

Christ Our Savior Catholic Parish



3rd Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021

We welcome you to Christ Our Savior Catholic Parish.
We trust that the message today will uplift you
and encourage you as we share in today's Eucharist.
Please know our doors and our hearts are always open to you.
May God bless you and may His light shine upon you.

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Rectory Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday 10 AM - 12 PM
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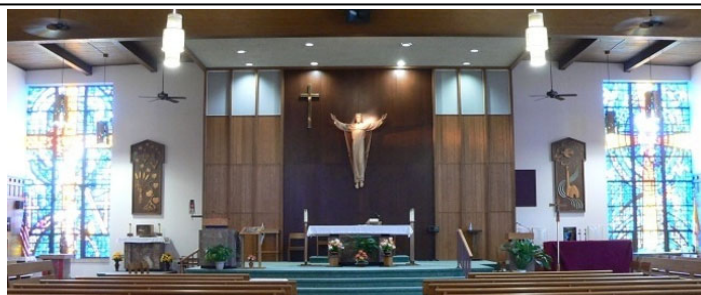
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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses: Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. 8:30 AM

Adoration: Tuesday 9:00 AM

Eucharistic Prayer: Thursday 8:30 AM

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM



The wine used at Mass for the Eucharist
for the month of **April**
is for James & Ellen Voce & Family
from Suzanne Voce

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Contact the rectory office if you would like to be a donor.



Weekly Collection
April 11, 2021 \$ 6,138.00

Easter Collection \$12,899.00
(to date)

Thank you for your support of our parish.

**Checks should be made payable to
Christ Our Savior Parish.**

Saturday April 17

4:00 PM † Winifred & Bonney Kyeyune by Sserunkuuma Family
All those who have died of Covid -19 by Sserunkuuma Family
† Mildred Piques by Janis Taliaferro

Sunday April 18

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society
10:30 AM † Major Wayne K. Fujii by Robert Wallace
† Spencer Leigh Minton by Janice Minton
† Lupe Velasquez by Dave Velasquez
† Jaime Mendoza by Myrna & Jesus Cruz

Tuesday April 20

8:30 AM For the complete recovery of Salvatore Graziano by Ron & Sue Bordenaro
† Stanley & Loretta Rankowski by Carol Wojciechowski

Wednesday April 21

8:30 AM † Robert Zakroczymski by Pat Zakroczymski

Friday April 23

8:30 AM † Dan Wojciechowski by Joann Adducci

Saturday April 24

4:00 PM † M/M Henry Kyeyune by Sserunkuuma Family
† Vincent & Sarah Sserunkuuma by Sserunkuuma Family
† Deacon Gene Quinn by Mary Ellen Quinn

Sunday April 25

8:30 AM † Maryann Brown by Pat & Ron Slusarski
10:30 AM † Frederick Rolfe by Robert Wallace
† Rev. Anthony Talarico by Robert & Judith Wolny
† Frank Olusanya by Turton Family



The 2021 Mass Book is open for your special intentions.
Contact the rectory office or put a note in the weekly collection.
The stipend is \$10.



Please pray for the soul of
Marjorie Glodkowski.
May her soul, and the souls of all
the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

Worshipping at Christ Our Savior

We encourage you to make reservations for our weekend masses on **Saturdays at 4:00 PM** and on **Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30 AM** on our website or by calling the Rectory office at 708-333-3550 by Friday morning.

Please remember social distancing must be maintained at all times and masks are **required** while in the building. We appreciate your compliance to these rules as we work to keep everyone safe.

Volunteers are needed to assist at all the masses.. Contact the Rectory office if you can help.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS APRIL 25

We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. He says in today's gospel, "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." The mission of Jesus culminated in his self-sacrificing love. He gave himself so that we might live. This is the great mystery of love present in the Eucharist. "This is my body, given up for you. This is my blood, poured out for you." Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church. Join us on April 25 from 3 to 4 p.m. for an hour of adoration for vocations at St. Alphonsus Church. You can also livestream via St. Alphonsus YouTube channel. If you have questions regarding your vocation, please contact Fr. Tim Monahan at 312.534.8298 or tmonahan@archchicago.org.

