REDEEMING
WORK
IS DONE

Alletuia!

FOUGHT THE FIGHT
THE BATTLE WON

Alletuia!

DEATH IN VAIN

FORBIDS HIM RISE

Alletuia!

CHRIST
HAS OPENED
PARADISE

Alletuia!

