

# EASTER SUNDAY

**APRIL 12, 2020**

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for April 19<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Easter

*Acts 2:42-47*

How are you contributing to the life of Christian community?

How can you help "add to the number of the saved?"

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

How has your faith been tested or strengthened recently?

Have you made salvation the goal of your thoughts, words and deeds?

*John 20:19-31*

Have you allowed Christ's peace and forgiveness to enter your heart?

How, like Thomas, have you experienced doubt? Pray for faith.

## WEEKDAY MASSES April 14 - 17

**"Our priests are offering two Masses a day for our intentions."**

Tues: +Sonia (Chaput) Heinle

+Jean Kartes

Wed: +Edi Ann Otto

+Fred Lundgren

Thurs: +Paul Kram

+Tilde, Alma & Richard Crawford

Fri: +Sam & Bea Kram

+Gerald & Marge Mikkelsen

## WEEKEND MASSES April 18 - 19

Sat: St. Alphonsus People of the Parishes

St. Alphonsus +John Delvo

Sun: St. Alphonsus +Bud & Bette Bata

St. Alphonsus +Paul Kram

**Weekly Reflection for April 5, 2020:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$4,899.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,211.67
Plate	\$20.00
Fuel	\$5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,135.67</b>

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

**For Homilies, Sunday celebration guide, talks and up to date information please check the parish website at [www.stalphonsuslangdon.com](http://www.stalphonsuslangdon.com)**

# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

The Gospel for this Easter Sunday tells how Mary of Magdala arrives early in the morning and sees that the stone has been rolled away and that the tomb is empty. Her first reaction is one of shock after the tragic and sorrowful events of Good Friday. She has come to grieve and spend some quiet time with her beloved friend and to try to make sense of what has happened. It is only a week since Jesus had ridden into Jerusalem on a donkey and the crowds had cheered and waved their palm branches. Now she is greatly surprised to find that the tomb is empty and she runs off to find the apostles.

When St. Peter and St. John arrive at the tomb, John waits for the leader, Peter, to go first. We don't hear Peter's reaction when he sees the linen cloths and the empty tomb. We know that when John enters, he sees and believes. All that Jesus has taught and preached suddenly becomes clear and John knows that Jesus is the Son of God who has risen from the dead. Suffering, evil and death have been conquered. The kingdom of God can continue to be preached.

From this joyful scene at the tomb, the belief that Jesus has risen from the dead spreads to Peter, to Mary of Magdala, and then to the other apostles. They continue to gather and pray and wait for the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost their fear will be overcome and the gift of the Spirit will lead them out to the ends of the earth proclaiming the Good News. Peter will carry the Good News to Caesarea and baptize Cornelius the soldier and his household. The hope of Jesus is not only for the Jewish people but for all men and women. From Jerusalem to Rome to this church, we stand in that great line of witnesses who celebrate this holy feast. We are people who carry the light of Christ to others and have the responsibility to hand on our faith. Taken from The Living Word

## **Easter Sunday**

*"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." (Colossians 3:2)*

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

**CD of the Week: The True Meaning of Easter - Venerable Fulton J. Sheen** was one of the best-known and best-loved Catholic orators of the twentieth century, reaching millions of Christians of all denominations. Presented here are his timeless reflections on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, combined with Scripture and Gregorian Chant to create a powerful presentation that is sure to become a family favorite. **Have a very Blessed Easter! Thank you for your support of Lighthouse Catholic Media!**

*Thank you to all who donated money for Easter Flowers  
in memory of the following:*

Kathy, Jerry, Ella & Joe Kram by Jim Kram  
Ron Mikkelsen by Bette, Marla, Kevin & Michelle  
John & Jon Delvo by Shirley Delvo & Family  
Justin Kruk by Deanne & Floyd Boesl  
Richard & Evelyn Schill & Bud & Ila Murie by Larry & Helen Murie  
Dennis Lyons by Holly Lyons & Family  
Albert & Katherine Ackerman & Gordy Moen by Fr. Phil Ackerman

**NOTICE:** We are planning to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Alphonsus School next summer (2021) Fr. Phil has asked us to work on establishing a data base of all who have attended St. Alphonsus School since 1921 (not necessary to have graduated). If you have a class list or know of someone who does we would appreciate getting that information. Parents, it would be helpful if you could supply information on your children too. Any information would make our job much easier. What we need is name (maiden and married), years attended, living or deceased, address and maybe email. You can email information to us [dbbrooks@utma.com](mailto:dbbrooks@utma.com) or call us at 701-370-5266.

Thank you . . . Bill & Darlene Brooks

## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

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**Happy Easter!** On behalf of our Parish and School Staff, we wish you a blessed Easter. It is such a different one this year. We know that the Lord is with us and blessing us with His graces. May God Bless you all!

**Confessions:** our new weekly schedule – Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00-6:00 PM, Saturdays 4:00-5:00 PM will be held in the Adoration Chapel.

Our webpage has updated information. It is a good way to connect during this challenging time of social distance. We invite you to check our website regularly.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> Confessions **only** from 2:00 – 3:00pm in the Adoration Chapel (no service)

### **Observing The Lord's Day at home**

Sunday has been observed as The Lord's Day since the time of the apostles. Ordinarily, we attend Mass. However, since for the time being, we are unable to celebrate Mass publicly, it is necessary for us to observe The Lord's Day in our homes. To there are many ways to do this.

1. Find our Sunday Celebrations at Home program on our website (or call the parish for details)
2. Recite the rosary as a family
3. Spend thirty minutes to an hour reflecting on the scriptures of the day
4. **Watch a TV Mass - 10:30am – WDAZ Channel 8/WDAY Channel 6** Just because the world has shut down doesn't mean or faith shuts down too. We can pray to God under any circumstances.

Bulletins are available at the church entrances or on our website. Our Sunday Visitor newspapers are available at the church entrances.

**Three Donation drop boxes - Black metal locked boxes – Locations are:**

1. South handicap entry - right hand side wall by the door.
2. East church entry - use south door entry. Located on the right-hand side as you enter on east wall.
3. School - use door #3 and it is located on wall right hand side by the gray door.

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

### **How to read the bible will resume on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

The Altar Society meeting scheduled for Tuesday; April 14<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until further notice. Please watch the bulletin for any updates on a new date.

**Fellowship Hall cleaning for April - 11 – Dorothy Sauer & Dar Podhradsky; 18 – Nancy Kram & Jeannette Schefter; 25 – Carol Dinius & Bernice Schneider**

**CANCELLED: The Middle School Extravaganza** (Rally) is cancelled. This event for students in grades 6-8 was to happen on Saturday, April 18, 2020 in Wimbledon, ND. Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic we will not be having this event this spring.

**The SEARCH** weekend for April 17-19, 2020 has been cancelled. Again because of the Coronavirus Pandemic we will not be having this last weekend of Search for this school year. Stay tuned for next school years SEARCH weekends.

**REDEEMED Women's Conference** scheduled for March 27-28 has been canceled. Plans are currently underway to reschedule the conference for early 2021. The new dates will be communicated in the weeks to come.

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2020 God's Gift Appeal. St. Alphonsus is 88% towards our goal of \$36,334.00, St. Edward's is 25% towards our goal of \$2,782.00 and St. Michael's is 25% towards our goal of \$3,033.00. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the entry of the church. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.