

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

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The Easter Sunday March 31, 2024



Parish is staffed
by **The Divine
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Rev. Leon Ngandu SVD

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Deirdra M. Humphrey

Catechetical Leader

Danielle Bennette Dukes

Director of Music Ministry

Mr. Richard Cheri

Vigil Mass Organist

Dr. S. Carver Davenport

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9:00am - 3:00pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Evening Mass
6:00pm Tuesday

Morning Mass
11:00am
Wednesday-Friday

Weekend Mass
Schedule
4:00pm Saturday Mass
10:00am Sunday Mass

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:00-3:45pm
and by appointment.

Parish Mission Statement:

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church is a multi-cultural faith community in the historic St. Roch neighborhood. With the support of the Archbishop, we commit ourselves to prayer and service in our community. We are one family centered around Jesus and the Eucharist. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are working to build the kingdom of God.

Parish Ministries

Pastoral Council Eric Pepin

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Environment Ministry Eric & Sabera Pepin

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Lady Sabera Pepin

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Prayer Corner

Mass Intentions:

Raissa C. Garrett, Alton Woods Sr, Keenan Edward Bornes, Perry Glenn, Lorraine Magee and Brenda Savoy, William J. Neylan Jr., Rita Rose Weaver, Shirley Vaughn, Katherine Florent, Connie Green., Margie Faciane, Nelda Millon, Sybil Rattley, Warren Baudy Sr.

(Donation \$5.00)

The Sanctuary Candle: Burns this week for

Annie P. Oliver.

Offered by: Family and Friends

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Athelgra Gabriel, Mary Samuels, Henry McCloskey, Joan Humphrey, Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ, Ursula Crowden, Lucy George, Beulah St. Junior, Emma Sampson, Victor DuRapau, Jr., Lucien Peters, Raymond Lewis, Ginger Lewis, Erin Palmer, Sylvia Barrois, Tiara Jenkins, Henry & Margie Pratcher, Hallie & Owen Pratcher, Willie Solomon, Doris Westrey, Charles Harrison, Leah Chambers, Ernest Gabriel, III, Brenda Bazile, Joann Goodman, Diane Dooley, Marilyn Johnson.

Weekly Income for March 23-24, 2024

Saturday & Sunday	\$2,364.01
Parish Assessment	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
St. Joseph Altar	\$444.39
Offering Online	\$893.00
Parish Assessment Online	\$20.00
Food Pantry Online	\$28.00
Total	\$3,779.40

Thank You: for your continued generosity and support! Please remember that it takes **\$8,500.00** per week to cover the Parish's operating expenses.



Weekend Mass Attendance

Total of Members at Saturday and Sunday Masses: 139 Adults and 10 Youth.

Bible Readings For the Week

Sunday Acts 10:34a,37-43	Col 3:1-4	Jn 20:1-9
Monday Acts 2:14,22-23		Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday Acts 2:36-41		Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday Acts 3:1-10		Lk 24:13-35
Thursday Acts 3:11-26		Lk 24:35-48
Friday Acts 4:1-12		Jn 21:1-14
Saturday Acts 4:13-21		Mk 16:9-15

Pastor's Corner



**God is Good all the time!
And all the time God is Good.**

**Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord.
March 31, 2024**

**Theme: Our Love for Jesus Causes
Us to Believe in His Resurrection**

This morning, we are gathered here in our Church with great joy to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, which marks a new life in Christ for each of us. Our scripture readings today testify that our Lord has risen and is alive. Three witnesses (Mary of Magdala, Peter, and the "other disciple") give us the report of their experience of the "empty tomb" (Gospel). Peter proclaims the living Christ, his life (all over Judea, beginning in Galilee), death, and resurrection (first reading). Paul explains what we must do as we know we are raised with Christ (second reading).

Our Gospel passage begins with Mary of Magdala going to the tomb on the first day of the week. She is alone. And it was still dark when she went to the tomb. The Gospel of John is the only one to report Mary of Magdala as the sole visitor to the tomb. This invites us to have a personal experience of the Empty Tomb. Darkness here represents our moments of negative feelings, such as unfaith, fear, and worry. When she arrives at the place, Mary Magdalene has not encountered an angel, nor has she seen the empty tomb. She will experience the empty tomb and encounter two angels and the Resurrected Jesus later in vv. 11-18. In our passage, she just saw the stone removed from the tomb (see v. 1). In our Gospel passage, she deals with an opened tomb. In the darkness, she runs to announce the news to Peter and the other disciple identified here as "the beloved disciple." Where there is love, everything becomes possible. Because this woman loved her Lord Jesus, the dark moments of her life did not stop her from going to her Lord on the "first day of the week," Sunday. We, too, have moments when we experience darkness. So, we cannot let our dark moments prevent us from coming to Church, where Jesus waits for us at the Eucharistic celebration. Also, in her darkness, Mary Magdalene seeks help from Peter and "the beloved disciple." When we are confused and experience moments of darkness, let us seek help from others through spiritual direction or accompaniment.

