

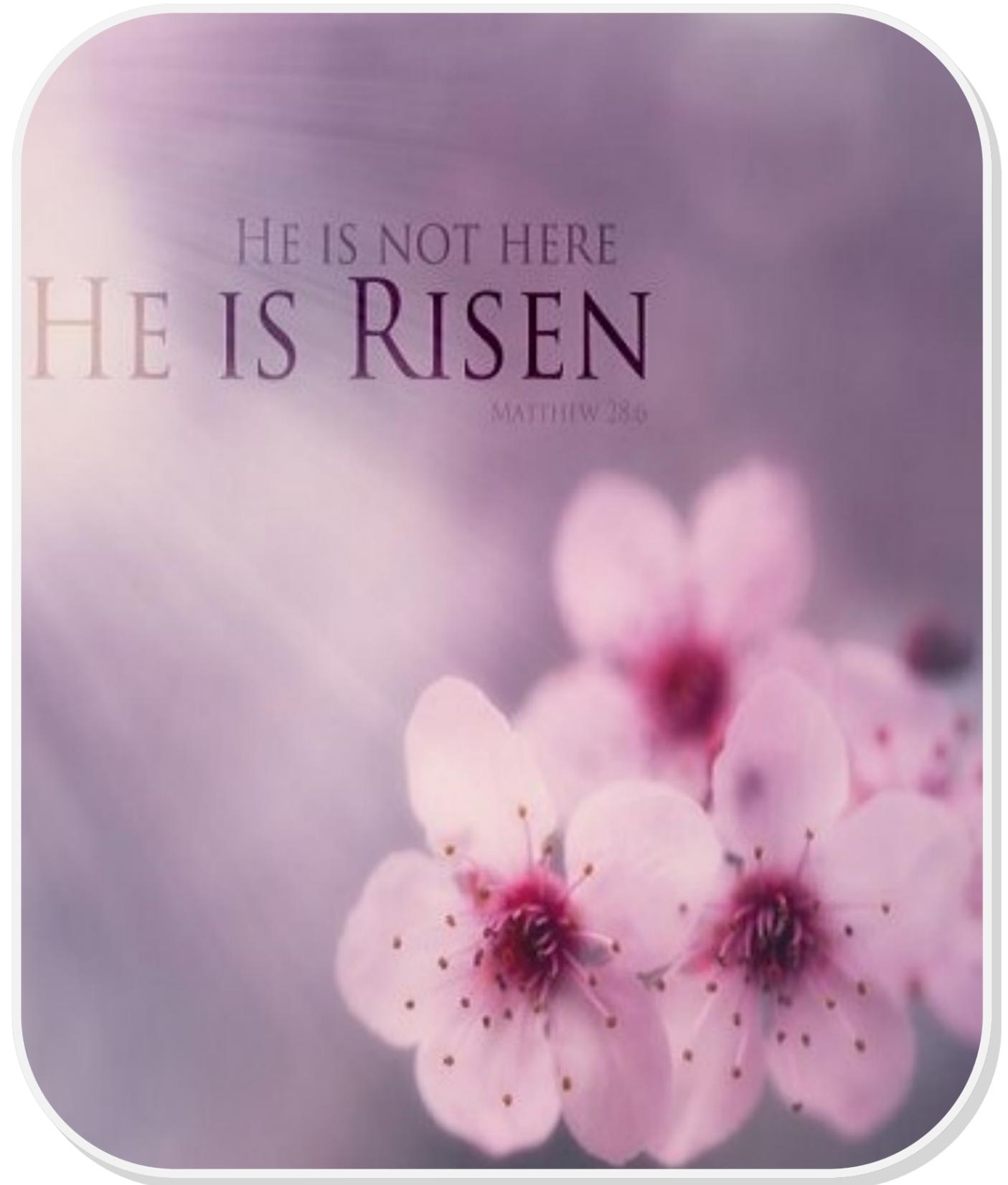
St. Andrew Catholic Church

Easter 2020

It is a difficult time for everyone. For many, very difficult. The Pope knows this and, with these words, he wants to tell everyone of his closeness and affection. Let us try, if we can, to make the best use of this time: let us be generous; let us help those in need in our neighborhood; let us look out for the loneliest people, perhaps by telephone or social networks; let us pray to the Lord for those who are in difficulty in Italy and in the world. Even if we are isolated, thought and spirit can go far with the creativity of love. This is what we need today: the creativity of love. This is what is needed today: the creativity of love.

We will celebrate Holy Week in a truly unusual way, which manifests and sums up the message of the Gospel, that of God's boundless love. And in the silence of our cities, the Easter Gospel will resound. The Apostle Paul says: "And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him Who died for them and was raised again" (2 Cor 5:15). In the risen Jesus, life conquered death. This Paschal faith nourishes our hope. I would like to share it with you this evening. It is the hope of a better time, in which we can be better, finally freed from evil and from this pandemic. It is a hope: hope does not disappoint; it is not an illusion, it is a hope.

—Pope Francis



ITEMS FOR SALE BY PARISHIONERS

Ministry Schedule

ARCHDIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLARE HOUSE

Clare House is in need of:

- Baby wipes
- Tooth paste
- Shampoo and conditioner

To keep clients, staff, and donors safe, here's how to drop off donations to Clare House:

Donations must be new and unused

Donations are being accepted from 10:00a - 5:00p, 7 days a week

Donors are asked to call ahead to Clare House at 907-563-4545 ext. 100

Staff will leave a receipt outside door before you arrive if requested

Please ring the buzzer and communicate through intercom when you arrive at Clare House (4110 Spenard Road, Anchorage, AK 99517) Staff will instruct you to leave the donation outside the door of Clare House Once you have walked away and are at a safe distance, staff will collect donation

SAINT FRANCIS HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

SFH is in need of:

- SFH could use some breakfast items (oatmeal packets are preferred)

To keep clients, staff, and donors safe, here's how to drop off donations to SFH:

Donations must be new and unused.

