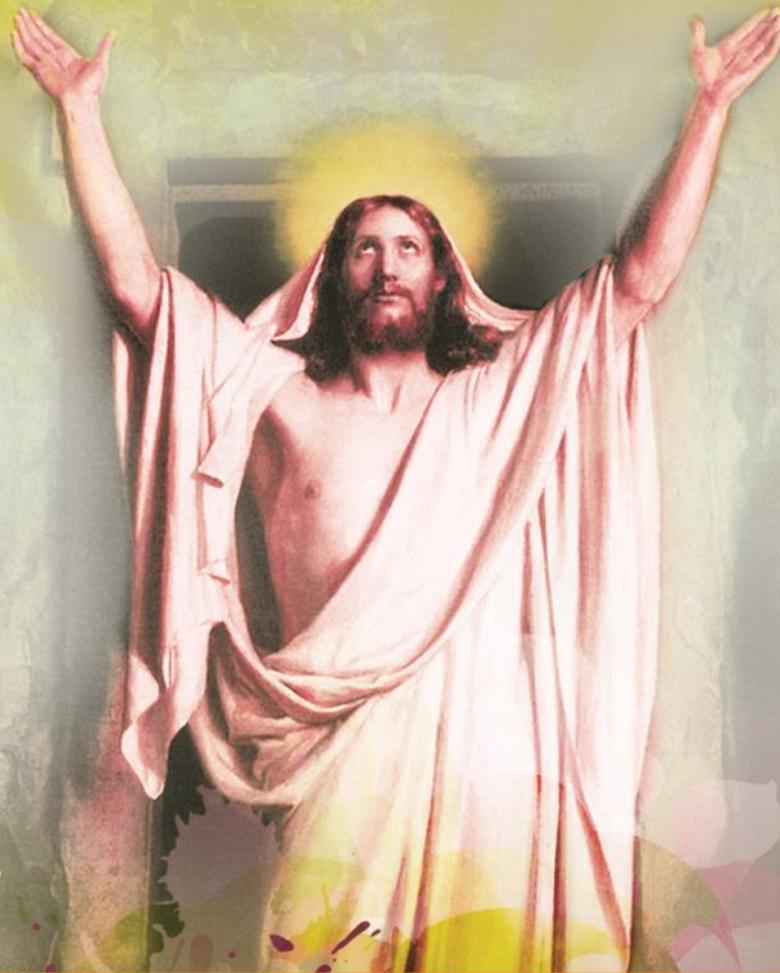


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Resurrection

April 4, 2021

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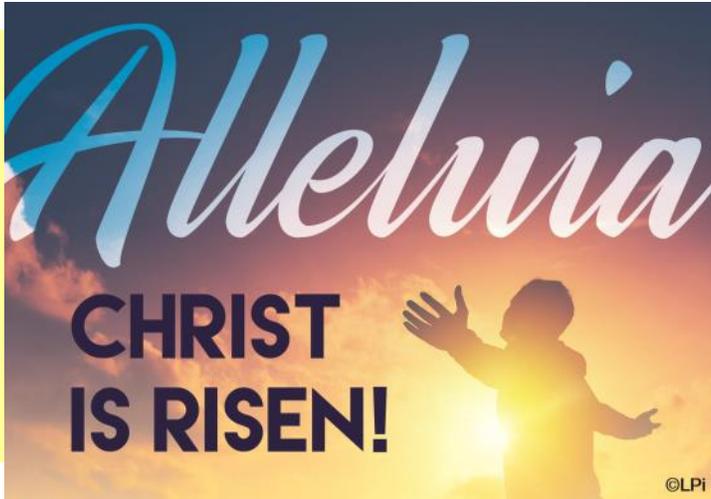
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Fr. Alenzo Garcia, along with the priests, deacons, and staff of St. Rita in the Desert wish you a joyful and Happy Easter!



Divine Mercy
Sunday

APRIL 11, 2021

COME AND PRAY
THE DIVINE
MERCY CHAPLET
IN THE
ST. JOHN XXIII
CENTER
AT 3:00PM

In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

We consult St. Faustina’s Diary entry 699, in which Jesus spells out in detail the meaning of this feast day, and the comforting promises He attached to it. Jesus said to St. Faustina:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy 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. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. 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. 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.

Jesus left several instructions with St. Faustina concerning how this Feast of Mercy should be observed. As we have already seen, Jesus asked that the Feast be observed on **the Sunday after Easter**; He asked us to **come to Him in Holy Communion on that day** with complete trust in His mercy; He said that we should **make a good Confession in preparation for this Feast** (St. Faustina made her confession on the day before Mercy Sunday - see Diary entry 1072). Finally, we are to **receive Holy Communion on the Feast day** itself in order to receive the complete renewal of baptismal grace that He wants to pour into our hearts.

