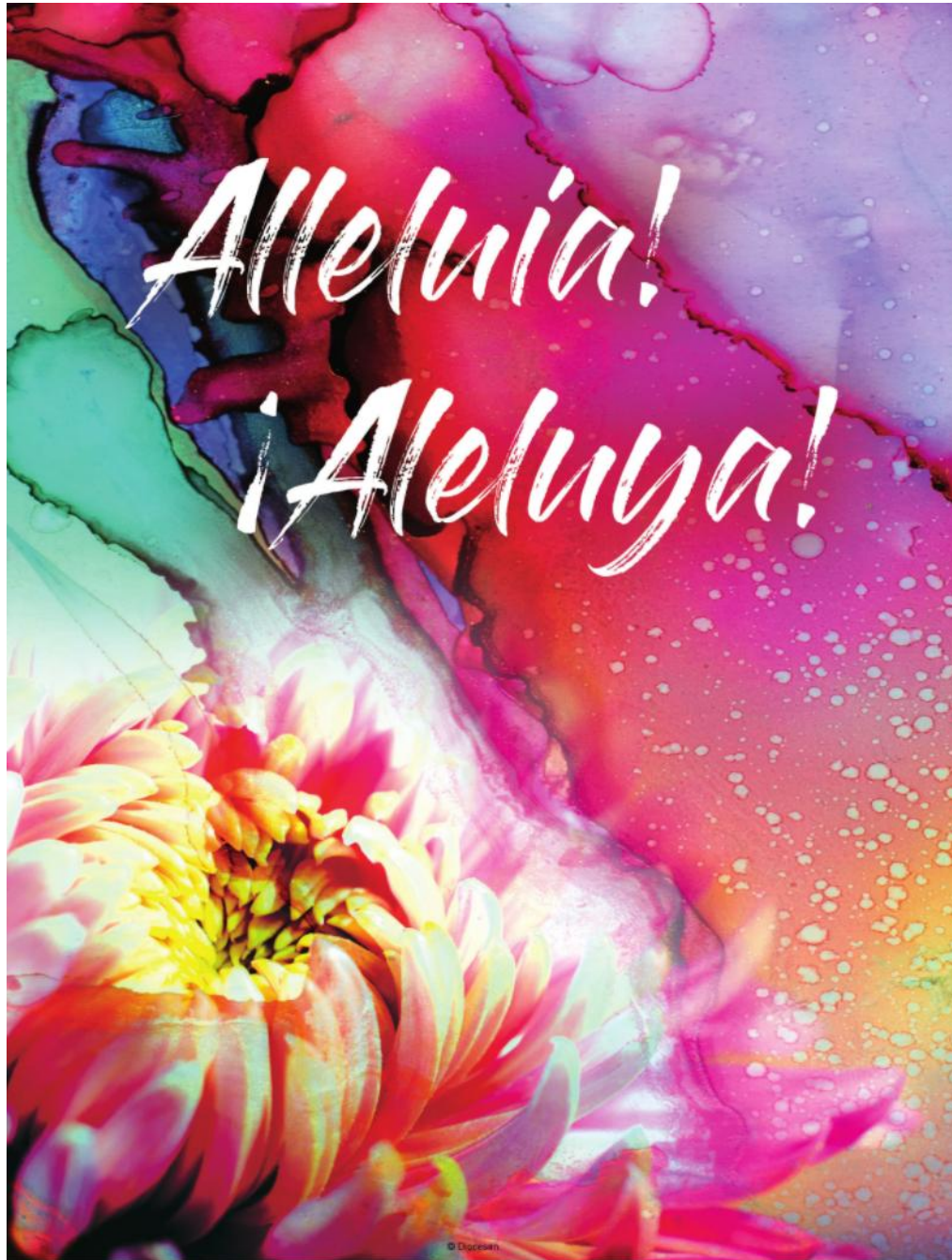


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**April 9, 2023**  
**Easter Sunday**

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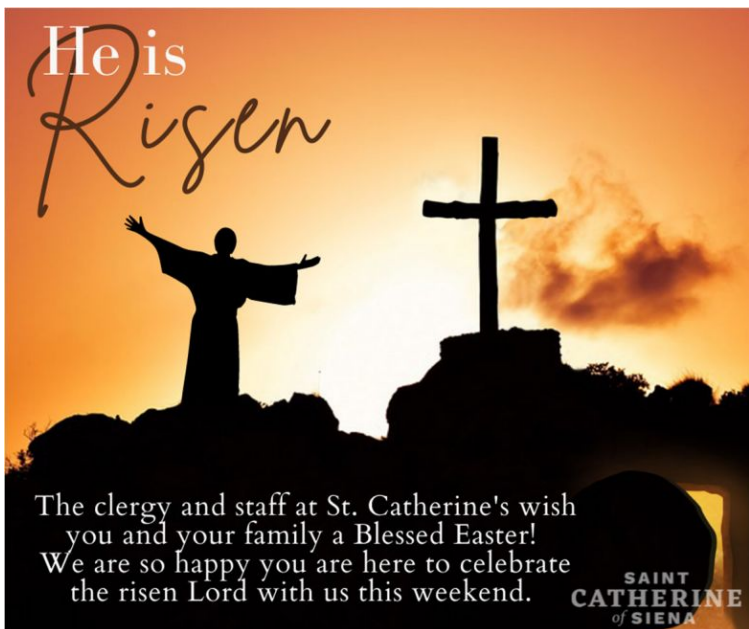
Dear Parishioners,

