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Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Church



Easter
SUNDAY
APRIL 12, 2020

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

Psalm 118:24

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Bound by a unifying love of Christ and one another,
we share the Good News of the Gospel
through prayer, Eucharist, education and service.

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Today's Readings

First Reading: Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

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

Second Reading: All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4).

Gospel: Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9).

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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

Easter Sunday

*When Christ Your Life Appears,
Then You Too Will Appear With Him In Glory.
Colossians 3:4*

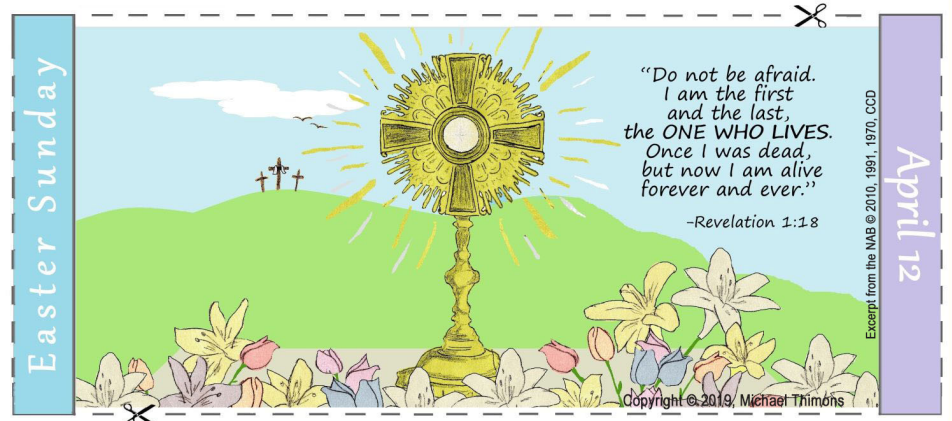
Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I know that the current pandemic has caused economic hardship for everyone. It has also profoundly affected Our Lady of the Lake Church. Please consider your support for OLL Church to your ability. Online giving is a secure and easy method for continuing your donations. Access online giving with the button on the homepage of our website at www.ollparish.info. With God's grace, we will all see this through together.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Mark Lomax

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. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*



Sacraments, Liturgy and Prayer

Note About Palm Sunday and Holy Week

In order for you to participate in the celebration of Holy Week, make sure to view our daily videos on our website at www.ollparish.info.

We will have blessed palms available in the Church for you to pick up during Holy Week until Holy Thursday.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 11

Mass Remembrances

Sunday, April 12

Mass Remembrances

Monday, April 13

9:00 AM Ken Miller

5:15 PM Lucille & Jay Westerhaus

Tuesday, April 14

9:00 AM Rusty Ricks

5:15 PM Imelda "Tootie" Trepagnier

Wednesday, April 15

9:00 AM Linda Nunez

5:15 PM Chris Bergeaux

Thursday, April 16

9:00 AM Sean Gaudet & Zane Poole

5:15 PM Jean "Jay" Bodet

Friday, April 17

9:00 AM N. M. Ahloy

Sanctuary Candles

These votive candles in Church have been memorialized as follows:

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp

In loving memory of
Sara Griffin

From your son-in-law,
Gibb Farrish

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp

For the intentions of
Rev. Mark Lomax

Blessed Mother Altar Lamp

For the intentions of
Shelley Gourgues
on her birthday

St. Joseph Altar Lamp

For the intentions of
Joseph Gallodoro on his birthday

Sacred Heart of Jesus Altar Lamp

For the protection of and in
thanksgiving for all those
essential personnel in harms way

St. Benedict Altar Lamp

For the healing of
all with COVID 19

Note About Mass Intentions

We will continue to list the Mass intentions as they were originally accepted. Know that these intentions are all being offered up by our priests at their private Masses. We are also accepting intentions and family pictures at intentions@ollparish.info.

Believing Is Seeing

You've heard the saying "Seeing is believing." Today's first reading seems to say just the opposite. You might think that when Jesus rose from the dead, everyone would see him. Yet Peter says that he was only visible to some of the disciples. Even they did not immediately see him. The first thing they saw was the empty tomb, with burial cloths lying on the ground. They may have thought that if his enemies had stolen Jesus' body, they would not have removed the burial cloths; touching a corpse would have made them unclean.

So it seems the empty tomb helped them to believe, and believing enabled them to see the Lord. The exception to this may be Thomas, who said he would not believe until he saw and touched Jesus' risen body. Yet when he does see the Lord, Jesus himself declares that believing is primary when he blesses those who have not seen but still believe (John 20:31).

