

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD.  
WIELKA NIEDZIELA ZMARTWYCHWSTANIA. April 12, 2020  
OCTAVE OF EASTER**

every day of this week is like The One Great Easter Celebration.

**Reminder:** From Good Friday to the Sunday of God's Divine Mercy we pray the Novena of God's Mercy.

Note: The Masses listed are celebrated by Fr. Boguslaw privately. No attendance by parishioners.

**Easter Monday- drugi dzień świąt, (śmingus dyngus)**

**9:30 a.m.-** For those affected by the virus, for those who are concerned and for the caregivers: physicians, nurses, all Health Service Workers and for the caregivers who dedicate themselves with great generosity.

Tues. 9:30a.m.- +Joe Nicastro by Antonia Nicastro & family

Wed. 9:30a.m.- +Tullio Gualtieri by Rosina Gilda & family.  
+Deceased members of Leach & Perron Family

7:00p.m.- + Karolinę Józefa Kwolek zam. Barbara (Wieczór)

Thurs. 9:30a.m.- +Deceased Members of the Barański & Pietkiewicz Family by T. Barański

Fri. 3:00p.m.- *At The Hour of God's Mercy for atonement for our sins  
and for the sins of the whole world.*  
+Deceased Members of the Walton Family.

Sat. 8:30a.m.- +Antoni Kamzol w 4 r. śmierci zam. Rodzina.  
4:00p.m.- for all parishioners

**II SUNDAY OF EASTER or SUNDAY OF DEVINE MERCY**

**9:30a.m.** – K. of. C. #12003

+Angelo & Ronald Liut by Sr. Norma Zorzi  
+Ted Dumanski by Mary & Alfonso Caputo.

**11:00a.m.-** For those affected by the virus, for those who are concerned and for the caregivers: physicians, nurses, all Health Service Workers and for the caregivers who dedicate themselves with great generosity.

**FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH & PARISH**

1. At the appointed time I celebrate Mass in the empty church, I do this because I trust that you can connect your prayers when I celebrate Mass in the church.

**2. NEXT SUNDAY IS THE SUNDAY OF GOD'S MERCY**

**The word "mercy"** hidden in the Old Testament in the word "*hesed*" means "**faithful**" or "**goodness**" which has her beginning in the fidelity of oneself to itself. God is good for us, because he is faithful himself. Through the prophet Ezekiel God predicts that he will guide back Israel from exile to the Holy Land. God said: "**Not for your sake do I act, house of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name**" (Ez 36,22). For the Israelites there is nothing worthy which can obligate God to guide them to the Promise Land. There is nothing good in the Israelites which could command God to be good for them. God said justly: "**Not for your sake do I act**" And this is just mercy. There is nothing really worthy in us, which can command God to be good for us. And this is Good News! We all need to discover that God is fully impartial. Making this kind of discovery we ought to ask ourselves, if we are ready to be also impartial like God? We also ought to be merciful before our God. God is merciful and very good for us, because he is faithful himself and his Fatherhood. God keeps the faith. All God's promises given to us – in Christ are fulfilling for us. Everything will be fulfilled for us.

### 3. WISHES: Amazing is the power of Easter Sunday!

Easter Sunday dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners. What's more, Easter Sunday drives out hatred, leads to harmony and bends power. Remember that Christ came to the disciples' despite the closed door. I wish you this courage and hope that flows from an empty grave. May the Risen Lord bless you and guard you. Let Him turn his fatherly face and give you peace. May we all find our happiness in the unconditional love of others. May we care for each other so as to encourage love and good deeds. Alleluia!

- fr. Boguslaw.

### THANKS.

Thank you all of You, for all your donations and offerings. Thank you to everyone who cares about me that I will not suffer for lack of anything. Thank God and you for the dedication with which you help each other in the parish and families. Thank you for the gift of your presence and prayer Thank you also for your Easter wishes. All of this transforms our grey everyday life into a great holiday of the Resurrection of our Lord, Hallelujah! Thank you!