Easter Sunday is always a joyful day. Not only is our Lenten journey complete, but Easter Sunday reminds us of our Christian journey of faith. Without the promise of the Resurrection and the forgiveness of sins, we truly would not have many things to look forward to in life. Yet this celebration of Easter reminds us how we hope to be with family and friends once again in the promise of Heaven. Death no longer has any power over us! Christ has triumphed and risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We rejoice in all those who have received the Sacraments this Easter at the Easter Vigil. We received three adults into the Church and baptized one adult and four youths. Two additional people received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Welcome to our St. Catherine community of faith! A special thank you to all our volunteers and choir members, cantors, and musicians who helped us make our celebration of Easter go so well.

On behalf of the priests and deacons of St. Catherine, as well as all our staff, we wish each of you and your families a Blessed and Holy celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. Happy Easter!

Thanks for reading!  
Fr. Mark



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# Calendar of Events

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## Sunday, April 9, 2023

7:00 am Easter Mass, Church  
9:00 am Easter Mass, Church  
11:00 am Easter Mass, Church  
6:00 pm WOW, Canceled

## Monday, April 10, 2023

### Front Office Closed

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel  
7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, GLP

## Tuesday, April 11, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel  
9:30 am Prayer Shawl Group, GLP  
9:45 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel  
5:00 pm SVDP Committee Meeting, Fellowship  
6:00 pm SVDP Business Meeting, Fellowship  
6:30 pm GriefShare Meeting, GWR

## Wednesday, April 12, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel  
6:30 pm Light of Hope, Stanley Centre Office  
7:00 pm Scripture Study, Zoom

## Thursday, April 13, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel  
10:00 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel  
10:00 am WOW, Marian Hall/Classrooms  
12:50 pm Benediction, Trinity Chapel  
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
7:00 pm Respect Life, Fellowship

## Friday, April 14, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass

## Saturday, April 15, 2023

7:30 am Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 9/11  
8:30 am SVDP Interviews, Stanley Centre Office  
9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel  
10:00 am Baptism, Church  
11:00 am Reconciliation, GLP & Trinity Chapel  
3:30 pm Rosary for Life, Church  
4:00 pm Mass, Church

# Reflection on the Readings

Last week's reflection encouraged us to stay longer at the foot of the cross of the crucified Jesus on Good Friday. Holy Week is marked by the ugliness, suffering and sadness of the Passion and Death of our Lord. We need this time to come to terms with the sacrifice Jesus made of Himself for all human beings. If the story ended there, we would be inclined to hurry away in fear and sorrow just like the disciples. But no, incredibly, and miraculously, that was not the end of the story. God's plan to redeem mankind had not ended in sorrow and failure. Christ's suffering and death was the price He willingly paid for our redemption. Christ arose from that tomb resurrected to new life. He triumphed over sin (our sin) and conquered death, thus clearing a path to eternal life for each of us. This is the Good News we are called to believe and to share. It is God's unearned gift to each of us. May we have the courage and persistence of Mary of Magdala looking for Jesus in the tomb "early in the morning while it was still dark." Like Peter and John who didn't hesitate on hearing her news but "ran" to the tomb, may we also be filled with the enthusiasm and faith to seek and find our Lord. The search won't be easy, as it wasn't easy for these disciples. The disciples struggled to understand that Jesus could rise from the dead. But their persistence and faith came to fruition. God has promised us too that if we persist in faith to seek Him, we also will find Him. He calls us and awaits our response. And finding Him, we will join the angels and saints in singing the unending "Alleluia" (Let us praise the Lord)! In the words of the Psalmist, "By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad." (Psalm 118: 23-24) Have a joyful and glorious Easter.

*Reflection by parishioner, Dale Gerber*

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**SATURDAY: April 8,**

**EASTER VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,9a, 10-13, 15-18/  
Ex 14:15--15:1/ Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/ Ez 36:16  
-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/ Mt 28:1-10

9:00 pm People of the Parish

**SUNDAY: April 9,**

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Acts 10:34a,37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or  
Mt 28:1-10

7:00 am People of the Parish

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am People of the Parish

**MONDAY: April 10, Monday within the Octave of Easter**

Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Mt 28:8-15

9:15 am Frank Seidl †

**TUESDAY: April 11, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

9:15 am James Werner †

**WEDNESDAY: April 12, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

9:15 am Deacon Ed Feltes †

**THURSDAY: April 13, Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

9:15 am Lucille Lewis †

**FRIDAY: April 14, Friday within the Octave of Easter**

Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

9:15 am Catherine Taylor †

**SATURDAY: April 15, Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

9:15 am William † & Janet † Hardigan

**SATURDAY: April 15, Vigil Second Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

4:00 pm People of the Parish

**SUNDAY: April 16, Second Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

7:30 am Jamie Lopez †

9:00 am Joseph † & Francis † Grgurich

11:00 am Ione Keegan †

5:00 pm John McNally †

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