What does this mean for us? Jesus seems to be hidden again. Yet we say that he is present in the sacraments; baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation show that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in us. So perhaps we just need to believe in order to see him. Mother Teresa could do it. She said she was amazed at the love she felt when she saw Jesus in the poor and the dying people of Calcutta. Maybe we need to grow in faith so that we can see Jesus in the poor, the dying, the people who annoy us, even our enemies. That is why it is so important to spread the faith; if we don't see Jesus in everyone, we may never have true peace.

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Respect Life Ministry

Spiritual Adoption Week 23:

Your baby's bones located in the middle ear harden. The eyes are formed, though the iris still lacks pigmentation. The pancreas, essential in the production of hormones, is developing steadily. Your baby at this stage weighs 1.1 pound and is 11.38 inches long.

Word of Life: "Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life."

~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"



Ministry News

Divine Mercy: Extraordinary Graces

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable (138) mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy 129 be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. ... Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity.

The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. (139) It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy (Diary, 699).

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Please note: According to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA, confession any time during Lent fulfills the requirement for Divine Mercy Sunday, as long as no mortal sin is committed after that Lenten confession.



IMPORTANT: Due to the extended restrictions, we will not be able to have the Divine Mercy celebration originally scheduled for 3 PM on April 19th. It is our plan to have a video available for you on our website that day to allow you to pray with us. Watch for the video on www.ollparish.info.

Ministry News

Act of Spiritual Communion

The Catholic Church encourages the faithful to make frequent, even daily, Communion. Today, the normal opportunity to receive the Eucharist comes at daily Mass. When we cannot make it to daily Mass we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in His Presence in the Eucharist, and we ask Him to unite Himself with us. The basic elements of an Act of Spiritual Communion are: An Act of Faith; an Act of Love; a deep desire to receive Christ; and an invitation to Him to come into your heart. The following texts present one modern and one traditional translation of a popular form of an Act of Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori.

An Act of Spiritual Communion (Modern Translation)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

An Act of Spiritual Communion (Traditional Translation)

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love Thee above all things, and I desire Thee in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though Thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee;
permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee.

When Should You Make an Act of Spiritual Communion?

The most common occasion for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when we cannot fulfill our obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation, whether because of illness or bad weather, or some other reason outside of our control. It is also good to make an Act of Spiritual Communion when we can attend Mass, but when something prevents us from receiving sacramental Communion that day—say, a mortal sin that we know we have not had the opportunity to confess yet.

But our Acts of Spiritual Communion do not need to be confined to those times. In an ideal world, it would be best to attend Mass and receive Communion every day, but we can't always do so. We can, however, always take 30 seconds or so to make an Act of Spiritual Communion. We can even do so multiple times a day—even on days when we have been able to receive the Eucharist. Why would we do that? Because each Act of Spiritual Communion that we make increases our desire to receive sacramental Communion, and also helps us to avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Communion worthily.

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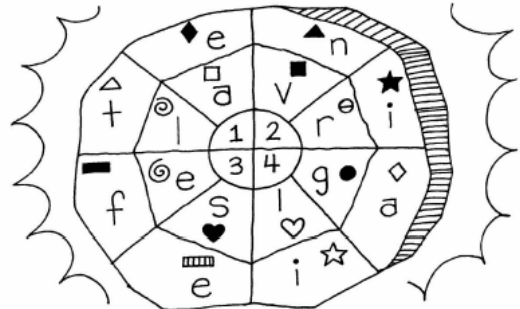
Mary of Magdala has gone to Jesus' tomb.
But it is empty; Jesus is not there!
Help Mary get to Peter to tell him the news by following
the footsteps that spell **empty**.



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Easter

We believe that God raised Jesus from the dead
three days after his death.
This incredible event proved he truly was the Messiah!
The scriptures promise if we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son
of God we'll be given something amazing, too!
Use the tombstone to solve the code that reveals the answer.



3-6 2-1 3-11 2-8 4-10 1-10 3-11 1-11 4-11 2-11 4-11
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"They have taken the Lord from the tomb."
John 20:2

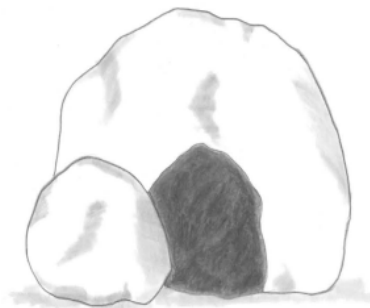


TRULY RISEN!

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia!
(Easter entrance antiphon)

All during Lent the first readings of the liturgy were drawn from the Old Testament and told stories of the family of those who came before Jesus. When Jesus rose on Easter the people who loved and followed him in his life became part of the new family known as Christians. On the Sundays of Easter we will read about their stories from the New Testament book called the Acts of the Apostles. You are one of these Christians. Each Easter, we have the chance to imagine ourselves standing at the empty tomb with the apostles. Together we believe that Jesus is not among the dead but is "truly risen" and with us today.