### HOLY THURSDAY, THE LORD'S SUPPER

We celebrate the memorial of the most sacred Lord's Supper, in which God's Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, that we may draw from so great a mystery the fullness of charity and of life. Please recognize, whose are these gestures, words and gifts? Consider and recognize! For through his paschal Mystery, he accomplished this marvelous deed, by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death. Summoning us to the glory of being now called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own passion to proclaim everywhere his mighty works, for he has called us out of darkness into his own wonderful light. He made us the children of the Light. Today a desire to turn your attention on a Royal priesthood, in which we all participated from the moment of Baptism. We are called to fulfill our priestly obligations; to offer daily sacrifices; prayers, fasting, Lenten observance, and sacrifices for your family or neighbours. Our mortal body became tools of salvation through Jesus Christ, our Lord. This is very important to recognize in these signs, gestures, gifts and words, the memorial of the Lord's Sacrifice and to participate in this most sacred celebration of our redemption. It was before the original sin, when God lead Eve to Adam, and Adam recognized her and said: **"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh"** (Genesis 2, 23). Tamar accused of prostitution, said: Recognize to whom belongs this staff? With humility Juda professed: **"She is more in the right than I"**. When in Egypt Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, he was deeply moved. Then he could no longer control himself, he made himself known to his brothers. **"Now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life"**. You must tell my father...all that you have seen. **"And when your children ask you, <What do you mean by this observance?> you shall say, <It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt, when he struck down the Egyptians, but spared our houses> At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn"**. Also the Pharaoh recognized that the Lord made this happen.

When the Lord had risen from supper, he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of his disciples: he left them this example. Peter asked: **"Lord, are you to wash my feet?"** Jesus said to him in answer: If I do not wash your feet, you will have no share with me. What I am doing, you do not know now, but later you will come to know. If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, how much more should you wash each other's feet? This is how all will know that you are my disciples: if you have love for one another. I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. To love every day with more warmth, to love every day always and to be near the Lord and with Him, to spread this throughout the world. This is most important; this is most beautiful, for this is worthy of our life. Recognize, please! God's presence. His love gathers us together but still connects us in the same baptism,

the same faith, the same Christ, our Lord and our God. The same Sacraments, the same word of God, the same Eucharist which builds the Church and gives her growth, making from us a royal priesthood, offering sacrifices of daily duties and obligations, prayers, fasting and Lenten observance. Recognize that our mortal humanities through faith, becomes the tools of our salvation and makes us a royal priest-hood, a Lordly nation. Consider and recognize in the Eucharist the mystery of love and life. Whose body is this? whose blood is this?, that Adam recognized: **“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh”** Juda professed: **“She is more in the right than I”**. Joseph confessed: **for God sent me before you to preserve life”**. Tell all that you have seen. **“And when your children ask you, <What do you mean by this observance?> you shall say, <It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt, when he struck down the Egyptians, but spared our houses> At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn”**. Now is the time, the responsible time, which we all recognize in the Eucharist – Our Lord and our God, who was the first to offer himself as the saving Victim, commanding us to make this offering as His memorial. As we eat His flesh that was sacrificed for us, we are made strong and as we drink His Blood that was poured out for us we are washed clean. May we all recognize today in this bread every one of his own body” because we are members of the same Body of Christ, who by the power of the Holy Spirit, our gifts of bread and wine, made by His Body and His Blood. May we all recognize that in the Eucharist is the fullness of charity and of life. **“This is the Body that will be given up for us; this is the Chalice of the new covenant in My Blood, do this whenever you receive it, in memory of me”**. May we participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Our Lord trusted to us himself. We all gathered here whose faith and devotion are known to the Lord paying our homage to God the eternal, living and true God. After Peter we confess: *“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God”*. After Thomas we profess; *“My Lord and My God”*, after the good thief we beg: *“Remember me when you come into your kingdom”*. After the centurion, we profess: *“Truly, he is the Son of God.”*

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

To get to heaven one does not go alone or on an easy path.

Only comfortable egoists are liked by satan.

To get to heaven we carry each other because

we are crosses for each other

How much do we want to have faith and salvation without the cross, without burdensome people?

without helpers?

Who are they?

