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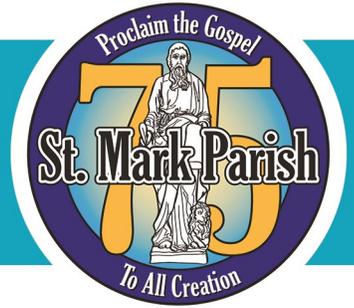
MERCY

Sunday

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APRIL 24, 2022

ST. MARK PARISH



2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

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MISSION STATEMENT

As the Eucharistic family of St. Mark Parish,

we are called to welcome, love and serve. We continue the mission of Jesus Christ: "to transform our lives and believe in the Good News." (Mark 1:15)

LITURGICAL MUSIC

2nd Sunday of Easter

Opening Song—Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

1. Ye Watchers and Ye Holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out dominions, principedoms, powers
Virtues, archangel, angels' choirs,

2. Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy Twelve, and martyrs strong, All saints triumphant, raise the song,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Presentation Song—Baptized in Water

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
One with us rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Communion Song—Eye Has Not Seen

Refrain: Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him:
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord, forgive the weakness of our faith,
and bears us up within your peaceful word. Refrain

2. Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade, yet all our days are in your hands,
so we return in love what love has made. Refrain

Sending Forth Song—| Know that my Redeemer Lives

1. I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives who once was dead; he lives my everlasting Head!

2. He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above:
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

Dear Parish Family,

Alleluia! Christ The Lord Is Risen Today!

We all experienced such joyous celebrations of Easter! You our parish family and friends brought amazing light and life to each of the Masses!

On behalf of Fr. Stanley, Deacon Brian, and our parish staff, I want to thank the many many people who contributed to bringing glory to God at St. Mark. To recognize everyone by name, would be an enormous challenge. Let's begin with the RCIA Team who prepared our newly confirmand for their memorable new life in the church. Musicians made our souls sing with their beautiful music. Those who proclaimed the Word, especially one who made the effort in spite of a pair of crutches. The Ministers of Communion who distributed the "bread of life." To our eyes and ears of our ever faithful safety committee. To everyone who continually help keep our house of worship disinfected and clean. To the volunteers who always step in where ever needed!! And to our bright shining children who are a constant inspiration to Father Stanley for his informative homilies.

May our God bless you this Easter Season.

Mary Jo

LIVE THE LITURGY

Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. Finding themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he actually was raised from the dead, they are afraid and uncertain. In the midst of this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus decides to surprise them with a visit! This visit, complete with the gift of peace, fills the disciples with great excitement and joy. But their detailed testimony is not enough to convince their absent friend Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will get very interesting for us too, when we stop unbelieving and believe!

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THE WORD

Readings for the week of April 24, 2022

- Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/
Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 /Rv 5:11-14/
Jn 21:1-19

ST. MARK OUTREACH



The Pantry needs:
Peanut Butter
Elbow Macaroni
Cereal

Thank you for your continued food and monetary support.

God bless.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 23

4:00 pm Agnes & Raymond
Grimski

Frances Szpont
Sandra Reid
Anita Johnson

Sunday, April 24

8:30 am Carmela Palamara
Diane Bockelman

11:00 am John Peterson
Rose Kovalcheck
Dominic Lanni
Earl & Marilyn Parrish

Wednesday, April 27

9:30 am John Peterson

Saturday, April 30

4:00 pm Edward Pelc
Leonard & Sophia Pelc
Eugene Selasky
Norman Gura
Henry Tobin

Sunday, May 1

8:30 am Carmela Palamara
11:00 am The People of St. Mark

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Luke tells us of the success and healing power of the apostles in the Jerusalem church in the early days, weeks, and months following Jesus' resurrection. Where do you see this level of enthusiasm for the faith today?

Second Reading:

The resurrected Jesus appears to John on the island of Patmos during his exile for bearing witness to the faith. In this encounter, John is initially fearful but then reassured by Jesus. When have you turned to Jesus in moments of fear in your life?

Gospel:

The apostle Thomas challenges his fellow apostles about the reality of Jesus' resurrection, seeking direct evidenced from Jesus himself. How often do you encounter fellow believers who are skeptical in their faith?

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PRAYER INTENTIONS



Anne Carroll
Cathy Gambrell
Darlene Muir
Dale Parrish
Marilyn Parrish
Pierina Paweloski
Blanche Sobieralski
Bernice Tucker
Theresa Wernette
Grace Witt

Only **immediate** family members may request a 'prayers for the sick' listing. Call the Parish Center: 586-759-3020. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

PRAYERS FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE IN OUR ARMED FORCES.



WE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MILITARY, & PARTICULARLY:

Master CPO Michael Brightman
Lt. Commander Adam Craig
LCPL Sarah J Page
Sgt. Steven Parisi
Major Michael F. Weigle

Family members who wish to have their loved ones prayed for may do so by submitting names to the parish office.

Prayer Resources

Act of Spiritual Communion

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.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.



POPE TWEETS

"The Lord is risen! Let us not tarry among the tombs, but run to find him, the Living One! Nor may we be afraid to seek him also in the faces of our brothers and sisters, in the stories of those who hope and dream, in the pain of those who we suffer: God is there!"

- Pope Francis

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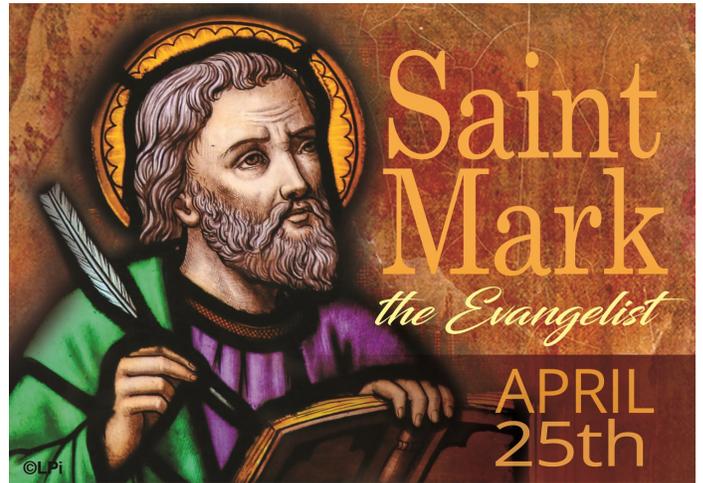
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STEWARDSHIP

OUR FINANCIAL SACRIFICE TO ST. MARK PARISH

We thank you for your generosity.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Parents are asked to contact the Parish Center Office to arrange for Baptism instruction and a date for the Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Couples wishing to celebrate the sacrament of matrimony at St. Mark Parish are asked to allow at least six months to complete arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Private Confessions: Saturday 3:00 PM.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

LAST Sunday of every month after all Masses.

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