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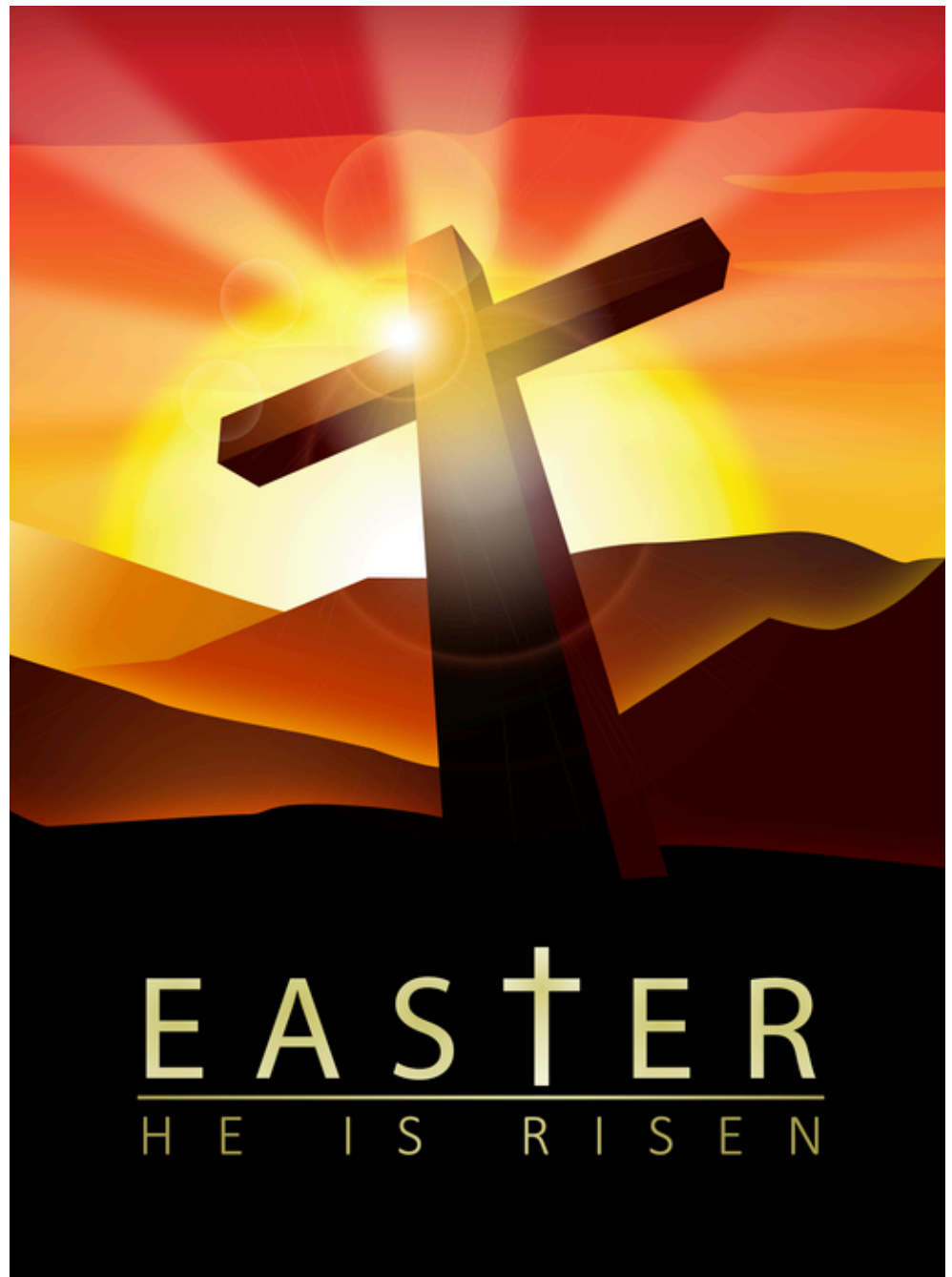
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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord -- April 5, 2026

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Christ is risen, Alleluia! But if we are honest, not everything in our lives feels risen. We arrive at Easter still carrying the quiet burdens and hidden weight we had on Ash Wednesday. Beyond our personal lives, the world itself feels completely unsettled through new wars and economic pressures that are being mainlined through a constant stream of news that is guaranteed to leave us anxious or numb. It is easy to feel as though peace is fragile and that hope is slipping away.

Into this very reality, not apart from it, the Church proclaims with unwavering conviction that Christ is risen. This is not a poetic idea or a seasonal sentiment. It is the defining truth of our faith that changes everything, especially how we understand joy.

As Pope Francis wrote, “The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.” Notice that this joy does not come from avoiding life’s difficulties, but from encountering Christ within them. It is not naïve optimism. It is a joy that has passed through the Cross and emerged transformed on the other side.

This is why Christian joy can exist even in a hospital room, even in a time of loss, even in the midst of global uncertainty. It is not because these realities are insignificant, but because Christ rises above them.

This means that in a world marked by instability, we are not left to navigate alone. The Risen Lord walks with us through uncertainty in our families, through fears about the future, through the complexities of a changing world.

It is possible to celebrate Easter while still carrying a heart weighed down by discouragement. It is possible to believe in the Resurrection, and yet live as though everything depends on our own strength. It is possible to be surrounded by the language of hope while feeling disconnected from it. Easter invites us into something more. It invites us to receive joy, not manufacture it.

This begins by allowing Christ to meet us where we truly are. Not where we wish we were. Not where others think we should be. But in the real circumstances of our lives. The first disciples did not encounter the Risen Jesus when they were strong and confident, but when they were afraid, hiding and uncertain about the future. And it was precisely there that Jesus came to them.