May be those who pray for me,

or those who encourage me to convert,

or those who constantly encourage excuse or remind,

-are a chore (**coir**) to me, they are my cross.

But maybe through this cross, I finally convert.

How many crosses do we carry?

The cross may be a husband - not necessarily an alcoholic, but could be a cultured man, in a suit and tie, who overwhelms his wife through his cynicism or indifference.

It may be a son demanding money from a mother for drugs, a daughter living with a lover. It can be an employer exploiting an employee or blackmailing to dismiss him from work. There are many of these crosses – many. The cross is not one that has a shape or not one name, but I can be my own cross, for people around me, for the husband, the mother for a subordinate. The cross can be loneliness.

***How many people amongst us are burdened with this cross?***

Lonely children left behind by their parents who went abroad to seek a better life missing their home and family warmth – poor orphans.

There are also wives who are abandoned by husbands who have to work to keep their children, because their fathers are in the arms of other women and scheme on how to avoid paying alimony /without even realizing their wickedness.

There are old parents thrown into Social care homes because they bother their children with their old age and suffering. There are other old parents who wrote down everything they owned and left it all to their abominable children and now live a life of hunger and cold, in a one room residence that is little better than a pig sty.

They are people in hospitals that no one visits. They are on their own.

They by their own impotence or weakness, become homeless or sleep in cardboard boxes on the streets, where passers-by turn away their eyes with aversion and anxiety.

### **Loneliness... a terrible cross!**

God's Son also died in such loneliness where He felt abandoned even by His Heavenly Father, who art in heaven...

Jesus well knew the bitterness of loneliness and abandonment.

Jesus once said to everyone, **"If anyone wants to follow Me then let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow Me"**

Every day... not from time to time. Not in any specific circumstance ...every day, and not a cross that I choose or what I want...or one I am afraid of, which arouses disgust or revulsion in me.

Everyday dullness of life, everyday struggles with difficulties, weaknesses under which I fall down, every day which might embarrass me and ones that I cannot overcome even **though** I want to badly. ...Daily humiliation from the closest person, every day, waking up and falling asleep with the same unbearable pain, daily longing for someone who left...

This is not the cross of my choosing but this cross of my unswerving love, chosen for me by a Father who is in heaven. Through this Cross I am lead on my individual way to salvation and sanctification, which is why every day I pick this cross up on my shoulders from the beginning. Without anger, without complaint, without resignation, because this is His will. I take this Cross because it is necessary. Because I trust You, Father, and I believe that You co-operate with those who love You in everything for their good. In everything... in what we enjoy ... and in what hurts us...

When I fall under the Cross Lord take this cross from me...

I will accept any other... but not this one.

Christ however chose for Himself the one that was the heaviest and hardest. Salvation without a Cross does not exist.

Lord teach me the wisdom of the Cross and keep me on the way of the Cross.

In the Cross is suffering, in the Cross is Salvation...

in the Cross is knowledge of love.

Whoever knows the Cross will not fall

In any pain of his heart.

## **HOLY SATURDAY – BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD**

Consuming meals is like an act of holiness. "Whatever you do whether you eat or drink. Do it all for God's glory". Pray before and after meals. On the greatest feast of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, we bless this food.

When we finish the Paschal season of Lent and meet with the Risen Christ during the Holy Easter Mass. We return with joy to our homes and along with Christ, we sit down to a festive table. By sharing the blessed eggs which is a symbol of new life we declare our mutual desires and express our friendship.

Let us ask Christ who is present among us to bless this food prepared for us for the Easter table.

Let us also pray before the grave of God.

Let us explain to our children the truth of God who died for us and rose from the dead for our salvation.

## **HOLY SATURDAY,**

Today, Mary contemplates the fact that 33 years ago she agreed to it all, saying her "Fiat". She remembers Jesus from the first moment of his humanity. Probably now she is beginning to contemplate what was going on through the many years, and difficult to understand - she kept it all in her heart.

Today, in the presence of Mary, I thank Jesus for his beautiful and very difficult human life. Thank you for everything he has done for us and for our salvation.

