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SATURDAY:

3:30PM CONFESSION

4:30PM MASS YEAR ROUND

SUNDAY:

7AM MASS

10AM HOLY ROSARY &
DIVINE MERCY

11AM MASS

WEEKDAYS:

WED. 7:30AM MASS

THURS. 7:30 MASS

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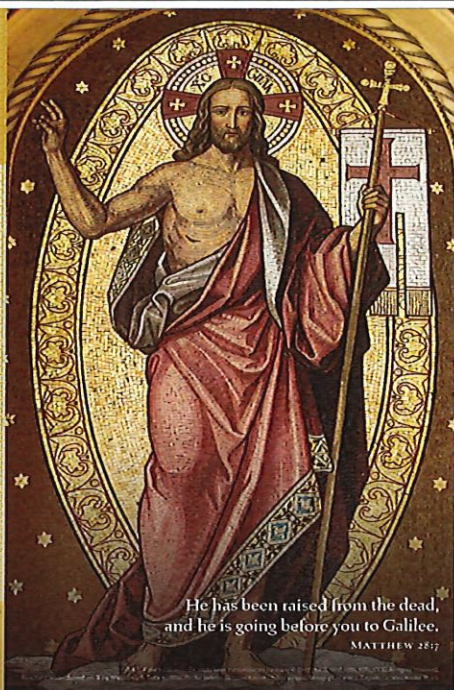
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APRIL
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2020



Easter
Sunday



He has been raised from the dead,
and he is going before you to Galilee.
MATTHEW 28:7

SEEDS OF FAITH

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter's speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul's letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information “bullet points.” Scripture scholars call them *kerygmata*, or “kernels” of our faith. Actually, “kernels” or “seeds” are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul, and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection exactly how these *kerygmata* began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter “seeds” of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

SANCTUARY LIGHT: APRIL 11—APRIL 17

The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn
in memory of **Thomas & Wayne Rabalais.**

The Adoration Chapel will burn
in memory of **Mamie Croxton.**

The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn
in memory of **Caldwell & Cazedessus Families.**



In Sympathy

Our Communities of Faith
extend our sympathy and prayerful
support for the families of:

F. R. Cavell, parishioner SJB;

Danny Cranford, parishioner of OLA;

Karen McFerrin, sister of Brenda Sanders.

May the Lord grant comfort and peace to these families.

May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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Sunday Mass:

Streamed Live at 9:00 am

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Weekday Messages (from Fr. Bayhi & Fr. Chuck)

Recorded in the morning

Till we are able to gather together again.



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Building Maintenance	\$ 110.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 105.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 250.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 70.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 2,647.00

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Religious Education	\$ 235.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$ 205.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 205.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 3,633.00

COLLECTIONS 04/01/2020—4/08/2020

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Building Maintenance	\$ 1,008.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 127.00
Religious Education	\$ 50.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$ 575.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 65.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 335.00
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Debt Reduction	\$ 3,711.00

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 03/09/2020—3/15/2020

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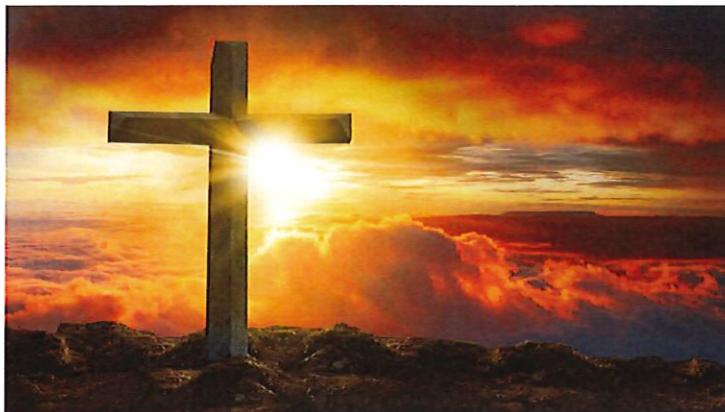
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 03/16—3/31/2020

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Easter Flowers	\$ 5.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 20.00
Capital Campaign/New Bldg Drive	\$ 6,838.00

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Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$ 1,600.00
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Easter Flowers	\$ 25.00
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Priest Retirement	\$ 5.00
Capital Campaign/New Bldg Drive	\$ 1,675.00



Easter SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2020

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

Psalm 118:24

WE NEED A RESURRECTION

I don't know about you, but every year around this time I feel like I could use a resurrection. Especially this year as I and many of us are "sheltering in place" in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our weather adds to the malaise: we're teased one day with light and warmth, then winter returns with cold, rain, or worse. Yes, it's getting lighter outside, but these end-of-winter doldrums seem to match what's going on inside us as well. We all need a change. We all need some good news. We need to be able to sing "Alleluia!"

And today, at least streaming online or on television, we have. The opening hymn, the sequence, the Gospel acclamation, alleluias everywhere! Blessed release! What are we to be so happy about? Saint Peter tells us today—he gives us the whole story, beginning with John the Baptist and going through Easter Sunday. And Peter doesn't stop there. There are appearances by Christ after his resurrection, and a commissioning, and the promise that everyone who believes in him has forgiveness of sins through his name. Alleluia!

But travel with me now back to that first Easter morning as John tells it today. It's dark, and Mary Magdalene is approaching the tomb. But look! Something's wrong! The stone's been rolled away! This is bad news, not good news. Agony, humiliation, and death aren't bad enough; now Jesus' body has been taken away. Mary runs to tell Peter and the other disciple. Breathless, she's not singing alleluia.

Peter and the beloved disciple run to the tomb and find it empty. See, the wrappings are in one place and the cloth for Jesus' head rolled up in another spot. After a week of bad news, all they get is an empty tomb. The story says that the disciple sees and believes, but it ends by reminding us that they didn't yet understand that Jesus had to rise from the dead. Not much to sing alleluia about, is it?

So why this story today, on the most joyous day of the year? Maybe it fits because we already know the rest of the story. In the very next verses, the Risen One appears to Mary Magdalene in the garden there, and later on to the other disciples. We have Peter's words from today's first reading, which, by the way, converted an audience of Gentiles on the spot. We know the meaning of the empty tomb, and it's not bad news. It's the best news there is. Out of death and defeat comes new life. God has promised it. God has done it. Alleluia!

It seems that these days we are waiting to see the rest of our own story. We've lost our way, we've lost a loved one, our jobs are in jeopardy, we don't know when this virus assault will end. We're at the empty tomb in the darkness, and we don't know what it means. We need resurrection. Well, the good news today is that resurrection will come. The story of passion and resurrection is our own story. Our empty tombs take on new meaning when we allow God to lift us up. The people who are awaiting baptism will know resurrection. Your uncle who overcame alcoholism knows resurrection. Sheltering in our homes, we will know resurrection. The triumph of Christ over darkness and death is complete, and we know it because of the faith of everyone who has ever gone this way before us.

Even as we wait at the empty tomb, we can sing alleluia. We can sing alleluia because we know the rest of the story, even before we get to the end.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:34a, 37–43
 Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23
 Colossians 3:1–4 or
 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8
 John 20:1–9 or Matthew 28:1–10 or
 (at an afternoon or evening Mass)
 Luke 24:13–35

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