Green tip: Earth Month and *Laudato Si*

As Pope Francis tells us in his encyclical, *Laudato Si*, it is imperative that we care for our common home! We are already halfway through April, designated Earth Month, so let's stay committed to God's creation and all its goodness. Here are few tips you might not know about:

- Do you have a phantom in your house? Your appliances and electronic devices can continue to use energy even when not in use, a "phantom electric draw" that can constitute up to 10% of your electric bill! Consider using a power strip to easily shut off when no longer in use - cutting down on your carbon footprint AND your electric bill.
- Remember our tip about a messy car? While you're at it, check your tires for leaks and low air. Tires at the right air pressure maximize fuel efficiency.
- Speaking of cars, have you considered giving up driving for a day? A weekend? A week? Prioritize errands that are close to home and walk or ride a bike. Challenge yourself to "keep it parked" as many days as you can!



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Gerard Azor	Mable Moore
Kathleen Bauer	Marian Peters
John Bromly	Linda Powell
Loretta Bromly	Natalia Rehberg
Jay Canna	Lou Rexing
Angelique Carter	John Roberts
Jorge Chevere	Terry Ross
Dolores Cox	Ava Rupp
Franklin Crevier	Thomas Ruvoli
Bill Doptson	Barbara Ryan
Mary Faulkner	Tom Sheeran
Richard Freeman	Ana Smith
Beth Handy	Martrell Smith
Ann Herman	Marty Smith
Ruby Ingram	Tim Spratte
Robert Kelliher	Teresa Spruiell
Mike Kelly	Maryanne Sucharzewski
Mary Kmak	Anna Szuts
Walter Komanski	Duane Taylor
Eason Lynch	Dolores Vanco
Sonia Martorell	Robert Wallace
Daniel Mendez	Debra Worthy
Joan Metzger	Vicente Zamora

To add someone to the prayer list notify the rectory office.
Please contact the office when the name can be removed.



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalms – Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading – We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel – Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 – 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Third Sunday of Easter Fault or Fate?

Peter seems to be pretty tough with his listeners in the first reading. He practically says they handed Jesus over, denied him before Pilate, asked for a murderer to be released in his place, and put Jesus to death. They must have thought they were doomed. But then he tells them that God had planned all this long ago. So is he saying Jesus' death is their fault, or just fate?

The answer of course is that it's everyone's fault. We deny Jesus when we choose to be selfish instead of loving. We crucify Jesus when we follow the crowd instead of following the Lord. It is only "fate" in the sense that our sins needed to be forgiven and God plan's for salvation was through Jesus' death and resurrection. There were sinners long before Jesus' time and God knew there would be sinners after that. Jesus rose from the dead to show that God's forgiveness raises us up from guilt to a new life.

So Peter wasn't laying a guilt trip on the listeners: this is good news. God planned all this to show how much he loved us. Our response should be one of joy that we are forgiven because of that love. All we have to do is tell God we are sorry, mean it, and start living our response of love. Sins may be our fault, but Love is our fate.

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Third Sunday of Easter

Peter saw Jesus after the Resurrection. He listened as Jesus told the disciples all that had been written about him in the scriptures, all that he had said and done when he was ministering among them. Peter heard how Jesus had fulfilled all in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms. Jesus, the Messiah, had come to be among them to bring them peace, to offer forgiveness of their sins. Peter shared this Good News with the crowds who gathered to hear him tell the sacred story, the story of God's love, poured out in Jesus the Christ and offered to the whole world. All who hear and believe are offered new life, life in which God's love is perfected in them. Are you listening? Are you ready to share in this abundant new life?

NOT WHAT WAS EXPECTED

Have you ever waited for something for so long you began to think it might never happen? Your graduation day, or the day of your marriage, or the birth of a child, perhaps. The Israelites had waited for centuries for the coming of the Messiah. Yet when Jesus, the long-awaited Anointed One came, many failed to believe in him. He wasn't what they expected. The Messiah was supposed to be a strong, powerful commander of armies, not humble, compassionate, and suffering. After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and explained all that he had said in his time with them, opening their minds to what had been written in the scriptures so that they could accept his suffering and death and rejoice in his resurrection.