CALENDAR

Welcome
TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Full Communion

Airam Duarte Thatcher Mach
Arianna Greenawalt Mia Muse
Stephen Mach Candace Muse

Josie Mack
Mya de la Torre

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 4  Masses 6:00am sunrise outdoors 7:00am 9:00am overflow outdoors 11:00am overflow outdoors 1:00pm (Spanish)	Apr 5 8:00am Mass Rel Ed gr 2 SA 3:30pm via Zoom Rel Ed gr 4 & 5 4:30pm via Zoom Confirmation Class Group 2 via Zoom, 6:00pm	Apr 6 8:00am Mass Rel Ed gr 2 MAC 3:30pm via Zoom Rel Ed gr 3 4:30pm via Zoom Legion of Mary 6:00pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	Apr 7 8:00am Mass Women's Scripture Study 9:00am online Religious Education, grade 1 3:30pm via Zoom Religious Education, Upper Sacraments 3:30pm via Zoom Knights of Columbus Meeting, 6:00pm Confirmation Class, group 3 6:00pm Via Zoom Confirmation Class, group 4 7:00pm Via Zoom	Apr 8 8:00am Mass	Apr 9 8:00am Mass Adoration	Apr 10 Men's Scripture Study 7:30am Confessions 3:30pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm
Apr 11 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Masses 7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm (Spanish) Confirmation Class Group 1 via Zoom, 12:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm Youth Group via Zoom, 3:30pm	Apr 12 8:00am Mass Rel Ed gr 2 SA 3:30pm via Zoom Rel Ed gr 4 & 5 4:30pm via Zoom Confirmation Class Group 2 via Zoom, 6:00pm	Apr 13 8:00am Mass Rel Ed gr 2 MAC 3:30pm via Zoom Rel Ed gr 3 4:30pm via Zoom Guild Meeting 5:30pm Legion of Mary 6:00pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	Apr 14 8:00am Mass Women's Scripture Study 9:00am online Religious Education, grade 1 3:30pm via Zoom Religious Education, Upper Sacraments 3:30pm via Zoom Confirmation Class, group 3 6:00pm Via Zoom RCIA Class via Zoom 6:30pm Confirmation Class, group 4 7:00pm Via Zoom	Apr 15 8:00am Mass	Apr 16 8:00am Mass Adoration	Apr 17 Men's Scripture Study 7:30am First Communion Workshop 9:00am Confessions 3:30pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm

MEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Join us as we begin a new six-lesson study of *The Bible and the Church Fathers in Journey Through Scripture* from the St. Paul Institute. Come and

meet those in the early church who were instrumental in passing on the faith, their commentary on our beliefs, and the foundations of Scripture which are the pillars of the Church. Some of these Church Fathers were taught by the apostles themselves, and like the apostles, died for their beliefs. See the importance of our faith during a time of growth and persecution in a world not unlike our own. Our study begins Saturday, April 17 from 07:30-9:00am in the parish hall. Please remember that we will follow Diocesan policies on social distancing and Covid19 restrictions. For more information contact: Dr. Craig Cook at dr.craig.b.cook@gmail.com or mobile: 520-268-0039.

Women's BIBLE STUDY

St. Rita's Women's Bible Study will begin an eleven-week Bible study *Psalms: The School of Prayer* on April 7, 2021 at 9am.

Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, visit ascensionpress.com, or contact Sister Noelle at 762-9688. Join us to study how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The St. Rita in the Desert Knights of Columbus Council 14230 and the Father Emil J. Kapaun Assembly are offering the following scholarships to deserving students this fall:

- ◆ High school seniors scheduled to attend a college or university,
- ◆ Eight graders attending a Tucson-area Catholic High School or College Students continuing their education this fall (2021).

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

Alleluia!!
He is Risen



Our Vincentian family wishes you a Blessed Easter Season. We extend our thanks to all of you who faithfully support us in our mission of bringing the love of the risen Lord to all those in need, both financially and spiritually. Without you, it would be very hard to continue. Next week I will be able to provide you with second quarter statistics.

PRAYER & WORSHIP



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

5:00 pm SI: RCIA/newly baptized

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

6:00 am The living & deceased of St. Rita's Community

7:00 am The men & women in the armed services

9:00 am The men & women in the armed services

11:00 am † Jose Arteaga

† Victor & Carmen Cancino

1:00 pm The living & deceased of St. Rita's Community

MONDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 am †

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 am †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

8:00 am †

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 am †

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 am †

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

5:00 pm †

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

7:00 am †

9:00 am †

11:00 am †

1:00 pm †

We are the body of Christ and we support one another. You are invited to share your prayer intentions. We will pray for intentions for one month, but, of course, we can continue our prayers for your intentions longer if requested. If you would like to have your prayer intentions on our prayer line, or if you would like to participate in prayer, please contact Leta Davis at 647-3572.

JUST FOR KIDS (of all ages)

EASTER: A BLOSSOMING CELEBRATION

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

READER 1:

Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher. (John 20:11-16)

READER 2:

"Mountains and hills shall break out in song before you, and all the trees of the countryside shall clap their hands." (Isaiah 55:12)

READER 3

"The flowers appear on the earth . . . The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines, in bloom, give forth fragrance." (Song of Songs 2:12, 13)

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

MY PRAYER GOES ON

Make a blossoming prayer poster. Glue bare branches to poster paper. Then create fluffy blossoms by gluing pieces of white popcorn or pieces of white tissue paper on those bare branches. As you work, imagine you are in a garden with Jesus. Talk to him about the signs of growth and new life surrounding you.



