



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 21, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – April 20

7:30pm- † Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday – April 21 ~EASTER SUNDAY~

10:00am- † Joseph Maluta

By: Parents & Grandmother

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – April 22

8:00am- † Maria Fernandez

Offered by: Daughter

12:05pm- † NO MASS

Tuesday – April 23

8:00am- † Angelica Bajada

Offered by: Loyola School

12:05pm- † Rita Castellucci

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Wednesday – April 24

8:00am- † Barbara Barkley

Offered by: Loyola School

12:05pm- † Beatrice Warren

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Thursday – April 25

8:00am- † John Carnevale, Sr.

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

12:05pm- ~For Jose Contreras's Health

By: mom, Evette Contreras

Friday – April 26

8:00am- † Betty Ann Martin

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

12:05pm- † Frank Socci

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Saturday – April 27

8:00am- † Joseph Iosue

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

5:00pm- † Margaret Latanzio

By: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday – April 28

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustine J DiBlasi

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

10:00am- † Theresa Cintron

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

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Tabernacle Candle

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Memorial Candle

~ † **Joseph Maluta**

Memorial Candle

Requested by Family



Resurrection has fulfilled his mission of redemption that began with his Incarnation and ended through his death and resurrection. Now the Risen Jesus communicates his Spirit to us so that we will be able to live our mission to bring life to others. Full of joy let us walk through our world proclaiming the goodness of God who did not abandon his Son but glorified Jesus so he may give eternal life to those who believe in Him.

Fr. Hernán, S.J



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Jesus is Risen"

(Luke 24: 6)

What a wonderful joy, Christ is risen! The hope of a new day is fulfilled in this celebration of the glorious resurrection of Jesus. "To be glad and to rejoice intensely" is the keynote of Ignatian grace when someone contemplates the resurrection of Our Risen Lord." With this church full of children and adults, men and women, we can truly proclaim that we are a people free from the bondage of sin and death. It is because of the Risen Christ that new horizons open up for all God's creation, we are a redeemed people.

We are called to the life of the Risen Christ.

The liturgy of this Easter Sunday presents the great news that both St. Peter and St. Paul try to communicate about the Easter event. The words fall short to proclaim the gladness and happiness that transform the lives of those who have faith. That is why St. Peter addresses non-Christians with his testimony of the Risen One.

St. Paul writes to the Christian communities of the Colossians and the Corinthians on how they should behave in harmony and testimony of their faith in the Risen Lord. Saint John's Gospel tells us about the story of the empty tomb. This story more than a proof of the resurrection, is an invitation to walk the path of faith. According to John, in his account of the empty tomb there are no angels who announce or explain this wonderful event of Jesus Resurrection. When Mary Magdalene approaches the empty tomb, she fears that Jesus body was stolen. John, the young disciple waits outside the tomb. Like Peter, John did not understand that Jesus is Risen from the dead. The disciples do not understand for hours and days until they "experience" and "understand" somehow the power of Jesus' resurrection that will change their lives. We, like the first witnesses of the Resurrection, can ask the grace of the Risen Christ to help us to "experience" and "understand" his new life that is able to transform death into life.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

April 21: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34A, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4

April 28: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-2
Revelation 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19



HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH AN EASTER FLOWER DONATION - This Easter, honor your loved ones with a donation that will help decorate the church with Easter flowers. Any donation is certainly welcomed and gratefully received. On the donation envelope, please print the names of those you wish to honor and the envelopes will remain on the altar for the month of April. There are more envelopes available in the church entrance.

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE - O.L. Mt. Carmel - St. Benedicta School Girl Scout Troop 5008 (Marin Suber & Elisa Torres) are sponsoring a pajama & book drive. Pajama Program believes that all children (regardless of their circumstances) have an inherent right to a LOVING BEDTIME, A PEACEFUL GOOD NIGHT AND A POSITIVE GOOD DAY. Please donate new and unused pajamas and books. All sizes are accepted (newborn to teen). For more information, please call 917-829-0323 or 347-631-8023. Financial donations are also accepted at pajamaprogram.org. GOOG NIGHTS ARE GOOD DAYS!

ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY -the St. Vincent DePaul Society in our Parish is underway. If anyone is interested in helping others in need, please call the Parish Office and sign up so we can begin this worthwhile activity. **What is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?** Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (or "Vincentians") are men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to individuals in need. We are young and old. Our members come in every shade of skin color, but ALL are blessed with an awareness that our blessings (time, talent or treasure) are to be shared with our brothers and sisters in need. We know that we are not alone. We are part of an international society of friends united by a spirit of poverty, humility, and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings, and adherence to a basic Rule. We welcome you ALL!

GODPARENT / CONFIRMATION SPONSOR LETTERS - Church law mandates that a sponsor for baptism and confirmation be an active Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered (at least 6 months), attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the church, is in a valid Catholic marriage and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. We can offer these letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.

2019 CARDINAL'S APPEAL - The Annual Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal has commenced and our parish goal has been set at \$35,000. Many parishioners have already received mail regarding the appeal and have responded generously. We have already **received \$8,845** in pledges! We only ask that you be as generous as your means will allow. Our parish has consistently met its goal every year and we thank our parishioners for their immense sacrificial support.

COLLECTIONS: April 14: \$6,031; Easter: \$1,989; Flowers: \$446. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*

11 DAY JOURNEY TO PORTUGAL - We are excited to announce that the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces of the Society of Jesus will be leading a pilgrimage to Portugal this coming **October 21-31, 2019!** Don't miss this chance to travel with a group of people you will cherish as friends. In addition, a pilgrimage can also be a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal and prayer. As such, we will celebrate mass daily as a group. We hope many parishioners will be able to join in this joyful and fun-filled experience. For more information or to register, please contact the tour coordinator and spiritual director; Fr. Rudy Casals, S.J. or Jim Skurka at 212-774-5548 or jskurka@jesuits.org.

AN EASTER PRAYER:

Raise me up! Renew my life!
Father of life, I see the light again!
I was in darkness and had lost hope
but Jesus Christ, your son,
has won out over death - *for me*.
I celebrate today, your love, the life you give me.
I feel your presence as you breathe on my mind
and open my heart.
So many times in my life my eyes are closed
but today I see the risen Lord
in the breaking of the bread.
Thank you for this morning of hope,
thank you for such incredible love.