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MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

(A traditional Latin Mass is celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month at 6:30 pm.)

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday: 8:00 am

Tuesday Evening Mass: 6:30 pm

Saturday Masses 8:00 am and 4:00 pm

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays 7:30-8:15 pm (with reception for young adults after, hosted by Spirit and Truth St. Louis)

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday, 7:30-7:50 am

Sundays, 10-10:20 am & 6-6:20 pm

Tuesdays, 6-6:20 pm OR by appointment

Baptisms: Contact the parish office to Register.

Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9 months prior to the wedding date.

Funerals: To be arranged by contacting the Parish Office.

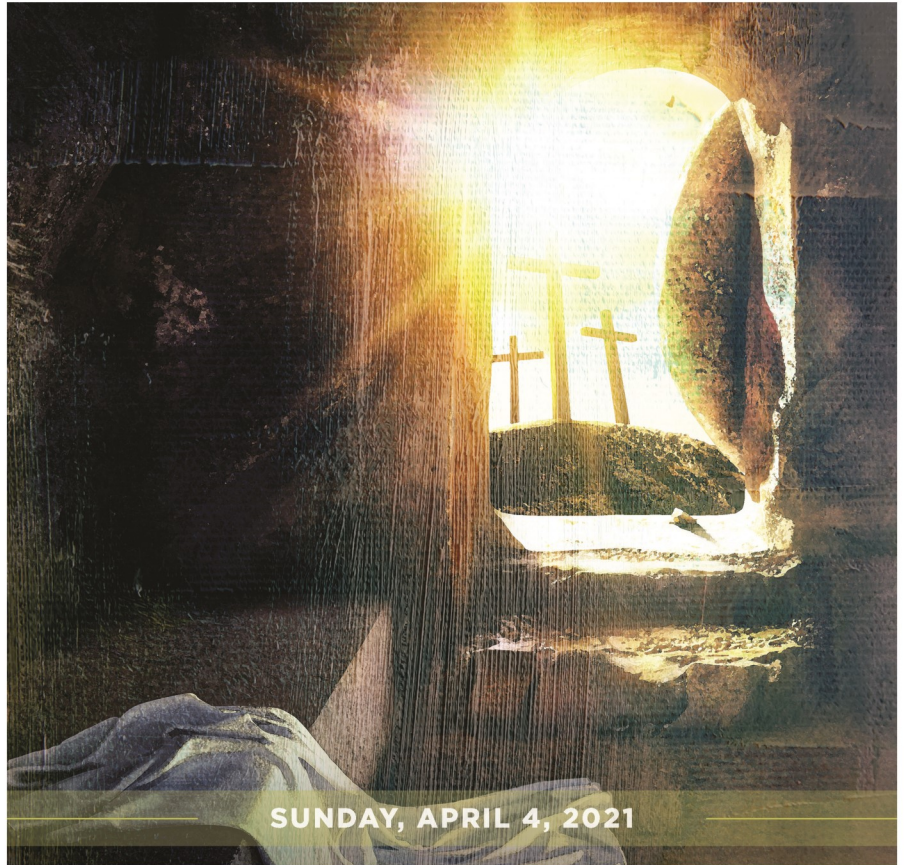
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Bulletin Deadline: 4:00 pm Monday.

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021

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Happy Easter, everybody! I hope you enjoy the day with your families and friends. Many blessings.

Congratulations to the Catechumens and other new Catholics who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. We welcome you and are glad to call you brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you to everyone who put in so much work to make Holy Week so spiritually beneficial - from the flowers to the music to the altar servers to all the people who do so many small things behind the scenes so that everything runs smoothly. It's impossible to thank everyone and I don't want to leave anyone out, so please be assured that you are appreciated. More importantly, you helped to bring Christ closer to everyone who was here to pray this past week.

Reminder that there's no 6:30 pm Mass on Easter Day. We'll be back to our regular schedule next week.

