

# Easter Sunday

# April 12, 2020

## MASS SCHEDULE

*The Priests will celebrate a private Mass for each of the particular intentions on the day indicated. In charity, he also remembers all of the parishioners and the silent intentions of their hearts. If you need Confession or Anointing of the Sick, please call the rectory.*

### Holy Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

Mass for the People (Fr. Hahr)

### Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Deacons Ray Desilets, Bernier Mayo, & Al Toborg (Fr. Hahr) by Linda Toborg  
Richard & Mary Ellen King (Fr. Robert) by Joan King & the family

### Monday – April 13<sup>th</sup>

Mass for the people (Fr. Hahr) by Millie Chappell  
Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
by Amy Marcinko (Fr. Robert)

### Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Health of Catherine Bernier (Fr. Hahr) by Millie Chappell  
Margaret Ryan (Fr. Robert) by Christopher and Kathleen

### Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Toto del Castillo (Fr. Hahr) by Mary Lou Sales  
Virginia Fortin St. Anne Mortuary Fund (Fr. Robert)

### Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Intentions of the Good Shepherd Catholic School (Fr, Robert) by Fr. Robert  
Jenny Paguia by M/M Pierre Berube

### Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

Jean Paul Laplante (Fr. Hahr) by Amy Marcinko  
Those who are dying from the Coronavirus by (Fr. Robert)

### Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Francis Quatrini (Fr. Hahr) by Priscilla & Bob Messier  
Ken Weymouth (Fr. Robert) by Joanne

### Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Francis X. Ryan (Fr. Hahr) by the family  
Deacon Bernier Mayo & Deacon Ray Desilets (Fr. Robert) by Linda Toborg

*Please keep our parishioners in mind who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Charlene Chase, Connie, Lapage, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, Randy Thomas & Jerry Prevost.*

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### Suggested Content:

**Daily Mass:** Watch the Mass anytime on FORMED

### Prayer for a Happy Death

*O my Lord and Savior, support me in my last hour by the strong arms of Thy Sacraments, and the fragrance of Thy consolations. Let Thy absolving words be said over me, and the holy oil sign and seal me; and let Thine own Body be my food, and Thy Blood my sprinkling; and let Thy Mother Mary come to me, and my angel whisper peace to me, and thy glorious saints and my own dear patrons smile at me, that in and through them all I may die as I desire to live, in thy Church, in thy faith, and in thy love. Amen.*

## PARISH EVENTS

All Parish events are cancelled until further notice.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Confirmation and First Holy Communion has been postponed. The new date will be announced a.s.a.p. All students need to continue with their religious studies from home. Thank you.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**Fiscal Year:** 7/1/19-6/30/20 Budget: \$282,000 (\$6,000 needed per week)  
**Reg. Collection Year-to-date:** \$194,760+ **On-Line: YTD:** \$40,518

### Collections and Receipts: March 29, 2020

Regular Offertory :\$3,013.00

Many thanks to those who are able to mail in their Collection Envelopes.

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## **We Hunger for Christ**

**G**od has made us for Himself, and we cannot live without Him; we need Him, we hunger and thirst for Him; He is the only One who can satisfy our hearts. The Easter liturgy is impregnated with this longing for God, for Him who is from on high; it even makes it the distinctive sign of our participation in the Paschal mystery. "If you be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God; mind the things that are above, not the things that are upon the earth" (Colossians 3:1-2). The more the soul revives itself in the Resurrection of Christ, the more it feels the need of God and of heavenly truths; it detaches itself more and more from earthly things to turn toward those of heaven.

Just as physical hunger is an indication of a living, healthy organism, so spiritual hunger is a sign of a robust spirit, one that is active and continually developing. The soul which feels no hunger for God, no need to seek Him and to find Him, and which does not vibrate or suffer with anxiety in its search, does not bear within itself the signs of the Resurrection. It is a dead soul or at least one which has been weakened and rendered insensible by lukewarmness. The Paschal alleluia is a cry of triumph at Christ's Resurrection, but at the same time, it is an urgent invitation for us to rise also. Like the sound of reveille, it calls us to the battles of the spirit and invites us to rouse and renew ourselves, to participate ever more profoundly in Christ's Resurrection. Who can say, however advanced he may be in the ways of the spirit, that he has wholly attained to his resurrection?

**A**n Easter custom among Coptic and Greek Christians to greet another person with "Χριστός ἀνέστη!" "Christ is Risen!" and the response is Alithos Anesti ("Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! " - "Truly He is Risen!" or "He Has Risen Indeed!").