The liturgy of this Mass invites us to connect our love for Jesus with our faith in him. No dark moments in our lives can stop us from going to Jesus and believing in his resurrection. As we start a new life with our Risen Lord, Saint Paul, in our second reading, exhorts us to seek and think now of what is above, not what is on earth (see Colossians 3: 1-3). May the mystery of the Empty Tomb that we celebrate in this liturgy fill our hearts with the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

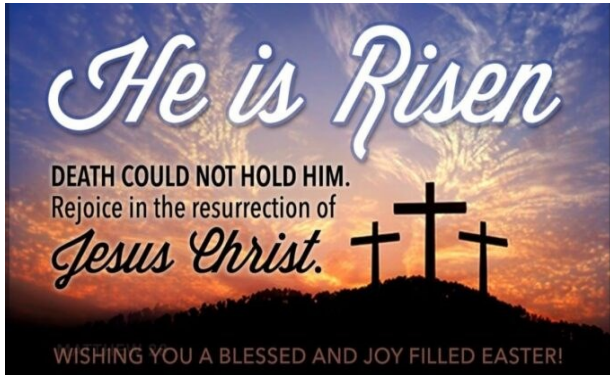
Happy Easter

Rev. Leon Ngandu, SVD

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Parish News:



Jesus is Risen!

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. As we celebrate Easter today, let us rise up with Christ, let us come out from our “tombs” that imprison us, and remove whatever “stones” that hold us back to become the people that God already called us to be; to become the best version of ourselves; to become children of God, to become active and faithful disciples of Jesus.

CRS Rice Bowls:

It is time to collect the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowls. Please return the Rice Bowls to the church or the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

A Vocation View:

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!” This day changes everything. The power of sin and death are broken, live in the freedom that comes solely in Christ.

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Mass Schedule April 6-7, 2024

Lectors:

Vigil Mass: 4:00pm Christie Taylor
Sunday Mass: 10:00am Youth Sunday

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Vigil Mass: 4:00pm J. Lewis M. McConduit
Sunday Mass: 10:00am K. Smith R. Crayton
M. Henry

Parish News:



Devotion to the Divine Mercy:

There will be a special Devotion to the Divine Mercy, on Sunday, April 07, 2024, at 2:30 pm in the church. Please be reminded that this is a prayer service, not a mass. The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar will begin at 2:30 pm, and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be said at 3:00 pm. Let us come together in prayer and adoration, seeking God’s mercy for ourselves, for our families, for our church community, for our nation, and for the whole world.



Calendar 2024

Rosary: Wednesday at 10:30am, Rectory Chapel. Saturday at 3:30pm in the church, Sunday at 9:30am in our church chapel.

Bible Study with Rev. Leon Ngandu, SVD Friday at 5:00pm rectory conference room. To attend online, Email at uss-biblicalapostolate@gmail.com to request the registration form.

Weekday Mass:

The weekday mass schedule is as follows: Tuesday evening 6:00pm and 11:00am Wednesday-Friday in the Rectory Chapel.

KPC Meeting: This Sunday, April 7, after 10:00am mass. The Knights will meet in Parish Center room 1 and the Ladies will meet in church.

Parish Guidelines

Registered Parishioners:

Registered parishioners are those who have submitted a form to the parish office and use parish support envelopes consistently.

CCD & RCIA

School of Religion (CCD) classes meet on Sundays only for children K-12 who are attending public schools. RCIA classes are for adults who are wishing to become full members of the Catholic Church. See Danielle Bennette Dukes for more information.

Funerals:

Please contact the parish office **BEFORE** finalizing any arrangements with a funeral home.

Baptism:

Parents must be registered members of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church or another Catholic Parish for at least six months. Godparents **MUST** be confirmed Catholics. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep Class prior to the baptism. Call the office for more information.

Marriage:

The rules of the Diocese require at least a 6-month marriage preparation period prior to a wedding. Contact the church office **BEFORE** making any arrangements and to receive complete instructions.

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Happy Easter

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Bible Study: Friday's 5:00pm in the rectory (please use side gate) email ussbiblicalapostolate@gmail.com

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