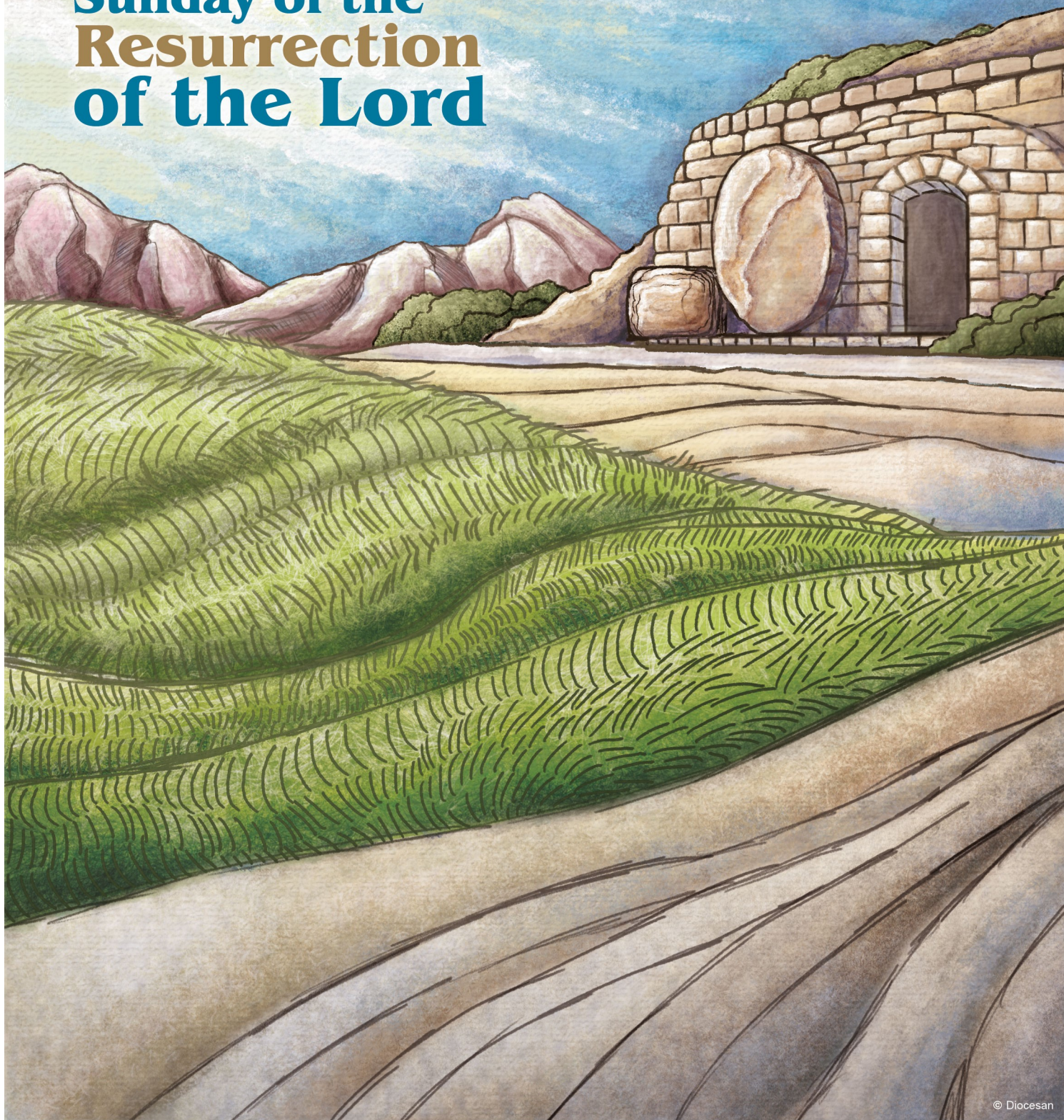


# Easter

Sunday of the  
**Resurrection**  
of the Lord





# From the Pastor's Desk

## Easter Message

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad** (Psalm 118:24).

Why do we rejoice today? We rejoice because our faith in Christ has been vindicated, **truth** has triumphed over **falsity**, **justice** over **injustice** and **tragedy** has turned into **comedy**.

The story of the suffering and death of Jesus on Good Friday is the story of the triumph of **falsity** over **truth**, of **injustice** over **justice**, of **evil** over **goodness**. Jesus was falsely charged of crimes he did not commit, and unjustly sentenced to a death he did not deserve. His good friend betrayed him, his trusted companions deserted him, and his number one man denied him. The people he loved demanded his crucifixion and chose to have the bandit Barabbas released in his place. It is a story of **betrayal** and **lies**, **dishonesty** and **meanness**, **unfaithfulness** and **wicked violence directed against an innocent** and apparently **helpless victim**. All this comes to a head on Good Friday when we see Jesus scourged, mocked, led on the death march, nailed to the cross where he dies after a few hours and hastily buried in a tomb. If that were the end of the story that would be a bad story, a tragedy, but glory be to God it is not.

