

April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday



Mass Times and Intentions

Week of April 8 & 9

Saturday	6:30 pm	No Mass/ Easter Vigil 8 pm St. Thomas
Sunday	10:30 am	For the parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Thomas
Monday	6:30 pm	No Mass
Tuesday	6:30 pm	No Mass at St. Thomas
Wednesday	8:00 am	No Mass
Thursday	*****	
Friday	8:00 am	No Mass at St. Thomas

Week of April 15 & 16

Saturday	6:30 pm	No Intention
Sunday	10:30 am	For the repose of the soul of Cecilia Cross

Join us as we recite the Holy Rosary every Saturday evening at 6 pm and Sunday morning at 10 am.

PRAYER CONCERNS

For all our sick and shut-ins, as well as our troops. For all who have died and all members of St. Mary's & St. Thomas. For Prayer Chain requests please call Cathy Kennedy at 644 5073.



Eucharistic Adoration  
Reconciliation

Wednesday mornings after 8:00 am Mass  
Wednesday's after Mass/Saturday's 6-6:20 pm



Easter Flowers in memory/honor of or donated by the following:

Jean Danaher, Howie and Nancy McRae, Jeff and Paulette Lund, Bob and Jane Fisher, Bob and Cathy Kennedy, Zac and Laura Peatmen, Donna Buchanan, Shelley Cahill, Sheri Buchanan, Denise McPeters in memory of the Lamb family, Doug and Sue Masson in memory of the Masson & Curtis families, Barry and Linda Pollander in honor of Cathy Ferland, Brian and Dana Warren in memory of Josef Mares, Pat Bulk, Cathy Ferland in memory of the Ferland and Woodbury families and many Anonymous donors.....Thank you for your generosity!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 10  
Acts 2:14, 22-33  
Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
Mt 28:8-15

Apr 11  
Acts 2:36-41  
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22  
Jn 20:11-18

Apr 12  
Acts 3:1-10  
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9  
Lk 24:13-35

Apr 13  
Acts 3:11-26  
Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9  
Lk 24:35-48

Apr 14  
Acts 4:1-12  
Ps 118:1-2 & 4, 22-24, 25-27a  
Jn 21:1-14

Apr 15  
Acts 4:13-21  
Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21  
Mk 16:9-15

Apr 16  
Acts 2:42-47  
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
1 Pt 1:3-9  
Jn 20:19-31

The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord, Easter: Happiness in Hope

The flowers, the Easter appointments, the joyful music, the Alleluias, even the Easter suits and dresses and for some, bonnets, all proclaim our joy in the renewal of the world, our Easter joy.

The celebration of Easter stands in stark contrast to our commemoration of Good Friday. On Good Friday there were no flowers, no alleluias, no solemn music. There was the Cross. And yet, both Good Friday and Easter, as well as Holy Thursday, are bound together into one celebration, the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. The name paschal refers to the lamb who was sacrificed and whose sacrifice brought life. You see, before Jesus' sacrifice mankind had lost the capacity to have a spiritual life. Mankind's sin, his decision to push God out of his life, destroyed his own spiritual life. God is the Lord of Life, but mankind decided that he did not need God. His choice of sin was a choice of death. His pushing God aside allowed the devil to have free reign on the earth. Without God, without a spiritual life, mankind's existence was limited to the here and now. There was no hereafter for him. No eternity. Life ended, and that was that.

But, to use a biblical term, in the fullness of time, that means when God saw fit, the Eternal Word of God came as the new Adam, the one who would choose life. Through a paradox beyond our understanding, Jesus' death was a means for restoring life to his brothers and sisters, to us. Jesus rose from the dead and became the source of spiritual life to all who believe in Him. This is why we call out Alleluia. We are dead no more, but alive in the Lord. The sign of our acceptance of the Life of the Lord is our baptism, or, more properly, our living our baptismal commitment.

But how about those who have never been baptized? Our faith teaches us that Jesus descended to the dead. He called forth from death those who desired to do what was right and good, people of good will, who by choosing to be moral were therefore choosing to have union with God no matter what concept of God they had. Theologians have a name for their salvation. They call it Baptism of Desire.

St. Augustine loved the phrase, happiness in hope. He used it several times in his greatest work, The City of God, to describe the Christian attitude in life. It is true that we have to do everything possible to bring peace and justice to the world, this is our way of serving Christ's presence in the poor and downtrodden. And yet, we know that in the end, our society cannot provide lasting happiness for anyone. The society of man can only provide lasting happiness if it is united to God, if it is a City of God.

We Christians have as our happiness the hope of eternal life. Easter is the celebration of hope. Our hope is that we will share in the fullness of the New Life Jesus won for us through His suffering and death. Christ was raised so we can share His New Life. We need to grasp on to our faith with both hands. Only our faith brings sanity and meaning and purpose to our lives. Sickness and death, turmoil, unemployment, and all sorts of other crises enter our lives, but our faith gets us through because despite the suffering we have happiness in hope. No one can take the Risen Savior from us. No one and no situation, no matter how terrible, can take His Presence from us. This is the Gift of Easter Sunday! We have entered the spiritual. Our life is hidden with Christ in God. May our spiritual lives have an infinite precedence over our physical lives. May the life of the Risen Lord flow through our veins, so that every thought, word, and deed of our lives may shout out: Jesus Lives! And may we all be happy in the hope of eternal life.

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\*\*Father Calapan will be away this week. He will return on Saturday, April 15th.\*\*



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