We are now beginning our 47th week of being back at Mass together - Since May 18 2020, we've hosted approximately **511 Masses** total. We have 0 incidents of community transmission of coronavirus at Mass. Archdiocesan guidelines ask for a face-covering to be worn during Mass. We allow health exemptions. If you have questions, please contact me. If anyone needs to see my exemption letter from my doctor, come see me in my office.

Learning the Mass - Why we kneel (From Romano Guardini's Sacred Signs)

When a man feels proud of himself, he stands erect, draws himself to his full height, throws back his head and shoulders and says with every part of his body, I am bigger and more important than you. But when he is humble he feels his littleness, and lowers his head and shrinks into himself. He abases himself. And the greater the presence in which he stands the more deeply he abases himself; the smaller he becomes in his own eyes.

But when does our littleness so come home to us as when we stand in God's presence? He is the great God, who is today and yesterday, whose years are hundreds and thousands, who fills the place where we are, the city, the wide world, the measureless space of the starry sky, in whose eyes the universe is less than a particle of dust, all-holy, all-pure, all-righteous, infinitely high. He is so great, I so small, so small that beside him I seem hardly to exist, so wanting am I in worth and substance. One has no need to be told that God's presence is not the place in which to stand on one's dignity. To appear less presumptuous, to be as little and low as we feel, we sink to our knees and thus sacrifice half our height; and to satisfy our hearts still further we bow down our heads, and our diminished stature speaks to God and says, Thou art the great God; I am nothing.

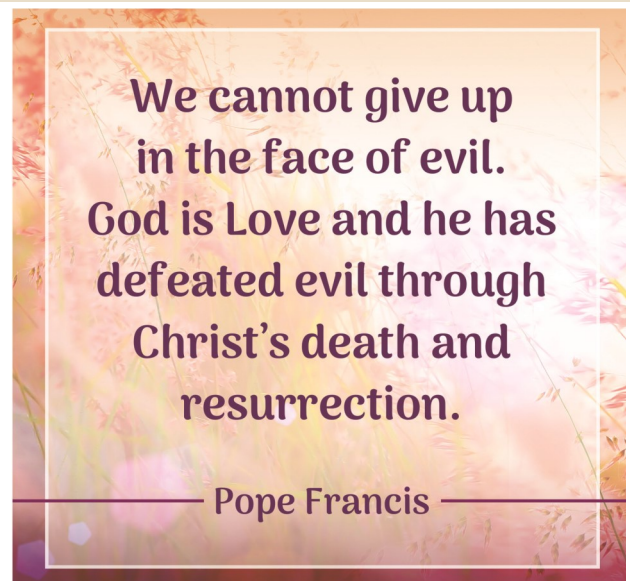
Therefore let not the bending of our knees be a hurried gesture, an empty form. Put meaning into it. To kneel, in the soul's intention, is to bow down before God in deepest reverence. On entering a church, or in passing before the altar, kneel down all the way without haste or hurry, putting your heart into what you do, and let your whole attitude say, Thou art the great God. It is an act of humility, an act of truth, and everytime you kneel it will do your soul good.

Here's the current Marian Hymn after Mass - It's a now the Regian Caeli for the Easter season.

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia; quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia; resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia; ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Fr. Michael

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Congratulations to the February & March 2021 Men's Club Raffle winners:
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 February 2021 Winners:
 ~ \$100 Bob Dawson (D18)
 ~ \$25 David Awatt (D17)
 ~ \$25 Jeff Risinger (D19)
 ~ \$25 Judy Hof (C18)
 ~ \$25 John Ellison (E18)
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 March 2021 Winners:
 ~ \$100 Bill Hof (C11)
 ~ \$25 Judy Hof (C10)
 ~ \$25 Judy Hof (C12)
 ~ \$25 Cassidy Christian (D11)
 ~ \$25 Jeff McKenna (Z11)
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Easter Sunday-The Resurrection of the Lord

APRIL 4, 2021



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What is Easter?

The Easter Vigil is the “Mother of All Vigils.” Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday of Easter to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian, Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the Resurrection: “If Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith” (1 Cor 15:14).

