

# ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## From the Desk of Fr. Brian Hecktor ...

Happy Easter! Our Faith is about a caring and close relationship with our brother and Savior, Jesus Christ. And our brother, who has suffered and died for us to pay for our sins, is risen from the dead and gives us hope for eternal life! We thank God for this joyous time! We especially celebrate His resurrection today and through the entire Easter Season, which concludes with Pentecost on May 31.

Despite the unusual circumstances of the past few weeks, we continue practicing and growing in our Faith. Be sure to keep taking the time on Sunday to view Mass online or on tv. I'm very grateful to all who have helped make our Masses and services so nice and put them online for all to view. Thank you to all who have decorated, provided music, read and served, recorded and uploaded to the website. Although we haven't been able to physically come together as a Parish Family to celebrate this most important time of the year, we are still united in our care for each other and in Christ.

Please continue praying for all who are suffering from illness, all health care professionals and researchers, and all who are experiencing financial hardships. As the strain continues on our community and our nation, we will draw on our own considerable strength and determination and, most importantly, draw on the grace of God and place ever more faith and trust in Him!

God bless you! Happy Easter! Look forward to seeing you.

*Fr. Hecktor*

## EASTER SUNDAY'S READINGS

**1st 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).

**2nd Reading:** All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel:** Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Matthew 28:1-10 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

**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.



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**More information about live streaming and recorded Masses may be found on page 2.**

*Parish Office Hours*

*Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
from 8:00 am to 12 Noon;  
until further notice.*

**Fr. Brian Hecktor, Fr. Ted Vitali, the Parish Staff, and the School Faculty and Staff wish all a most Blessed Easter Sunday and Easter Season.**

**We await the day that we can join together at St. Mark Church and School.**

*The Parish Office is closed tomorrow, Easter Monday (April 13).*

## Mass Intentions for Easter Week

Fr. Vitali will take the 6:30 am Mass intentions, and Fr. Hecktor will celebrate Masses for the 8:00 am intentions. All Sunday Masses (including Saturday at 5:00 pm) will be rescheduled as Fr. Hecktor will offer one Sunday Mass "For the People."

**April 12 - 18** (Saints & Observations)

**Easter Sunday** (of The Resurrection of The Lord)  
9:00 For the People

**Monday** (Monday within the Octave of Easter)  
6:30 Catherine Gallen  
8:00 Gunther Helm

**Tuesday** (Tuesday within the Octave of Easter)  
6:30 Vince Slama  
8:00 Harold & Terese Mall

**Wednesday** (Wednesday within the Octave of Easter)  
6:30 Bruce Johnson  
8:00 Therese Mantych

**Thursday** (Thursday within the Octave of Easter)  
6:30 Frances Kohlmann  
8:00 Charles Wilcox

**Friday** (Friday within the Octave of Easter)  
6:30 Thomas Nanna  
8:00 Dolores Sanders ~ 95th birthday

**Saturday** (Saturday within the Octave of Easter)  
4:00 pm For the People  
*live streaming at [www.stmarkstl.com](http://www.stmarkstl.com)*

## Readings for Easter Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 8:8-15  
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

## THE EASTER OCTAVE

**Sunday, April 5 - Sunday, April 12, 2020**

Eastertime lasts fifty days: seven weeks of seven days (seven equals Biblical perfection) plus one day: perfection plus! Like an eight-day Jewish wedding, or a child who can't bear to let go of Christmas, birthdays, and school vacation, the Church celebrates the Easter Octave: "the marriage of heaven and earth," as the Vigil calls Jesus' resurrection; our new members' baptismal rebirth; our renewal of baptismal vows; our hearts' "divine vacation" (Latin *vacare*, "to be empty"), newfound time and space for love of God and neighbor. Make home an Easter garden! Adorn the dining table with a pillar candle (your "paschal candle"), a bowl full of water (ideally, from the parish's baptismal font), a vase of flowers or bowl of sprouting grain with Easter eggs. Even non-singers can handle the three-fold Gospel Alleluia! Let that be your grace before meals, perhaps with a prayer recalling Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): "Be known to us, Risen Lord Jesus, as you were to the first disciples, in your word, in the breaking of bread, and in everyone we meet."

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All Catholics within the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, have been dispensed from their obligation to attend Sunday Mass since the weekend of March 14 - 15, 2020 until further notice by Archbishop Robert Carlson.

## TV, ONLINE, & LIVE STREAM MASS

*Bringing spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior.*

At this time we encourage all to connect to Mass, especially on Sundays:

+ KPLR ch. 11 (CW) at 8:30 am & KTVI channel 2.2 (Antenna TV) at 9:00 am.