Draw a picture of yourself next to the tomb. Write a message about how you feel when you know Jesus is with you.



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News

In light of measures being taken to contain the outbreak and avoid further spread of the coronavirus, OLL has taken the following measures:

- OLL will record and make available for viewing every daily and weekend mass starting at 8:00 AM.
- PLEASE, send a picture of yourselves and/or your family so that you can join me in my daily mass! Send it to: intentions@ollparish.info.
- I encourage you to read the Gospels (www.usccb.org/bible/readings/), pray with your families, and join yourself to the Eucharist—the source and summit of our Catholic faith—by making an act of spiritual communion like the one recommended by Archbishop Gomez: "I wish, my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility, and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints."
- All other Church-related events (Reconciliation Wednesdays, Stations Fridays) are cancelled.
- Mass Intentions, as currently scheduled with the main office and programmed for daily and Sunday Masses, will continue to be honored.
- Please, send me any prayer intentions that you may have at intentions@ollparish.info.
- In this time of limited gathered activity, this does not mean the Church is inactive. If there is sickness or trial that would benefit from counsel or the sacraments, please let us know (985-626-5671).
- More precisely to the previous point: if there are members of the parish or community -- particularly the elderly -- who do not feel comfortable shopping or getting needed items, volunteers have already come forward to help with that purpose. Please let us know (985-626-5671).

We remain a community of prayer and action. May this time allow us to grow close spiritually and stay safe physically. Please help us communicate these messages by sharing them -- especially with those who do not use digital technology.

May Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us; Our Lady of the Lake pray for us.

Knights of Columbus

To All Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of the Lake:

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for the Florida condo and stained glass crosses at one of the two OLL Knights of Columbus fish fries. The proceeds from the raffle go to support seminarians in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. As I'm sure you know, the KC had to cancel our last four fish fries because of the current COVID 19 pandemic.

We had planned to have the drawing for the condo and crosses on April 3rd after our last fish fry. Knowing that the seminarians still need our support, we have decided to hold off on the drawing and sell raffle tickets after all masses one weekend in June. As soon as current events settle down, we will find a good weekend to hold our ticket sales and let you know of the date. We will plan to have the drawing for the raffle ticket prizes at the end of that weekend.

In the meantime, please stay safe and healthy and know that we in OLL KC Council 9240 keep all of you in our prayers.

TAN Books Offer Benefiting OLL

TAN Books, a Catholic publisher, is offering a "fundraiser" to get some "stimulus" into the parish. By use of a parish code they're offering that **all parishioners will get a 30% discount off all purchases through the end of April**. At the end of April, TAN will mail Our Lady of the Lake Parish a check, donating a matching 30% savings from all of the sales made using the Parish Code!

The sale applies to the entire TAN website, accessible by clicking on the small box in the upper left hand corner. It also includes Story of Civilization, a program used for homeschooling. It does not apply to adult study programs, Love Ed, or First Communion Bibles. But it does for everything else. If you have any questions, there is a "chat with us" box on the right side of the screen which is manned from 8-5 Eastern time. What a great way to keep your faith strong and engaged during this difficult time.

We simply go to their website, www.tanbooks.com, and **use the code LAKE70448 at checkout** to receive our discount. Our purchases become a donation to our parish, and we receive something of great spiritual value in return.

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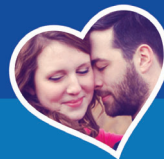
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Please allow 2-3 business days for processing your request.

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Financial Stewardship and RAS Status

Why should I give to the Church? Only with the sacrificial offering of all our members, can we ensure that Our Lady of the Lake remains a vibrant, active faith community. With your offering you can ensure that we are able to meet our financial obligations to maintain our ministries, programs and facilities, pay a just wage to our parish staff, support the needs of the larger Church and assist our brothers and sisters in need.

What is RAS? RAS stands for Registered, Active and Supporting member of the parish. When registering for the school or for PSR classes, each family is asked to be a Registered, Active and Supporting member of the parish. Our Lady of the Lake has set a minimum financial amount of \$450 per family, per calendar year to be considered an RAS member. Those who do not meet these requirements are asked to pay an additional fee.

How can I fulfill my RAS minimum amount for 2020? Make contributions weekly, monthly or one time prior to the end of 2020 to total \$450. When giving cash, please use envelopes with donor identification for proper accounting. Contributions can be made online by credit card or direct debit through Online Giving. Go to our website at www.ollparish.info and click on the link. Set up the account and make a "Weekly Offering". Once you choose this option, you can further decide to make your payment monthly, weekly or one time. Be aware that credit transactions take 2-3 days to process.

Our Lady of the Lake, Pray for Us!

Parish Financial Stewardship

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March 10-April 6

Due to an early deadline, these figures will appear in the next available bulletin.

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