

Easter Sunday



Greetings of peace and good hope to all of you God's people!! As we are prevented from celebrating this awesome Feast of our Savior's Resurrection along with the rest of the congregation, we need to find the real significance of this faith event in our own way. As the people of the Old Testament times asked "Has the Lord abandon us? Will he not visit his people again? Has he forgotten the Covenant he had entered into with our Fathers? "Probably we may have such or similar doubts in the depth of our own hearts these days.

Today's Gospel describes how the two Marys who had been at the foot of the cross – Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" – went to the tomb of Jesus early on Sunday morning. They were shocked at seeing an open tomb without Jesus' body in it. As they ran back with fear and joy to report the news to the apostles, the risen Jesus greeted them and told them to inform the apostles that he would meet them in Galilee. The guards, too, went to the chief priests to report the Resurrection of Jesus. But they were promptly silenced by the Temple authorities who bribed them to spread the false news that Jesus' body had been stolen by his disciples.

The Resurrection of Christ is the most sublime and foundational truth of our Faith. It is the presence of the risen Lord everywhere that gives meaning to our worship and prayers, because Jesus is present everywhere to hear our prayers and grant our petitions.

In particular, the Risen Lord is present in the Holy Eucharist, in the Bible, in the praying assembly and in believing Christians, so we need never be out of contact with him.

Let us renew this fundamental belief of our Faith every day and let us recognize and serve the risen Christ in everyone around us.

Three days!! I remember a story of one Martha who lived in the suburbs of Lisbon, Portugal. She had a very hard life. Her husband died a few years ago and her two kids found their own ways of life and moved far away from her. She used to get flowers from a florist and would go door to door selling them to make a living. She suffered mightily from arthritis. However, as she moved from door to door with the basket of fresh flowers, she would hum lovely melodies of her Catholic culture. Sometimes, people would stop her to ask: What makes you intensely happy in spite of poverty and arthritic troubles? She would smile and respond: THREE DAYS. She would explain: The Lord Jesus stayed in a tomb, dark and cold and lonely tomb, for three days before he rose to his Father's glory. So, I am in a tomb of loneliness and pain, just for THREE DAYS only. The Lord will blow my sufferings away and lead to glory eternal.

Here we are, celebrating Easter in loneliness and confinement. We are, like, Martha, spending only THREE DAYS of confinement. These days will also pass. And we will see the Glory of God. We will regain our lives of joy and hope. Let us bear our anguish bravely with hope. Let us celebrate Easter as we should.

Welcome to

April 11 & 12, 2020

St. Joseph Catholic Church- Zwolle St. Ann Chapel- Noble

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MASSES are suspended until further notice.

Anticipated Mass:	Saturday 4:00 PM (St. Joseph)
Sunday:	8:30 AM (St. Joseph)
	11:00 AM (St. Joseph)
	5:00 PM (St. Ann)
Tuesday-Friday:	7:30 AM (St. Joseph)
3 rd Thursday:	10:00 AM at Toledo Nursing Center

Baptism: Children should be baptized within the first few months after birth. Baptism should take place in one's proper parish. Registered parishioners should contact the Office for information about scheduling a baptism class, regarding the selection of Godparents, any required preparations, and the date and time of Baptism.

Reconciliation: Confessions are normally heard on Saturdays before the mass from 3:15–3:40 PM. Other opportunities are possible by appointment by calling Father Ampatt.

Eucharistic Adoration: Spend a refreshing hour before the Lord in prayer in our daily chapel, from the conclusion of morning Mass until 3:00 PM on Thursdays.

Marriages: Either the bride or the groom must be a registered parishioner of St. Joseph/ St. Ann Parish. At least six months of preparation time is required in our Diocese. Weddings are never booked by phone or by third-parties; a **personal interview is required**. Call the office for an appointment.

Funerals: Contact the office to make necessary arrangements for the funeral liturgy.

New Parishioners: Welcome! To register, fill out one of the blue forms located at the church office or in the church foyer and return it to the church office or drop it in the weekly collection basket. Change of address or phone number? Please provide your updated information to the church office as soon as possible.

Parish Office Information

Hours: Monday 1:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM,
Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM

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****During the mandatory suspension of masses, Fr. Ampatt is continuing to say the mass intentions.**

Mass Intentions:

April 11, Holy Saturday

St. Joseph
For Vocations

April 12, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

St. Joseph
For our Bishop, Francis I. Malone

St. Joseph
For the Priest that have served us

St. Ann
For all Parishioners

April 13, Monday

April 14, Tuesday

Willie Ray Sepulvado †

April 15, Wednesday

Rodney Rivers †
Kevin Holden †

J.W., Ricky, Lester, and Ray Longoria †

April 16, Thursday

Alice Ezernack †

April 17, Friday

Pauline Ebarb †

April 18, Saturday

St. Joseph
Roger "Moose" Leone †

April 19, Sunday

St. Joseph
Mary Faye Ferguson †

St. Joseph
For the Parishioners

St. Ann
Dena Fletcher and Bert Sepulvado †

Readings for this week:

- † **Monday:** within the Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Mt 28:8-15
- † **Tuesday:** within the Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36-41/ Jn 20:11-18
- † **Wednesday:** within the Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1-10/ Lk 24:13-35
- † **Thursday:** within the Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11-26/ Lk 24:35-48
- † **Friday:** within the Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1-12/ Jn 21:1-14
- † **Saturday:** within the Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13-21/ Mk 16:9-15
- † **Sunday:** Sunday of Divine Mercy
Acts 2:42-47/ 1 Pt 1:3-9/ Jn 20:19-31



Please take a moment each day to read and reflect on these passages from Sacred Scripture. It is a wonderful way to join our personal prayer to the public prayer of the church.

