



April 12, 2020 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



During this pandemic time, I extend my best wishes to my Councils, Commissions, Organizations, Staff and to all my Parishioners a Happy and Healthy Easter. May the Resurrected Jesus bless you all.

Fr. Bogdan

MASS INTENTIONS

Community Masses are suspended at this time, however, intentions are being remembered in Fr. Bogdan's private Masses.

All parish activities are also suspended until further notice.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan wants to be a resource during the COVID-19 health crises. They will be posting appropriate resources on their website and updating services that they will be offering for the most vulnerable population such as our seniors. Send a message to 855-882-2736

Can parishioners continue to make weekly offertory contributions during this period of public mass suspensions?

During the COVID-19 pandemic and the temporary suspension of public Masses in the Archdiocese of Detroit, we recognize our parish still needs the support of our parishioners for parish operations.

To accommodate everyone in making offertory contributions, including parishes that do not have an online offertory system in place, the Archdiocese of Detroit has developed an online offertory option, similar to the current online CSA giving system.

Parishioners will be able to go to give.aod.org and select the "Parish Offertory" option to make their contribution. Parish offertory funds donated on this website will be deposited in our parish's LDP account weekly.

Prayer for an End to the Coronavirus Crisis

Loving God,

We come before you in our time of need. We lay before you our concerns and fears over the spread of the Coronavirus. We know that you are mightier than all our fears and that the name of Jesus is the name above all other names. We ask, in the name of Jesus, that you stop the spread of the Coronavirus. In your mercy, heal those who are sick and lead those who have died into your heavenly kingdom. We ask this in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our St. Faustina Family,

This Holy Week is different since our churches are closed, but Jesus isn't quarantined. Our Lord's heart remains open to all of us so keep the faith. We give thanks for what Jesus has done for us by His life, death and resurrection. May Resurrected Jesus fill your hearts with light and love. Open your hearts to the Lord this Easter Season so you can hear His voice and see His face in our ever-changing world. Remember, we are all precious in the eyes of our Lord, and we remain in His loving hands.

Risen Jesus, please give us the courage to live with strength, hope, comfort, and healing.

May God bless you with His abundant love and keep you safe,

Sandy Acord

Easter Meditation

Alleluia! All glory, praise and honor to You Most Glorious Lord Jesus! You have risen from the grave; You have conquered sin and death; You have opened the gates to Heaven!

My Lord, hope is restored, joy and excitement are instilled in many hearts as You quietly, gently, gloriously rise from the dead, and bring forth new life for this fallen world. Sweet Jesus, give me the eyes of faith that I may see and believe in Your Resurrection. Help me to know the effects of Your triumph in my life. As I come to know You, my Resurrected Lord, help me to entrust to You all that I am and all that I hope to be. Help me to trust in the abundant Mercy that flows from Your Resurrected Soul.

Dear Lord, help me to enter deeply into the mystery of Easter during this eight day celebration of the Octave of Easter. I pray that every day of this Octave will be a day of deepening trust and union with You in the glory of Your Resurrection.

Lord of Mercy, as our church prepares for the glorious celebration of Mercy, poured out in a special way on the eighth day of this Octave, on Divine Mercy Sunday, help me to open my heart more deeply than ever to the abundance of Grace and Mercy You wish to bestow. Pour forth Your Mercy into my life and into the lives of all Your children.

Gospel Reflection on Easter Sunday

Adapted from Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families by Karen O'Malley

Hearing the Word (John 20:1-8):

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

Reflecting on the Word:

The story begins in darkness, which is symbolic as the realization of the empty tomb dawns on Mary of Magdala. It is probably light by the time she returns to the tomb accompanied by the two disciples. Simon Peter enters the empty tomb, but the first disciple ahead of him is the one who believes upon seeing the burial cloths. There is indeed a glimpse of new life in this account, but even richer is the truth that the stone is rolled back and that Christ's Resurrection signifies triumph over death. The details in John's account invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift: faith in Christ and His Resurrection.

Living the Word:

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! We are celebrating the greatest mystery of our faith: that death has been vanquished by the power of God's love. Even though this is definitely a different Easter due to the pandemic in our world, families should still celebrate Easter and continue celebrating the whole week in their homes. Spread the Good News of Resurrected Jesus! Since we can't have normal celebrations to gather with family and friends in person, get creative by reaching out to others by using your phone and social media sites. May our Risen Lord shine brightly in all of our hearts!

Prayer of Pope Francis During the Coronavirus Crisis

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.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping Him in His Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

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 in 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

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

These are anxious times.

We may fear our health or the health of loved ones. Some of us have lost a job or face other economic troubles. We are fearful of going out, but feel cooped up, as well as distressed with the upheaval of our normal routines.

We are not alone.

Our belief in God should keep us from panic. He has promised us that He is in charge. The faith that our ultimate safety lies in Him should bring peace to our hearts. In the words of St. Clair of Assisi, "Our labor here is brief, but the reward is eternal. Do not be disturbed by the clamor of the world, which passes like a shadow."

What can we do?

We must support one another in this time of trouble, not only with sympathy but with ready acts of practical kindness – that is, works of mercy. For example, we can look to the saints. St. Charles Borromeo: Cardinal, Archbishop, minister through a plague; St. Godaberta: foundress and patron of epidemics; St. Henry Morse: convert, priest, survivor of the plague; St. Marianne Cope: religious, medical worker, and servant of lepers. These saints were not called to solve the troubles of the whole world, just to minister to those in their own neighborhood.

What is our witness?

As Catholics, we know prayer is a good first response to troubled times. Pray and fast for God's mercy (on our local community and the whole world) to end the coronavirus pandemic. But also make an effort to join in prayer with others – through our parish's live streams of services and devotions, through the Divine Mercy Novena, on the phone with a friend, through televised services, or especially with your family or friends. Perhaps you could use the phone or social media to support someone who is troubled. Would you be willing to put something in your home's window to indicate you are a Catholic proudly celebrating Easter? Small acts are a good start to Unleashing the Gospel in your neighborhood.

**Please pray for those
in our parish family in
prolonged sickness:**

Samantha Beattie
Ray Dominic
Dorothy Gietzen
Jim Lewis
Chris Liebetreu
Francine Lorentz
Kerry Markiewicz
Patrick Martin
Ellen Nawrocki
Ray Nawrocki
Luciana Putil
Salvator Rubello
Mary Ryntz
Mary Schmidt
Mary Ann Selewski
Mary Stefko
Lillian Strzempek
Cyndy Vitale
Fred Walny
Magdalen Webster
Gary Whyte
Dolores Zrepskey

Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others – no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. The Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at (844) 324-3374 or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov. For more information go to protect.aod.org.

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MASSES

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.,
7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:00 p.m.
or by appointment

Registration

Parishioners may register in person,
by phone or online.

Baptism

At least one parent needs to be registered, active and a practicing Catholic for at least 6 months. A Baptismal Preparation Class is required for both parents and godparents. The church requires that at least one of the godparents be an active and practicing Catholic.

Marriages

Arrange at least 6 months in advance.

Communion Calls

Pastoral staff members visit the sick in the hospital when possible and take Communion to the sick and homebound.

Parish Pastoral Council

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RCIA

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Sandy Acord at 586-773-9220 or send an email to sandyjacord@gmail.com.