He comes to us in the same way. He enters into our anxiety about the world and speaks peace. He enters into our grief and brings quiet hope. He enters into our confusion and offers light. He does not wait for our lives to be resolved before He comes; rather, He comes so that our lives can be transformed.

In a world that often feels anxious, divided, and weary, the presence of a joyful Christian is something needed now more than ever. May His deep, steady, and unshakable joy take root in your life in the midst of all that is uncertain, so that through you, the hope of Easter may reach a world.

Christ is risen. Now allow Him to Rise in you.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Bryan". The script is fluid and cursive, with the "Fr." in a smaller, more compact style than the first name.

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 4 - APRIL 12

SATURDAY APR 4	8 PM NIEVES C. ARBOLEDA FROM VIRGINIA ELBARODY
SUNDAY APR 5 EASTER	10:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 12:30 PM GOOD HEALTH FOR NANCY SINGER FROM LAURA HALSTEAD
TUESDAY APR 7	12:30 PM BLESSINGS FOR CARIDAD CAMILLO FROM SEAN HEANEY
WEDNESDAY APR 8	12:30 PM SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF DR. VIC JOSEPH FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA
THURSDAY APR 9	12:30 PM. GOOD HEALTH FOR FRANK POLLARO FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA
FRIDAY APR 10	12:30 PM. GOOD HEALTH FOR JAMES GONZALES ANDREA SELVARAJA
SATURDAY APR 11	5 PM KEVIN MCDERMOTT FROM LAUREN & RICK BELTZER
SUNDAY APR 12	10 AM OUR LADY'S INTENTIONS FROM THE HEANEY FAMILY 12:30 PM. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday Scripture

April 5

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

April 12

Acts 2:42-47

1 Ptr 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-31



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MAR 28 & 29, 647 PEOPLE
ATTENDED MASS WITH
AN AVERAGE DONATION OF \$36.74.**

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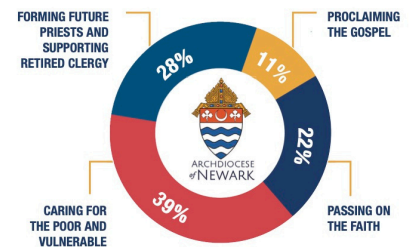
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THE GOSPEL**
\$1,000,000

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FUNDED INCLUDE:**

- Ministry to Multi-Ethnic Communities
- Office of Evangelization
- Office of Family Life
- International Missions
- Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf
- Ministry with Persons with Disabilities

**PASSING ON
THE FAITH**
\$2,000,000

**PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES
FUNDED INCLUDE:**

- Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
- Office for Lifelong Faith Formation
- Campus Ministry at affiliated Colleges & Universities
- Catholic Schools

**CARING FOR
THE POOR AND
VULNERABLE**
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**PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES
FUNDED INCLUDE:**

- Catholic Charities
- Hospital and Prison Chaplaincy
- Respect Life Office (Includes Mercy House and Pro-Life Efforts)
- Protecting God's Children

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SUPPORTING
RETIRED CLERGY**
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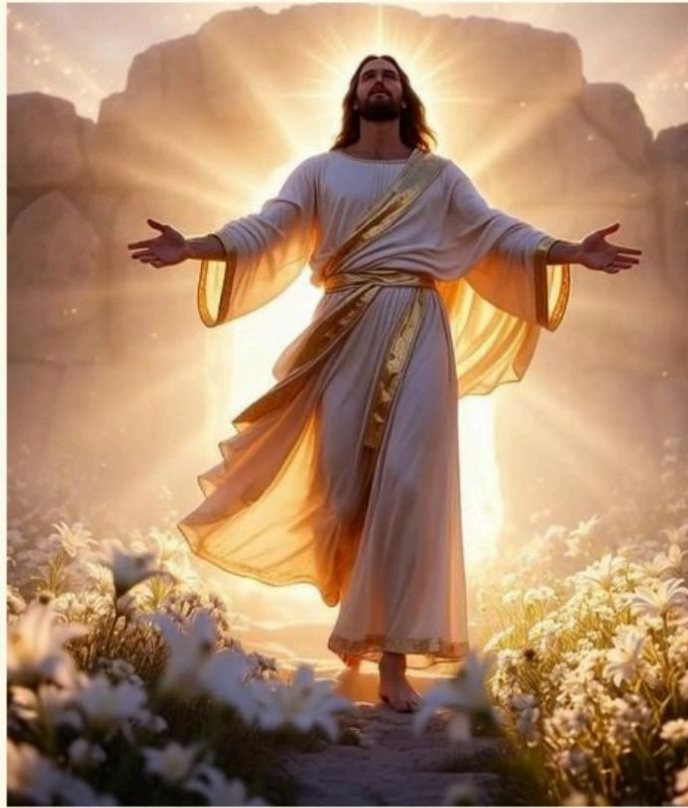
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RAISE A GLASS TO MUSIC AND MOMMA

Saturday, May 9 at 7pm, Holy Family Hall

OLC Kids' Bulletin



He is risen, alleluia!

Today is the happiest day in the Christian calendar, our biggest and most important holiday!

Jesus, who came down from Heaven and died for us to save us from our sins, rose from the dead, just as He said He would.

On the Sunday morning after His death on Friday, the apostles were very afraid and sad. Their teacher was gone. But when they looked in His tomb, they saw it was empty. Jesus was not there. Their friend, Mary Magdalene, saw Him first and shared the good news. How happy they all were – and how joyful and thankful we are this Easter!

Children's Liturgy

April 12