Donations are being accepted from 9:00a - 4:00p on Fridays

Donors can leave donations in the shopping carts at the 20th Ave. side of the Catholic Social Services building (3710 E. 20th Avenue). One cart will be designated for food and the other will be for non-food items.

If you would like a receipt, you can email Molly Cornish at mcornish@cssalaska.org and we can scan and/or mail one to you



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Welcome Visitors and soon to be New Parishioners

Thank you for visiting our parish, and for joining us in our celebrations as we worship and praise Our Lord. Please stop by the Welcome Table after Mass to get information about our parish and pick up a parish registration form.

Prayer Chain Phone # 694-4771

The deadline for bulletin entries is Wed. @ noon.

**APRIL 12, 2020
EASTER SUNDAY**

Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43. Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind. But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan—to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27,44).

Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them—that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," who, today's Psalm prophesies, will be resurrected and exalted. (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb and give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him. Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."
—Scott Hahn

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 10 am and 7 pm
Weekdays* : Monday-Communion Service 9 am
Tues-Fri. Mass 9 am

*Unless otherwise noted in the weekly schedule

Holy Days: 9 am and 7 pm
Rosary—8:30 am daily, 6:15 pm on Thursday
Eucharistic Adoration—Perpetual

Sacraments

Confessions—Saturday: 3:30 or by appointment
Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of Sick--contact the office.

Sacraments of Initiation--**Adults interested in becoming Catholic** --Please contact Deacon Mark or the office.

Mass Intentions week of April 13

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| Mon. | Communion Service | |
| Tues. | Adeline & Henry Michna | ROS |
| Wed. | Marq & Liz Marquez | ROS |
| Thurs. | Carl Edward Libbey | ROS |
| Fri. | Golden Swordsmen VP-47 | |
| Sat. | Living & deceased members of the Tett, Boelter, & Crowley families | |
| Sun. 10am | John V. Juncer | ROS |
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Miscellaneous Items

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION— *“To pray is not to escape from history and the problems that it presents. On the contrary, it is to choose to face reality not on our own, but with the strength that comes from on high, the strength of truth and love, which have their ultimate source in God.”* — Pope St. John Paul II

Unfortunately Adoration is canceled until further notice. Please pray for an end to the pandemic .



The Welcome Committee is seeking parish families willing to host a new parishioner in their home for a simple supper and/or evening of fellowship. If you are interested in helping us cultivate and grow meaningful relationships with our new parishioners, please contact Bonnie Meliello at bonniemeliello@gmail.com or Kristyne Montero at Kristyne@aksaintandrews.org.

Fr. Arthur is still saying Mass if you have a Mass intention scheduled, and is offering them for your intention.

FOOD/BLANKET DRIVE—To comply with state and municipal regulations we have been forced to suspend our “in church” food drive for St. Francis House Food Pantry and blanket drive for Brother Francis Shelter. Please consider making a financial donation to Catholic Social Services at www.cssalaska.org/donate so they can purchase the most needed items.

For the food pantry, gift cards (Fred Meyer, Wal-Mart, etc.) may be mailed to CSS at 3710 E 20th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99508. Electronic gift cards maybe emailed to mcor-nish@cssalaska.org

For the shelter, items (eg. twin bed blankets, bath towels, socks, hats, gloves) can be ordered and delivered directly to Brother Francis Shelter at 1021 E 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501

Thank you for your generosity. Please stay healthy.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP AND ADELINE CAMPBELL SERVICE AWARD applications are now available online at the Knights of Columbus Council 9830 . The website can be found following the link: <http://www.council9830.com>

Applications are under the forms tab in PDF, Word and Pages format. There are 3 forms on the webpage. You can also reach the Knights website from the link on the St. Andrew Parish website.

All applications and letters of recommendation are due in the Church office by 4 PM, **May 6th**.

Please check our web site for the most current information . Please use that as your main source of information.

Also please down load myparish app for your electronic device. We will be using that also for communication.

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER.

Archbishop Emeritus Schwietz will live stream Easter Sunday Mass at 10:00 am.

HELLO CLARE HOUSE MEAL PROVIDERS—I want to provide you with an update on Clare House. Providence Hospital has started providing dinner to Clare House (soup). It does not come with salad/sides, juice or milk. Clare House is also still responsible for their own breakfast and lunch meals as well as snacks. In addition their needs for diapers, cleaning supplies etc. are on-going. In order to minimize contact and the number of people out in the community shopping, it is best to make cash donation to Catholic Social Services with a note/memo that the money is for Covid 19 relief for Clare House. This way Clare House can purchase items as needed and target their most pressings needs. Clare House will be running close to full capacity (65) as the need for more beds expands.

As soon as the Covid 19 crisis gets turned around, and we get the “go ahead”, we will return to our normal schedule of delivering dinners. Thank you all for all your help and understanding as we all try to deal with this crisis the best we can. Know that you are so appreciated! Stay well and healthy!!

— Blessings, Sharese Hughes, Program Director Clare House & Barb Pichon, Meal Coordinator for Clare House

To make an on-line donation to Clare House COVID 19 relief fund, go to: cssalaska.org - click on the “donate” box in the upper right hand of the screen and fill out the form. In the box that says “special instructions” you can designate Clare House.

If you prefer to make your donation by mail, please send it to the following address with attention,

Clare House COVID 19 relief
Catholic Social Services
3710 East 20th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99508