## The Paschal Homily of St. John Chrysostom

*The Paschal homily of St John Chrysostom (d. 407 AD) is read aloud on Easter morning in the Eastern Churches of the Byzantine rite. According to the tradition of the Church, no one sits during the reading of the Paschal homily. Portions of it are often done with the interactive participation of the congregation.*

**The homily:** "If anyone is devout and a lover of God, let them enjoy this beautiful and radiant festival. / If anyone is a grateful servant, let them, rejoicing, enter into the joy of his Lord. / If anyone has wearied themselves in fasting, let them now receive recompense. / If anyone has labored from the first hour, let them today receive the just reward. / If anyone has come at the third hour, with thanksgiving let them feast. / If anyone has arrived at the sixth hour, let them have no misgivings; for they shall suffer no loss. / If anyone has delayed until the ninth hour, let them draw near without hesitation. / If anyone has arrived even at the eleventh hour, let them not fear on account of tardiness. / For the Master is gracious and receives the last even as the first; He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, just as to him who has labored from the first. / He has mercy upon the last and cares for the first; to the one He gives, and to the other He is gracious. / He both honors the work and praises the intention. / Enter all of you, therefore, into the joy of our Lord, and, whether first or last, receive your reward. / O rich and poor, one with another, dance for joy! / O you ascetics and you negligent, celebrate the day! / You that have fasted and you that have disregarded the fast, rejoice today! / The table is rich-laden: feast royally, all of you! / The calf is fatted: let no one go forth hungry! / Let all partake of the feast of faith. Let all receive the riches of goodness. / Let no one lament their poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. / Let no one mourn their transgressions, for pardon has dawned from the grave. / Let no one fear death, for the Saviour's death has set us free. / He that was taken by death has annihilated it! / He descended into Hades and took Hades captive! / He embittered it when it tasted His flesh! And anticipating this, Isaiah exclaimed: "Hades was embittered when it encountered Thee in the lower regions". / It was embittered, for it was abolished! / It was embittered, for it was mocked! / It was embittered, for it was purged! / It was embittered, for it was despoiled!

"It was embittered, for it was bound in chains! / It took a body and came upon God! / It took earth and encountered Heaven! / It took what it saw, but crumbled before what it had not seen! / O death, where is thy sting? / O Hades, where is thy victory? / Christ is risen, and you are overthrown! / Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen! / Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice! / Christ is risen, and life reigns! / Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in a tomb! / For Christ, being raised from the dead, has become the First-fruits of them that have slept. / To Him be glory and might unto the ages of ages. / Amen."

## Jesus our Passover Lamb has Been Sacrificed

**W**e read in the Book of Exodus 12:3-5 that 'On the tenth of this month [viz. the month of Nisan] they are each one to take a lamb for themselves ... Your lamb shall be an unblemished male ... You shall keep it until the fourteenth day,' and so there developed a custom that the lamb for the Passover would be kept during those days for inspection by the priests, to be sure there was no blemish. Now, when our Lord rode into Jerusalem on a donkey it was the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan, and He taught publicly in the Temple. He was examined by the very chief priests who inspected the lambs. They were looking for false evidence to put Him to death, but could find no blemish. This occurred until the Last Supper, the night of His arrest on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan, when the Gospel tells us that *The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. But they did not find any ...* (Mt 26:59-60).

"The mystery, then, of the lamb which God enjoined to be sacrificed as the passover, was a type of Christ; with whose blood, in proportion to their faith in Him, they anoint their houses, i.e., themselves, who believe on Him ... that lamb which was commanded to be wholly roasted was a symbol of the suffering of the cross which Christ would undergo. For the lamb, which is roasted, is roasted and dressed up in the form of the cross. For one spit is transfixed right through from the lower parts up to the head, and one across the back, to which are attached the legs of the lamb."

Where was the fire in the Crucifixion of Christ? In His most Sacred Heart, from which came forth the Blood and water of our Salvation. Of the blood of the Paschal lamb, the Israelites were told to anoint the beams of their doors. It was in expectation of the Precious Blood of Jesus, which ran down upon the beams of the Cross, and with which we were washed clean by Baptism. Alleluia! May His name be praised forever! Amen.

## Living the Resurrection

*I arise today / Through the strength of heaven; / Light of the sun, / Splendor of fire, / Speed of lightning, / Swiftness of the wind, / Depth of the sea, / Stability of the earth, / Firmness of the rock. / I arise today / Through God's strength to pilot me; / God's might to uphold me, / God's wisdom to guide me, / God's eye to look before me, / God's ear to hear me, / God's word to speak for me, / God's hand to guard me, / God's way to lie before me, / God's shield to protect me, / God's hosts to save me / Afar and anear, / Alone or in a multitude. / Christ shield me today / Against wounding / Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, / Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, / Christ on my right, Christ on my left, / Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, / Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, / Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, / Christ in the eye that sees me, / Christ in the ear that hears me. / I arise today / Through the mighty strength / Of the Lord of creation. ~ Saint Patrick*