

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 12, 2020

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Alfred Proshko.

Prayer List

Contact Theresa Bordovsky at 293-3124 or
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This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Your Gift to God: April 5th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$2,800
Online Giving Parish Support	\$2,050
Building Fund	\$2,240
Online Building Fund	\$150
Rice Bowl	\$63
St. Ann Parish Support	\$1,260
Online Giving	\$223
Building Fund	\$120

May God reward your generosity!

Weekly Contributions

Your weekly contribution envelope may be dropped off at the parish office during regular business hours, placed in the drop box (left of the office front door), mailed to P. O. Box 734, or you may simply wait until Masses resume and drop them in the collection.

Ever consider online giving? Visit the parish website, click on the Online Giving icon and follow the instructions to setup your online giving account.

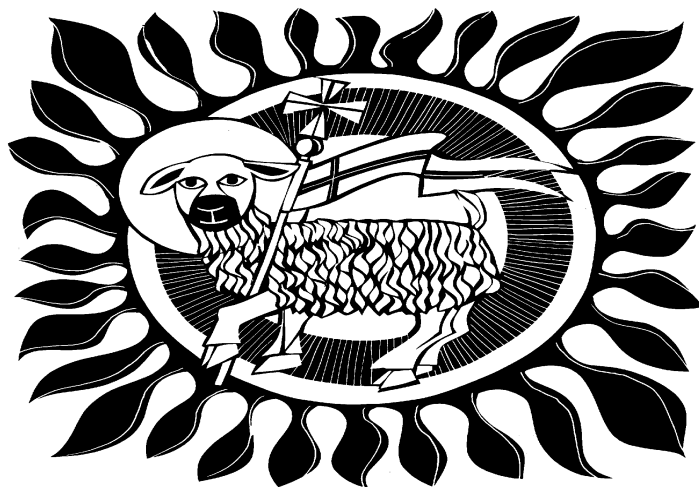
Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed Monday, April 13th and reopen at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 14th. Office hours will continue to be 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. until further notice.

*"This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad."*

Libritos Blancos

Durante la temporada pascual, tenemos los Libritos Blancos para la familia parroquial – serán en la entrada de la iglesia el Domingo de Pascua.



Gratitude

The parish family continues to benefit from the very small team that has been working behind the scenes to provide the live-streamed liturgies on Sundays and during the Sacred Triduum. All are aware this is not the highest quality video and sound, but it is a temporary way for those who wish to be in “familiar” surroundings for their regular worship. St. Ann’s has proven--due to its smaller size building--to provide somewhat better sound through the stream. Again, as this is temporary--and there are a variety of options available through the regular professional broadcasts of Sunday morning at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, daily options via EWTN, Catholic Channel, internet (our website homepage has the daily Mass celebrated from Bishop Barron’s Chapel with Word on Fire Ministries), and local area as well. Indeed, one local viewer described an available option as “spectacular.” Who knows, there may well be Academy Awards in the future for some!

A Prayer for Act of 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.**

The Hope Easter Brings

We know what this feast is. We have observed and celebrated it many times. We speak the words describing the story it recalls. This year takes on a significance in our faith as we are unable to enter the fullness of the traditions and liturgies associated with the Triumph of the Resurrection. And yet...the meaning and hope these celebrations embody will serve us in living through this pandemic environment with true hope!

As the Sacred Triduum opens we find ourselves appreciating the disciple's rather bleak outlook. Jesus' words along the journey that brought them to Jerusalem were tinged with fear in speaking openly of his impending suffering and death. This should have been a great time of feast with the high holy days of Passover. Instead they gather for a meal in which Jesus places Himself in the role of servant and friend rather than solely master and teacher. His words form a farewell discourse that only later would they come to more fully understand. There is an ominous experience of prayer and waiting in the garden--and the apostles begin to show their weakness and lack of steadfast attention. Jesus' arrest, trial and condemnation occur in a sort of whirlwind atmosphere of extreme emotion and fury that is embellished by the religious leadership threatened by Jesus' authenticity and teaching. The sorrowful journey that leads to Calvary--the abandonment by those who just hours before professed love and devotion--and the agony and suffering at Golgotha. It is not difficult to imagine the bleak outlook and emptiness felt as the stone was rolled across the entrance to the tomb. The depth of pain/loss, as well as the uncertainty as to what was next united the small band of followers to hide behind locked doors in fear for their own self-preservation--and in their doubts/questions regarding what just had been experienced.

BUT...news of an empty tomb...words announcing that He is alive...encountering His risen presence: all leads to hope being re-instilled in the apostles and disciples.

It is this hope that continues to serve the present day disciples of Jesus: all of us. We are reminded of our adoption through baptism, we renew our commitments to serve and love--and we keep seeking the Light that shines in the darkness--even today--and abide in the hope-filled truth of Easter: the darkness shall not overcome it!!!

May all of us find joy and hope in this unique observance of our high holy days--may they deepen our longing, increase our devotion, and ultimately spur us to once again--soon--join at the Table of the Lord's Eucharist! Christ is indeed Risen!