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Our mission: St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community is a growing community of faith which strives to help its members follow Christ's commandment: "Love one another, as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

Easter SUNDAY
April 12 2020
HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD, AND HE IS GOING BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE.
Matthew 28:7

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Parish Office will be closed until April 30, 2020.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Individuals who actively participate with us are asked to register by contacting the Parish Office.

BAPTISM, MATRIMONY, ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Office.

What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, April 13—No Parish Activities
TUESDAY, April 14
6:30 p.m.—Live Stream Mass—Living Birthday Justin D. Rohner/Harvey & Ann Marie Yee
WEDNESDAY, April 15—No Parish Activities
THURSDAY, April 16—No Parish Activities
FRIDAY, April 17
8:30 a.m.—Live Stream Mass—People of the Parish/Parish
SATURDAY, April 18—No Parish Activities
SUNDAY, April 19
9:30 a.m.—Live Stream Mass—+Marion Heidtke/Kelly Alford
10:45-11:15—Drive Up Communion

St. Mark Masses are livestreamed Tuesday at 6:30 p.m, Friday at 8:30 a.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.. You may bring up the livestreams at those times either on our website stmarkgoodrich.org or our Facebook page by searching for StMarkGoodrichCatholicChurch.

Covid-19: A Prayer of Solidarity: For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing. For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection. For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit. For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognize their plight. For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone. For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all. For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity. For public officials and decision makers, We pray for wisdom and guidance. Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen

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Ron's Thoughts...

When I was a child my mother always kept a cookie jar on our counter. The cookie jar was always filled with some type of treat that my siblings and I looked forward to with excitement. And yes I probably went to that cookie jar one too many times over the years. I remember those moments though, when you would open the lid, look inside and that cookie jar was empty, you immediately felt disappointment. Today we celebrate another moment where the word "empty" takes on a different meaning. The disciples of Jesus went to his tomb and found it empty. For them it was not disappointment. For them it was the beginning of a life transformed. The empty tomb lead them to look back and to realize all that he had said and all that he had done was indeed TRUE! The empty tomb began their lives as Easter People, living to bring Jesus to others, to be Jesus to others.

Now WE are the Easter People, called to live this same impact, this same transformation. You know the story, you know the ending. It is written in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2:32, "God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it." Now go do something about it. Happy Easter! HE IS RISEN, INDEED HE IS RISEN! Our Easter journey begins ...

Walk the talk. Be Peace! D-Ron
rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org

Faith Formation at Home

Below are a few websites you can access at home on Easter Sunday!

- Start your Easter morning:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MC1Nvn4Bk0Y>
- Fold your palm into a cross:
<https://www.catholicicing.com/how-to-fold-a-palm-cross-in-10-easy-steps/>
- Video The Meaning of Easter:
<https://www.thereligionteacher.com/easter-meaning/>
- Video on Art and Easter:
<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/arts-and-faith-for-lent/cycle-a/arts-and-faith-easter-sunday>
- Coloring Pages for all ages:
<http://www.4catholiceducators.com/lessonplans4.htm>
- Easter Crafts and Activities:
<https://catholicblogger1.blogspot.com/2011/03/easter.html>
- Holy Week in 3 minutes:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdrPhxqRP9I>
- Bishop Barron on Easter:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqU9VxOzaR4>
- Bishop Barron on Covid-19:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tM3iDohF5o>



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Weekly Readings: April 13– April 19

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26 Saturday: Dt 6:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48 Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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Christ has Risen...Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen, and you are overthrown. Christ has risen, and the demons have fallen. Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen, and life reigns. Christ has risen, and not one dead rests in the grave. For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept. To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages. Amen.
 —Byzantine Pentekostarion

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Confirmation and First Communion News:

At this point our May 3rd Celebration of First Eucharist and May 4th Liturgy of Confirmation have been put on hold. As soon as restrictions have been lifted we will determine dates. Please be assured that we will celebrate these beautiful Sacraments with our 5 First Eucharist Candidates and our 10 Confirmation Candidates. Parents if you have concerns please contact me. *D-Ron*

DSA Update

This week we reached 57% of our DSA goal. We are grateful for these contributions and invite others to join together to push us over our goal for the benefit of our parish and the wider church.

SEEDS OF FAITH

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter's speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul's letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information "bullet points." Scripture scholars call them *kerygmata*, or "kernels" of our faith. Actually, "kernels" or "seeds" are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul, and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection exactly how these *kerygmata* began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter "seeds" of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

LET US PRAY:

For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service:
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For Our Sick: Those who are homebound, or in the hospital or another healthcare facility.

For our deceased: Teresa Roush

For Prayer Ministry requests: Contact Joan Turner at joanturner38@sbcglobal.net or 248-410-2286.

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

BONA PASCHA!! This is the greeting that will be used all throughout Italy today and for the next eight days! It means Good Passover; not the Jewish Passover (which began on Wednesday evening and continues for 8 days) but the Passover to the Lord Jesus through death to life. This greeting summarized the hope we celebrate today; that we who follow the Lord will eventually follow Him and pass over with him through death into eternal life.

All European languages that are based in Latin use some version of this greeting. The Poles and other Slavic people will greet one another with a phrase meaning a Joyous Alleluia! Only English and other German based languages will say Happy Easter which refers not to Christ, but to Oester, the Germanic goddess of spring.

EASTER WEEK The resurrection of Christ is so important to us that time seems to stand still. From today until next Sunday we will celebrate Easter Week, an 8 day continuous celebration of Easter. So today is *Easter Sunday* to be followed by *Easter Monday*, *Easter Tuesday*, etc. For the next 8 days, we will continue to hear resurrection accounts from the four Gospels and the Liturgies will proclaim "Christ is truly risen!"

FIFTY DAYS While Lent, a time of fast & penance, lasts 40 days; the Easter Season, a time of feasting & joy, lasts 50 days!

Like Lent, the Easter Season was created for those who were Baptized at the Great Celebration of Easter on Holy Saturday night. The forty days of Lent are intended to help the catechumen make the changes needed to become true sons and daughters of God and disciples of God's Son, Jesus.

For all of the first 8 days (Easter Week) the newly Baptized wore the new white robes they received on Holy Saturday night. Then, for the rest of the fifty days, they met with the bishop and their catechists to better understand what it means to be a Christian in daily life.

The Easter Season lasts from Holy Saturday night (the end of the Passover of the Lord Jesus) until Pentecost. Both of these special days were (and still are) Jewish feasts: Easter is the feast of Pesach (Passover) and Pentecost is Shavout (the feast of Weeks). In Judaism, Shavout celebrates the giving of the Law to Moses on Sinai – fifty days after Passover and escape from Egypt. For Christians, Pentecost celebrates the gift of Christ's Spirit who writes the Law of Love given by Christ on our hearts.

Fr. Dave Howell