GOD'S LOVE IN FLESH AND BONE

While the disciples had come to believe that Jesus was the Messiah, his crucifixion and death had left them fearful and confounded. The news of the empty tomb and his appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus added to their confusion. It seems that at first, Jesus' presence with them did not alleviate their uncertainty. In fact, they were "startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost" (Luke 24:37). Jesus saw that they needed physical proof that it was he who stood among them. They needed to see the nail marks in his hands and feet, to see God's love in flesh and bone, in one who ate among them. Only when their fear and confusion had been quelled could they hear the story, the sacred story of how the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead. Only when they were filled with the peace of Christ would they be ready to witness, to share the sacred story with others. We, too, are invited to hear the sacred story and to perceive God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

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EASTER PEOPLE

We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song! — St. Augustine



**While they were still speaking...
He stood in their midst...**

My dear friends, only in the Gospel of Luke do we find the resurrection story that is built around the theme of a journey. This is a theme dear to the evangelist as he portrays Jesus journeying to Jerusalem through the second half of his Gospel. Now we are shown disciples coming away from Jerusalem full of disappointment and lacking in understanding. On their journey they are brought to see things differently by a Jesus they only finally recognize at the breaking of bread.

Every Christian must come to a resurrection faith, one that accompanies Jesus through from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. We are invited to understand through our prayerful reading of the scriptures and the events that occur 'on the road' of our lives that the risen Lord still walks with us and meets us, especially when we gather to break bread, that is share in the Holy Eucharist.

The first and second readings point to the danger of thinking that just because we belong to the true religion we do not have to concern ourselves with how we live out that faith. Peter is speaking to his fellow-Jews beside the temple in Jerusalem, reminding them of the need for repentance while John is writing to some complacent Christians who feel that simply knowing Jesus is enough. The fact is that there must be a connection between what we believe and the way we live. Our faith must show itself in love. The Emmaus story is a reminder that unfortunately, the story of Easter may remain just a retelling of some event from the distant past if we do not allow Jesus to show us how His resurrection is a source of life for us today. Its power is to be experienced in the ordinary events of life as we struggle to be faithful. Every Christian must come to a resurrection faith, one that accompanies Jesus through from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. We are invited to understand through our prayerful reading of the scriptures and the events that occur 'on the road' of our lives that the risen Lord still walks with us and meets us, especially when we gather to break bread, that is share in the Holy Eucharist.

May the Lord bless us and keep us safe.
In the Lord,
Fr. Gosbert Rwezahura.

SHEDSOMELIGHT

Christ Our Savior Catholic School

MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL **THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL**

Congratulations to our Christ Our Savior School alumni who earned Honor Roll Status for the Third Quarter at Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights:

**Jaden Adams
William Brown
Joseph Butler II
Deana Chambers
Jordan Perdue
Martha Pierre-Louis
Ariana Whyte**

CONGRATULATIONS, KYLE!

We congratulate alum, Kyle Rochelle, Christ Our Savior School, Class of 2013, who was elected by the people on April 6 as the YOUNGEST person ever to be in the role as the Dolton Park District Commissioner. We remember you well and are so proud to call you one of our own!

SPRING 5/12 RAFFLE

The fourth EARLY BIRD drawing for the 5/12 Raffle was held on Friday, April 9. The \$50 winner was Velvet Gallaspy sold by one of our second grade students. Each Friday another Early Bird winner will be selected, however, the ticket will be placed back in the drum for further drawings. The BIG drawing will be held on THURSDAY, APRIL 15. Tickets are still available at the school office. A list of the twelve winners will be published in next week's bulletin. We hope to be calling you. Thank you so much for your support!

LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION

We are so grateful for your generosity to our Lenten Food Drive! We received an overwhelming response of canned goods and non-perishable items that filled many, many boxes. Your donations helped local food pantries in the area.

In Christ's Love,
Karen Brodzik
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