We pray for:



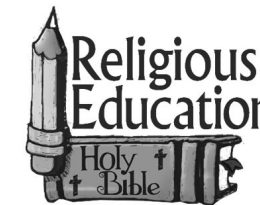
Jackie Craig; K.C. Sepulvado; Lula Mae Sepulvado; Thomas "Tin Man" Foster; Maurice Martinez; Annie Rivers; Amanda David; Raymond L. Ebarb; Juanita Manshack; Delma Rivers; Linda Sepulvado; Paul L. Rivers; Martin Crooks; Greg Crooks; Kathy Ebarb; Boyd Miles; Priscilla Walraven; JoAnna Presseau; Carolyn C-tright; Helen Laroux; Staci Anderson; Catherine Hammon; Marilyn Laroux; Mary Martinez; Benny Remedies; Frances Sepulvado; Gary Bozzell; John D. Ebarb; Elaine Henderson; Pedro Ebarb; Abra Lachaussee; Van Martinez; Elaine Henderson; Wanda J. Rivers; David Louis Moore; Joe Garcia; Doyle Hagieh; Linda Meshell; Draven T. Ebarb; Sue Ellen Remedies; Gerald L. Sepulvado, Jr.; Monica E. McManus; Pedro Ebarb; Derrick Jordan; Allen Ray Garcia; Fr. Williams; Jeanette Garcia; Dagel Ebarb; Mattie B. Sepulvado; Kenneth McCormick; Billy Wayne Procell; Sammy Procell; Elsie Ezernack; Robbie Meshell; Tina L. Sepulvado; Phillip & Laura Jones; Vernon & Doris Ebarb; Cheryl Ebarb; Chandler Ebarb; Ann Rivers; Rose Meshell; Yvonne Maskai; Anne Bryant; Laurie & Reinardo Montero; Jimmy Brown; Ace Bowling; Richard Doggett; Ashlie & Eli Nolan; David Nichols; Kevin Leone; Norman & Jeannie Arbuckle; Celena Rivers; Rosella Sepulvado; Michael Dewayne Ebarb; Felicia Whitlow; Jackie Rivers; John Douglas Malmay; Felicia Whitlow; Maggie Manshack; Ronnie Brummerloh; Debbie Rutherford; Judy Ebarb; Tommy Leone; David Meshell; Robert Hersberger; Ricky Cryer; Jacob Wooley; Lucy Burns; Judy Ebarb; Joseph C. Sepulvado; Mark Austin; Benny Ray Sepulvado; Edward Pastureau; Howard Rivers; John LeRoy Meshell; Hosea Meshell; Eddie Remedies; Chris Adair; Lula Mae Sepulvado

(The names on the prayer list go through a cycle. Once they make it to the top they are removed as new names are added, to keep the prayer list current. Contact the office to add, re-add, or remove names from the list. Thank you.)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- In the near future there will be ad space on the back of the bulletin. If you are interested in advertising your business please leave a name and contact number with the office. Ray from the company has been making calls to some of the local businesses and leaving messages to those he was not able to speak to.

All classes are suspended until further notice.



Baptism class for parents and Godparents will be **rescheduled for a later date..** Please call 508-0203 to have your name added to the list and you will be informed at a later time of the date and time. Baptism class must be completed before you can schedule your child's baptism date. Any questions please call or text 508-0203.

- We will post information as we receive it on our Facebook page and website.
- Although we can not have an actual mass we are leaving the church open from 7 AM until 5 PM at St. Joseph for those to have private Adoration and prayer.
- Thank you to those who have continued to respond with contribution envelopes.
- Anyone in need of spiritual help during this time, Fr. Ampatt can be reached at 318-426-0142.**

Collections:

St. Joseph Church Support:	\$10,933.00
Building Fund:	\$ 319.00
St. Ann Support:	\$ 2,590.00
Building Fund:	\$ 85.00

Please remember as you pray...

The family of:

Mrs. Ann Rivers

BISHOP FRANCIS MALONE

LIVE FROM
THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN BERCHMANS

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

April 5 - Palm Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
April 7 - Chrism Mass - 6:00 p.m.
April 9 - Holy Thursday - 6:00 p.m.
April 10 - Good Friday - 3:00 p.m.
April 11 - Easter Vigil - 7:45 p.m.
April 12 - Easter Sunday 9:00 a.m.
April 19 - Divine Mercy Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

From Pope Francis regarding Holy Week:
"The faithful should be informed of the beginning times of the celebrations so that they can prayerfully unite themselves in their homes.
Means of live (not recorded) telematic broadcasts can be of help."
Join via Facebook LIVE at The Cathedral of St. John Berchmans

Week of: April 12

Sanctuary Candle

For our
Healthcare workers

St. Joseph Candle

Health of
Fr. Ampatt

Blessed Mother Candle

For the
Toledo Nursing Center
Patients

St. Ann's Candle

In Memory of
Anthony W. Sepulvado

Diocesan Stewardship Appeal 2020 (3/31/2020)	Fam.	Donors	% Fam. Pledged	Goal	Pledged	% Goal Pledged	Pledge Paid	% Pledge Paid
St. Joseph, Zwolle	750	124	17%	\$62,500	\$47,075	75.32%	\$25,720	45.64%
St. Ann, Ebarb	125	28	22%	\$17,000	\$9,510	55.94%	\$3,995	42.01%