“What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind; . . . So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it “Easter is the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection from the dead, culminating his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.” is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being,’ the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one” (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49).

The Octave of Easter comprises the eight days, which stretch from the first Sunday of Easter to the Second Sunday of Easter. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.

The word “Easter” comes from Old English, meaning simply the “east.” The sun that rises in the east, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and is lit for all liturgical celebrations.



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BULLETIN

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:00 am William Peiffer
10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, April 5

8:00 am Michael Moehrle

Tuesday, April 6

8:00 am The Leuthen Family
6:30 pm Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, April 7

8:00 am John Q Durfey

Thursday, April 8

8:00 am Sr. Marie Daugherty (*Health & Blessings*)

Friday, April 9

8:00 am Lorraine Costello

Saturday, April 10

8:00 am Rev. John "Jack" Ghio
4:00 pm Michael O'Fallon

Second Sunday of Easter, April 11

8:00 am James Mana
10:30 am Roger Santen
6:30 pm Parishioners



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Anita Gilliam	All Coronavirus Patients	Larry Lopez
Axel Nuspl	Phoenix Nuspl	Sr. Carol Kopff
Joan Huelsmann	Mary Helen Brindell	Jimmy Santen
Larry Unger	Dale Kopff	Ethan Sonderman
Christie Breaux	Ginger Ragona	Mike Arquello
	Sherry Mosley	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 4, 2021

SUN 4/4	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
MON 4/5	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
TUES 4/6	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
WED 4/7	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
THR 4/8	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
FRI 4/9	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
SAT 4/10	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
SUN 4/11	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. —Jn 20:8-9

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WALK TO JERUSALEM - WEEK SIX UPDATE

We did it! We made it to Jerusalem, the location of Jesus' last week of His ministry. The early bulletin deadline for printing has prevented us from providing the actual miles accumulated this past week, but because we have been averaging more than 1,500 miles every week, we are confident in reporting that we reached our destination by Easter!

Our footsteps continued from Alexandria to Cairo, Egypt, and then crossed into the border of Israel, a small country in the Middle East about the size of the state of New Jersey. If we were to walk this route for six hours a day, it would take us about a month to get to Jerusalem, enduring 579 miles including hiking through the rugged and beautiful landscape of the Galilee region in Israel.

Israel is the only fully democratic country in the Middle East, and more than half of the population lives on the narrow coastal plain near the Mediterranean Sea to the west. The Dead Sea between Israel and Jordan is the lowest point on the Earth's surface at 1,365 feet below sea level. The water is so salty and rich in mineral deposits that no plants or animals can survive there. The water is warm year-round. Galilee is known to have the most fertile farmland in the country. Israel's population is about 75 percent Jewish; most of the rest is Arab. Most Israeli Jews live a lifestyle similar to western Europeans and North Americans. About 20 percent of Israelis adhere to the rules of their religion that concern their daily lives. Some people eat only kosher food that is prepared and certified according to the Jewish laws. No pork or shellfish is allowed, nor is the mixing of meat and dairy products.

We hope the Walk to Jerusalem has been meaningful for you. We will report our final numbers as your mileage continues to come in. Thanks for traveling along and being such good traveling companions!

Plan on joining us for a celebratory walk at the Missouri Botanical Garden on Wednesday, April 7th at 10:00 am. Admission is free for St. Louis City and County residents until 11:00 am on Wednesdays. We'll meet just inside the Garden's main entrance. Masks required. No prior reservations necessary. Let us know if you are planning to be there so that we can keep an eye out for you: 314-647-4591 or katie@lasministry.org.

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27-28, 2021

Sunday Collection

General Fund \$2,723.00
General Fund Loose \$518.00
General Fund Online \$687.00
Total \$3,928.00

Easter Flowers \$22.00
Candlemas \$12.00
Maintenance & Repair \$89.00
M&R Online \$30.00
SVDP \$600.00
Votive \$9.00
Tuition Assistance Online \$14.00 \$(1,051.00YTD)



LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

Answer:

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating. "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.

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