+ Heart of the Nation's Mass online anytime on Sundays at [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org).

+ Live Stream Mass are found at:

[www.stmarkstl.com](http://www.stmarkstl.com)

Instagram live: [@stmarkcatholicstl](https://www.instagram.com/stmarkcatholicstl)

Facebook: [St. Mark Catholic School](https://www.facebook.com/St.Mark.Catholic.School)

<http://cathedralstl.org/live/https://>

[www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/https://](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/https://)

[www.ewtn.com/tv](http://www.ewtn.com/tv)

When viewing Mass, by one of the above suggested means or another, after Communion, pray the "ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION" (found below). This prayer of spiritual communion unites our hearts to Christ in the Eucharist when we are unable to receive Him physically. We encourage you to pray this prayer together with your families, especially on Sundays.

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

BODY + BLOOD + SOUL + DIVINITY

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.



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From the Principal ...



**FROM THE  
COORDINATOR ...**



**HAPPY EASTER!**

The long wait of Lent is over! Jesus is risen, and so all our "Alleluias" are bursting out in joy! (Did you notice on the altar?) We look forward to celebrating together, in person, very soon! In the meantime, enjoy an Easter Monday vacation from online PSR work.

~~Julie Dwyer



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**NOW ENROLLING!**





**All 50+ Club events are cancelled until further notice.**

For more information, questions, or to join the 50+ Club, contact: Mike Fischer at 314.276.5767.

### Ladies Guild News ...

**Communion Breakfast is Sunday, May 17 following 9 am Mass at Genesis. Cost is \$14. Contact Joanne Schneider at 314.894.6079 for more information.**



**All BINGOs at Bandwagon Hall are cancelled until further notice.**

*We miss all of our wonderful patrons and volunteers, and pray you stay safe and healthy.*

St. Mark's Athletic Association's **"A Night at the Mouse Races" has been postpone.** Stay tuned for the reschedule date.

Have questions, contact Tim Klump at 314.941.2463.



### CRITICAL NEED

### FOR AFFTON CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY



With the COVID-19 Virus and mandatory stay at home orders, many of the families that the Affton Christian Food Pantry serves are out of work and their children are at home missing out on school breakfasts and lunches. Plus, families in the area that have never asked for food help are contacting

the Pantry looking for emergency food assistance because they too find themselves out of work.

The Pantry has found a way to stay open during this difficult time by offering drive-up curbside food pick-up.

#### We need your help with food donations!

Supplies of food items in the pantry are declining. If you are able to bring donations to St. Mark Church (between 6 am -12 noon) and place them in the container (marked St. Vincent DePaul) in the Church lobby, we will deliver them to the Pantry on Monday mornings. Items we really need now are: canned meals (soups, chili, pastas, meats), dry pasta, boxed foods (hamburger helper, rice, potato side dishes), and peanut butter.

#### You can help with financial donations!

If it is easier, you can support the Affton Christian Food Pantry by sending a check. Mail your check to the Affton Christian Food Pantry (4960 Heege Road | Affton, MO 63123).

Thank you for your support.

~~ From Members of St. Vincent DePaul & Affton Christian Food Pantry Volunteers from St. Mark Church

## Tithing, your gift to God.

### Sunday, March 29, 2020 Offering

Envelopes	\$ 4,176.00
Online Giving	1,820.00
School Support	235.00
Total	6,231.00
- Avg. Weekly Expenses	15,000.00
<b>Final Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,769.00</b>

Due to the early submission deadline set by the bulletin publisher because of the Holy Days, the contribution figures for the **April 5, 2020** offering/ collection were unavailable at the time this bulletin went to print. Anticipate the figures will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

*Please consider online giving or mailing your Sunday contribution to the Parish Office (4200 Ripa Avenue | St. Louis, MO 63125).*

*For information about online giving go to <https://www.stmarkstl.com/online-giving>*

**Thank you for your generosity.**



Since many of our purchases will be made online due to the Stay at Home Order, this a another way to help our Parish.

If you use Amazon, please go to smile.amazon.com and choose St. Mark to receive a portion of your purchases. Just like the "Together We're Better" program, this helps raise funds for our Parish.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile smile.amazon.com, select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

### THE ST. MARK PRAYER CHALLENGE 2020



Anyone in the parish from 1st grade up to 99+ is challenged to write an original prayer for the benefit of the parish.

Please keep your prayer to 75 words or less. By April 30, please submit prayer to: [stmarkprayerchallenge@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkprayerchallenge@gmail.com)

OR

Karen Kraus | 4407 Big Chief Dr | 63123.

**ST. MARK  
PRAY FOR  
US.**



Picture found at <https://slwca.files.wordpress.com/2015/04/mary-magdalene-sees-the-risen-lord-jesus-christ.jpg>

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color.

Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ "Easter in us."



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**As I recall, the first Easter was just Jesus and Mary Magdalene. And he told her not to touch him.**  
**#socialdistanceeaster**

### Coronavirus: German cathedral to showcase relics of St Corona, patron of epidemics 'Like many other saints, Saint Corona may be a source of hope in these difficult times'

Germany's Aachen Cathedral has dug out the relics of little-known *Saint Corona, patron saint of resisting epidemics*, from its treasure chamber and is polishing up her elaborate shrine to go on show once the coronavirus pandemic has passed.

The pandemic ... has boosted public interest in the Christian martyr, believed to have been killed by the Romans around 1,800 years ago.

...

Corona is believed to have been only about 16 years old when the Romans killed her, probably in Syria, for professing the Christian faith.

Corona was roughly 16 when she was murdered by the Romans (Twitter).

The girl suffered a particularly excruciating death, according to legend. She was tied to two bent palm trees and then torn apart as the trunks were released.



"That is a very gruesome story and led to her becoming the patron of lumberjacks," said Brigitte Falk, head of Aachen Cathedral Treasure Chamber, adding that it was pure chance that she also became a patron saint for resisting epidemics.

Corona's relics, brought to Aachen by King Otto III in 997, were kept in a tomb underneath a slab in the cathedral – which can still be seen – until 1911-12 when they were placed in the shrine ....

...

While the cathedral stresses that Corona is patron saint of resisting all epidemics, not just this specific virus, the virus is so-called because, under a microscope, it looks like a globe with little globules, resembling a crown, said Falk. In Latin corona means crown or garland.

"Like many other saints, Saint Corona may be a source of hope in these difficult times," said Falk.

Reporting by Reuters and Madeline Chambers; editing by Christina Sanders, Ph.D.

As found at <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/coronavirus-germany-cathedral-st-corona-patron-epidemics-a9426911.html> on March 26, 2020.

**ST. CORONA, PRAY FOR US.**



... **Margaret Villar.**  
 ... those suffering from  
 Mental Illness.  
 ... and those suffering from  
 the Coronavirus.

## A Prayer to Jesus for Healing

Dear Lord, You are the Just judge, Holy and True. You are the Most High God. You give us life. You hold all power in your hands.

You are the Mighty one from God who carries the world, and is ruler over all the earth. You Oh Most Blessed One are the giver of life. In you are only good things. In you is mercy and love. In you is healing of the nations. In you is freedom of worry and freedom of pain.

Lord Almighty, You loved us so much. You were sent from your Father, sent to save us from destruction. We truly can never make it to Heaven without the help of Jesus the Son, who was sent to earth to help us.

You, Lord are full of mercy and grace, please forgive us for our faults. Lord Jesus, in you all healing is performed. You Lord are the miracle worker. In your Spirit, your gift of healing is alive. In you Lord we can put our trust that you can heal us, and protect us from the enemy, and death of our soul.

You, Lord are miracle worker for the sick, and for the lost souls. You, Lord forgive us and save us from condemnation. You cleanse us and make us born again new. You give us a clean heart full of peace. You Lord are the Light. In You is all truth. Your way Lord is the way to Heavenly Hope. Your hands Lord created the universe. You Lord are the True giver of Life. Every child is a miracle of Life. Life rests in Your Hands.

Wrap us as a close knit family, draw us near to you Lord, and bind us with your Loving Hands. Let us be drawn closer to You. You are the Vine, dear Lord and we are the branches. You carry all knowledge and all power. You Lord are our medicine. Your Words Lord are Truth and Life.

Help us put our trust in You. You Lord are the greatest physician. You heal, You protect, You care, You love, You are kind, You are patient, You are thoughtful, You are strength. You Lord are our Creator. You know our thoughts, our sighings and our cryings and every hair on our head. You are Wonderful and make all good things for us. Heal us Lord, if it be Your will. Amen.

<https://www.catholic.org/news/hf/faith/story.php?id=84555>

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**For resources to support prayer and**  
**engagement during these difficult days.**  
**Go to [usccb.org/coronavirus](https://usccb.org/coronavirus)**



### *Christ Has Risen!!*

Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen, and you are overthrown. Christ has risen, and the demons have fallen. Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen, and life reigns. Christ has risen, and not one dead rests in the grave. For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept. To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages. Amen.

*Photograph of Risen Lord display, St. Mark Church's Vestibule/Cafeteria, Easter 2019. Taken by Jerry Adlersfluegel.*

## POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER TO MARY DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy  
 Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties  
 of we who are in trial, but deliver us from  
 every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

## Information Sheet

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