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Monday within Octave of Easter

TUESDAY: Tues within Octave of Easter

WEDNESDAY: Weds within Octave of Easter

THURSDAY: Thur within Octave of Easter

FRIDAY: Fri within Octave of Easter

SATURDAY: Sat within Octave of Easter

NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd Sunday of Easter

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Jack Baker
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French Family
Maelle Hicks
Bonnie & Ken Englett
Frank Molina
Vittoria Sprague
Barbara Nelson
Brunn Family
Marge Reichart

Chase Lock
Maxine Whiting
Cameron Coffey
Greg Prather
Sr. Rosalia Giba, OSF
Marianne Hurley
Woody & Kathy Tarr
John Hart
Gary Lang
Chris Lewis

Barry Blackwell
Frances Weber
Romulo Barreno
Vincent Radzik
Alfred Remetch
Julieta Alvarez
Kathleen Buske
Francisco Rodriguez
Wesolowski Family
Richard & Karin Radzik

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We

have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and



Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that

flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides.

This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are

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A NOTE TO PARENTS

Relax..

God put the wiggles in children; don't feel you need to suppress them in God's house.

We invite you to sit where it is easier for children to see and hear. And remember, children learn liturgical behavior by imitating you, so please help them sing, pray, and heartily voice the responses.

If you need to leave Mass with your children, please feel free to do so - but be sure to come back.

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to Church, God and Christ. Please let them know they are at home here.

A note to all: *A smile of encouragement to parents of you, active children is always appreciated to let them know they are welcome at our parish.*



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We have many one-of-a-kind small stools for sale that were donated by Alfred Remetch. No two are exactly alike. He has used scrap wood and finished them beautifully! They are crafted from pine, oak, walnut, cedar and other woods. Each stool is **\$20**, no matter the height, width, or wood and all the sales will go directly to the Shrine Renovation fund.

A sampling of the stools are in the Parish Office for immediate sale, so give a call & see when you can stop in to see them. It will be hard to pick which one to take home....you might even need a few.

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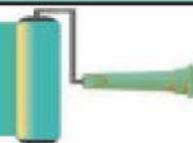
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PASTOR'S LETTER



ST. RITA IN THE DESERT
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

...With God, all things are possible! (Matt 19:26)

April 4, 2021

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." (John 20:9)

Dear Parish Family,

On behalf of Deacon Ron Desmarais and his wife Paula, Deacon Dan Gullotta and his wife Suzanne, the auxiliary priests, Staff, and myself, we would like to wish you and your loved ones a wonderful and blessed Easter! It is our hope and prayer that your Easter celebrations are filled with much joy, peace, and love.

Easter is a profound reminder of how good overcomes evil, how life overcomes death, and how love overcomes pain. While the Easter mystery itself does not deny the pain and suffering of life, what it does express is the profound love that God has for us. It was His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ who willingly laid down His life on our behalf. It is this selfless act which calls us forth from our own tombs of despair, pain and suffering, to live and breathe the fresh air of new life offered to us through Christ's resurrection.

The Risen Christ is present to us in the faithful witness of every good person who shares the good news. It brings HIS resurrection into this life of ours which helps us to rise above life's sufferings and pain and enables us to give love and life to others. It is Christ who helps us renew and re-create our relationships with others by proclaiming the Gospel of the empty tomb. God be praised!

Speaking of removing rocks out of the way... As you know, our parish will be engaging in the process of building a new church in order for us to accommodate the ever-expanding Vail population. In light of that reality, we have to take care of another matter first before we can move forward. I am speaking to you about our parish debt of **\$152,000.00** that is owed on the St. John XXIII building. We have a few more years left on this debt and rather have it hanging over our heads, it would be best to find a way to pay it off so that we can begin to fundraise for our new parish church and facilities.

I am asking, as a parish family, that could we consider making a significant Easter gift that would make paying off our debt a reality. If we could get 120 registered families or more to give **\$1,000.00** each to our efforts, we would be that much closer to paying down this debt. We would then be able to save much of our Sunday collections for important matters such as operating expenses, maintenance, insurance and other needs that arise.

If \$1,000.00 is too much as this time, maybe consider \$500.00, \$250.00, or even \$100.00 to assist us in freeing ourselves from this debt. You can also give online as well by using our WeShare online giving service, which can be found on our parish website. You could space your payments out as long as you would like in order to aid us in paying off this debt. Any amount above and beyond the \$152,000.00 will be earmarked towards the building of our new parish church.

We graciously accept any amount as we are all in this together as a family of faith. With faith in Christ, there isn't anything that we cannot overcome.

On behalf of our Parish Staff, Parish Board of Directors, and our Parish Finance Council, I thank you in advance for your prayerful and kind consideration to our petition. May God bless you and your loved ones for your kind generosity!

HAPPY EASTER! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Alonzo M. Garcia
Pastor