With Mary, I will remember Jesus' path in my life. What were the Paschal Mysteries in which I was especially close to Jesus? I thank Him for this, I will entrust to Jesus people who have been invited to complicity in suffering for so many centuries. For those, who with love, they complement what was not suffered from His suffering? I pray for those who hurry to help those suffering. I will entrust Jesus to the whole world:

the one in torment and the one in joy.

Those who leave and those who are born.

Jesus' body was given to the earth, but Jesus is alive!

Hope against hope and new faith!

When I meet Jesus, what will I tell him?

For what do I give thanks?

What gift did I prepare for Him to meet Him?

Today is Holy Saturday,

Jesus has already died but is not yet risen...

For the disciples everything ended. Some are going to Emmaus,

Others return to fishing. And the Apostle Thomas isolates himself from the group.

Today, Holy Saturday, is the day when God is silent and when God is silent, His people are starting to be troubled.

The question arises: What to do?

And today, some disciples of Jesus Christ ask: What to do? How to proceed?

The next day, we see that Jesus found his disciples.

And those who went fishing and those who went to Emmaus.

Therefore, answer the question: How to proceed?

Flows from the teaching of Holy Saturday - to be found by Christ.

Holy Saturday, the Day of God's burial.

Is this our day?

Is our age, now not beginning to be Holy Saturday?

- the day of God's absence?

The day when the disciples also carry emptiness in their hearts,  
and what is even bigger?...

Probably because of that - full of shame and human fear,  
they are preparing - to go to their homes.

And so, somber and shattered, they head towards Emmaus without turning, due to the fact that He - who they thought died - is Present among them.

## **THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

Holy Saturday is a day of silence and reflection. The Church waits near the Lord's tomb and blesses the food for tomorrow, the Easter table. Holy Saturday the Church abstains from the Sacrifice of the Mass, but in prayer, fasting and meditating on the Lord's Passion and Death and on his Descent into Hell, The Church is waiting on Christ's Resurrection. The Paschal Vigil which we celebrate is our waiting for his

resurrection. After exiting from Egypt's slavery Israelites celebrated the Paschal night as the night of Vigil, of alertness. This night's Vigil is the greatest and noblest of all solemnities. In our hands we bear lighted candles as a people waiting on their Lord, that when he comes back, he can meet us waiting and ready, and he will invite us to his table. The Church calls upon her sons and daughters scattered throughout the world, to come together to watch and pray. If we keep the memorial of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way, listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries then we shall have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God. Our Lord by his holy and glorious wounds guards and protects us and we trust that the light of Risen Christ dispels the darkness of our hearts and minds. Exult the servants of God! Rejoice! Let Mother Church also rejoice. Let this temple shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples. Let us listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God. Let us meditate on how God in times past saved his people and in these, the last days, has sent us His Son as our Redeemer. All that is great and worthy, amazes and what rejoices our eyes and multiplies our joy and happiness, has its spring in the act of creation of our God, who made everything well and delightful. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we reject temptations of sin. The example of the faith of Abraham calls us that we may enter worthily into the grace to which God's call us, because he guards and protect us. The Exodus is living in the memory of Israelites as the basic event, which gave the beginning yet a greater and more wonderful act of salvation of our God. St. Paul calls Passover the Red Sea – 'baptism' it means - an image of baptism in which we are dying and arising together with Christ. God alone comes near to us, rescues us and forgives us our sins. Let the temple of our hearts shake with joy. Sing to the Lord who shows his power. Predominance of the Israelites has its spring in the wisdom which God offered his people. Many of the great kings had fallen down because of lack of rationality and of mind. A man cannot find alone nor possess a true wisdom. Only God knows the truth of all things. He is the spring of wisdom and he knows where are her treasures. God proposes us the Ten Commandments in which wisdom alone came to the people. This road of commandments prepared the way of Christ, in whom radiated complete wisdom and the power of God. **“O Lord, you are the way, you are the truth, you are the life of the world”** Through faith we recognized this way and we follow him with love. After the destruction of Jerusalem, God said the words to the prophet Ezekiel, which transforms their past and throws light on their future. The rescue of Israel is not normal coming back from exile to their homeland, but obligates all of us to interior conversion and deep renewal of the spirit. Alone people cannot make this kind of transformation. Therefore the Lord creates in us a new heart and a new spirit. So transformed people or created again, God binds himself through the new and eternal Covenant, which we renew today by renewing our baptismal promises. During baptism we received new life. Christ died to sin once and for all. Through our baptism we are introduced in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. It expresses in our systematical dying for sins, for the pagan ways of life, and arising with Christ to a new life for God in Jesus Christ. **'Thank the Lord for He is good and His grace lasts forever'**. No one from the people saw the resurrection of the Lord. The only witness of this event was the darkness of the night. The Evangelists describes only what happened **“at daybreak on the first day of the week”**. Most important are the words of Angel: “do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, just as he said. Come and see the place where he laid. Christ is risen, Alleluia! He gathers the disciples - “his brothers”. Already he has forgiven them all. He receives them again. And through them he will proclaim the great deeds of God, which God made through Him, in Him and with Him. The amazement, fear and joy accompany the words of the Lord. The basic proclamation tells ‘Christ is Risen’.