Death is not the end of the story. There is one more chapter. This is the most important chapter because, as the saying goes, they who laugh last laugh best. And in the last chapter of the story of Jesus we see him rise from the dead in all glory and majesty. He is vindicated. His enemies are shamed and confused. Jesus regains his eternal glory with the Father. He is the Lord, who will prevail over all human-kind, his enemies included. For us his embattled followers this is good news.

It is good news to know that **truth is immortal**. We can suppress **Truth**, accuse it of being a lie, condemn it, torture it, kill it, and bury it in the grave but on the third day **Truth** will rise again. Remember this and do not give up on **Truth** even when everybody seems to give up on it. Do not give up on **Truth**; do not give up on **Justice**. Do not give up on doing what is right. **True** will always be **true** and **just** will always be **just**. **Right** will always be **right** even when the world around us would have it otherwise. We must learn to believe in the sun even when it is not shining; knowing that by and by it will shine again. It is the end of the story that counts. That is why the church asks us today to rejoice and be glad. Even when we are going through very difficult times: through betrayal, unjust discrimination, lies, and misrepresentations; even when the enemy seems to be winning the battle in our lives. Today Christ has won. And we know that in Christ we shall overcome.

**Halleluiah, Praise the Lord!**

**Peace & Joy,**  
**Fr. John**

## Prayer List

Dave Abbinanti	Olga Larson
Angie Ahlgren	Jean Lindstrom
Elaine Ahlgren	Denny Marchand
Brody Anderson	Mason-Gould Family
Bernie Balsis	Margaret Matuszyk
Cheryl Bednarz	Matzenbacher Family
Jim Bess	Faith Marie McHale
Lou & Bertha Betti	Zachary David McLaurin
Andi Bidwell	Jan McPheeters
Don Billiet	Maribeth Mikenas
Cari Bridgewater	Sandy Milby
Amanda Brody	Jessalyn Rashid Mildbrand
Brayton Brody	Barry Miller
Mike Brown	Paul Mowbray
John Michael Bystry	Betty Mower
Lowell Carpenter	Carolyn Nagel
Lauren Cinnamon	Greg Neubert
Evelyn Cortes	Joe & Joan Nosal
Mike Curran	Michael Olynciw
Betty DeBlicke	Al Padilla
Wesley Dienst	Connie Phelps
JoAn Dobbels	Andrea Rocha
Sid Douglas	Genaro Rocha
Vanessa Duarte	Michael Rounds
Dr. Dale Dykstra	15 Special Intentions
JR & Mary Dziengel	Ron Shambaugh
Marian Elbus	Marie Sherbeyn
Liz Engstrom	Mildred Steimle
Melissa Ferrel	Betty Sullivan
Jim Findley	Andrew Swearingen
Sue Gruszczyk	Jerry Swearingen
Marcelino Gutierrez	Richard Teaburg
Abbie Hamilton	Wilma Tegeler
Kyle Henjum	Jay Titus
Harley Hepner	Frank Tocha
Doug Hilgendorf	John Wade
David Holtschult	Joyce Wall
Mary Jackson	Mickey Welling
Ron Johnson	Al Wentworth
Sandy Kaiser	Michele Wentworth
Thomas Keefner	Michael White
Mary Jean Kelly	Harold Wolf
Charles "Dick" King	Howard Whitver
Patty Krause	Lisa Wisniewski
Fr. Tony Labedis	

## Prayers for Our Military

Nicholas Cravens	William Hartman, Jr.
Jarrett Davis	Wade Hatzinger
Ashley Dykema	Katie Lane
John Fisher	Andrew Mosley
Hailee Jo Fleming	Ty Schierer
Chad Forsythe	Kenny Steele
Isaac Frank	Dakota Van Wassenhove
Mary Groy	

## DEAR PARISHIONERS

Due to the impact Covid19 "Coronavirus" has had on us all, this is a slimmed down version of our weekly bulletin.

There are a variety of ways to watch Mass from home. Fr. John has Mass available on our Facebook page **everyday, Monday through Saturday at 8:00 am and on Sunday morning at 9:00 am.**

**The Triduum schedule is:**  
**Holy Thursday, 6:00 pm**  
**Good Friday, 3:00 pm**  
**Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday Mass is at 9:00 am**

The Diocese has Mass on their website at [cdop.org](http://cdop.org). And, you may also watch Mass on your television, on the EWTN network.

You may also access the Parish App on your phone. To download, text "App" to 88202 or search "myParish" in your app store.

We will have blessed Palms available in the Church once we are able to meet again for public worship.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We hope and pray that everyone stays safe and healthy during this time of quarantine.

## Scripture Readings for the Week of April 12, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14
<b>Saturday</b>	Act 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy</b> Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

O Mary,  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you,  
Health of the Sick, who  
at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,  
keeping your faith firm.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People,  
know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in  
Cana of Galilee,  
we may

*return to joy*

and to feasting  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection.  
Amen.

*Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary  
during the coronavirus pandemic*