And we sing:

**Risen is Christ, Risen is Christ, Risen is Christ, alleluia! (x 3)**

Through our prayer, Let us support all those, who with fear, come closer to the spring of rebirth. Lord, do to us according your great mercy; may we become a new creation, because you, O God by invisible power accomplish a wondrous effect, through sacramental signs.

Let us celebrate this feast with the great joy.

## **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord- A**

Mary Magdalene is the first to discover that the tomb is empty. She naturally assumes that someone must have removed his body – that is what she tells Peter and “**the other disciple**” who was John, the Apostle. John sees the evidence but is reluctant to enter and disturb the scene. Peter typically goes straight in and also sees the evidence, though, we are not told what he makes of it. However, when John crosses the threshold of the tomb, something happens within him. Even without seeing the risen Lord, it suddenly makes sense for him: “**he sees and he believes**”. It is not the Risen Lord that he sees, just the clues of the resurrection. Mary had seen those same clues and naturally assumed the body had been taken away – it is only when she actually meets the Risen Lord that she comes to believe. “**They have taken my Lord and I don't know where they have taken him**”. Mary is every woman, every man. There are inevitably times in our life when we feel the desolation of loss – loss of loved ones, loss of hope, even loss of faith. But these early stories of the resurrection speak to us of the dynamics of how we come to faith. Peter sees the empty tomb, but says nothing. He needs more time, more experience before he can come to full faith. But he remains open to the possibility, John is able to cross the threshold of faith by holding his sense of loss and his experience of the emptiness of the tomb on the one hand, and bringing it into connection with his memory of the Lord on the other. That surely is what happens to us in prayer, especially during times of pain and grief: our experience of loss coupled with our “memory” of the Lord as we come to Him in prayer somehow leads us to deeper faith. John sees nothing except hints and signs, but this is enough to lead him to believe. Mary sees the emptiness and goes on searching. It is her persevering love of the Lord that leads her to be the first to encounter him in person, when she hears Jesus speak her name and He then sends her as the apostle to the Apostles, to bring them the news of his resurrection. An empty tomb is not proof of resurrection. But our faith does not rest on physical proof. “The Life you have is hidden with Christ in God” St Paul tells the Colossians. ‘It's not in the tomb that we will find the proof we seek. The resurrection – our encounter with the Risen Lord – can actually only happen within the hidden chamber of our own hearts. That is where we meet Him today -in our searching, in our prayer, in our pain and in our persevering love’. Easter is an invitation to encounter the Risen Lord, to believe, to rejoice, and to share the Good News. Let us renew our baptismal promises to the Risen Lord in whom life is eternal. Let us celebrate in joy his spirit of love among us, transforming all humanity - indeed creation itself.

Risen is Christ, Risen is Christ Risen is Christ, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **Let us pray:**

*O Lord we turn in our distress, in faith we pray, look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest for the dead, comfort the mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders, and the courage to reach out to all, in love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*