

# SAINT MARY of the Assumption



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WEEKEND MASSES:  
Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am  
Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD ♦ APRIL 17, 2022

## A Present Reality

– Fr. Bosco Padamattummal –

**T**oday, the Christian Church throughout the world celebrates the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the power of death and the devil. Believers count this day as the most important day in our life, and in fact, the most important day in all of human history. Today, the Church on earth declares with the Psalmist, “*This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it*” (Ps. 118:24). The victim has become the victor. “*Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up*” (John 2:19). “*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone*” (Acts 4:11).

**By His resurrection, Christ has made a mockery of death and its finality.** His victory over the grave sets us free to relax and live in peace, even when death is staring us right in the face, because we know that death has lost its sting. Not because our death is already behind us, but because it is already behind Him. And our lives are hidden in Christ.

**Today is the day for you to repent and stop wasting whatever time you have left in this world.** Put that which is of first importance first again. When you do, I think you’ll be surprised at how much more you will enjoy and appreciate all those things that are of second importance, if only because they are in their proper place. The economy is important, health care is important, your family,

your job, your finances are all important, but compared to the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and our new life in him, they are all secondary.

**When the world awoke on that first Easter Sunday, everything was the same and nothing was the same.** The Roman government was still in power. The Chief Priests were still trying to hold onto their religion. The disciples of Jesus were still huddled in fear behind locked doors. The women were filled with sorrow and grief.

**But one by one, as men and women were confronted with the living Lord** – either as eyewitness or by the hearing of the gospel – nothing was ever the same again. In a world that doesn’t change, they were changed. The past, with all of its doubts and

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Victimae Paschali  
laudes immolent  
Christiani!



Christians! to the  
Paschal Victim  
offer your  
thankful praises!

**St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar** ❖ **April 16-24**  
 Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities

**FR. BOSCO'S ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:**  
*A Present Reality*

**SAT. APRIL 16** *Holy Saturday*



1:00pm Blessing of Easter Food Baskets  
 (no confession time today)

► **9:00pm EASTER VIGIL MASS:**  
 † Leon Ball [John & Beth Ball]

Gn 1:1-2:2 (or 1:1, 26-31a • Gn 22:1-18 (or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18) • Ex 14:15-15:1 • Is 54:5-14 • Is 55:1-11 • Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 • Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 • Rom 6:3-11 • Lk 24:1-12

**SUN. APRIL 17** *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*  
 (no confession before Masses today)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
 Col 3:1-4 (or 1 Cor 5:6b-8)  
 Jn 20:1-9 (or Lk 24:1-12)

► **8:30am MASS: For the People**  
 ► **10:30am MASS: † Leon Ball**  
 [His loving wife Eileen Ball]



**MON. APRIL 18** *Monday within the Octave of Easter*

Acts 2:14, 22-33  
 Mt 28:8-15

► **No MASS today in Manchester**  
 3:30-4:45pm Rel Ed Classes / PC  
 6:00pm Staff meeting / FFH  
 7:00pm Evangelization Team Mtg/ FFH

**TUES. APRIL 19** *Tuesday within the Octave of Easter*

Acts 2:36-41  
 Jn 20:11-18

► **No MASS today in Manchester**

**WED. APRIL 20** *Wednesday within the Octave of Easter*

Acts 3:1-10  
 Lk 24:13-35

► **No MASS today in Manchester**

**THUR. APRIL 21** *Thursday within the Octave of Easter*

Acts 3:11-26  
 Lk 24:35-48

► **8:30am MASS: † Duane Beuerle**  
 [Kathy Hagerman]

**FRI. APRIL 22** *Friday within the Octave of Easter*

Acts 4:1-12  
 Jn 21:1-14

► **8:30am MASS: † Mary Alice Krzyzaniak**  
 [Nick Krzyzaniak & Serina]

**SAT. APRIL 23** *Saturday within the Octave of Easter*

Acts 4:13-21  
 Mk 16:9-15

3:30-4:30pm Confession  
 ► **5:00pm Vigil MASS for the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy):**  
 † Joseph Kirk [Janet & Bill Shurtliff]

**SUN. APRIL 24** *Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)*

Acts 5:12-16  
 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19  
 Jn 20:19-31

8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession  
 ► **8:30am MASS: † Mabel Millenbach**  
 [The Achtenberg Family]  
 ► **10:30am MASS: For the People**

SYNODAL TOWN HALL MEETING with Coffee & Donuts following 10:30am Mass (approx. 11:45 am) / PC  
 ✦ 3:00pm *Divine Mercy Holy Hour*  
 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation class/PC ■

defiance, its mistakes and failures, its sins and transgressions, that had held them as prisoners to their anger or their regret or guilt or shame or fear, was swallowed up by Jesus.

**On this Easter Day, so much remains the same for us too.**

Still there is cancer and tumors and diabetes and sickness. Still there is divorce and loneliness and sorrow and weeping at the grave of a loved one. But even in this, everything has changed. For we know what is of first importance. Even as we travel through this valley of death, we fear no evil. We walk in newness of life. For "everyone who is in Christ, is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Cor. 5:17). And Easter celebration awaits our response.

**We are being called to appreciate the opportunities of every moment given us and to neither waste nor take for granted a single one.** We are being called to live more fully alive. It is God's yes to us and it asks us to answer, to act, to respond.

**What happened on that first Easter Sunday had enormous implications,** not only for those first disciples but for all of us who are trying to be the Lord's disciples today. On the cross Jesus absorbed all human sin. In his resurrection from the dead, he defeated sin with life-giving love; he showed that God's love cannot be shut up in a tomb.

**Because of Jesus' resurrection, we can be sure that God's love present in Jesus is stronger than sin and death.** Jesus' resurrection assures us that beyond death there is new life, beyond darkness there is light, and beyond sin there is forgiveness. Jesus died and rose from the dead out of love for us all, so that we might have life and have it to the full. His resurrection shows us that our own death, like his death, can be a gateway to a new form of life.

**Not only can we look forward to this new life as our ultimate destiny, but we can begin to experience this new life in the course of our earthly lives.** The risen Lord who met with those first disciples wants to meet with each one of us here and now. His coming to us will be very personal to each of us, taking different forms for different people, just as his coming to those first disciples was very personal to each of them. How he came to Mary Magdalene was different than how he came to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The feast of Easter invites us to be alert to the unique way that the risen Lord wants to touch our lives. We are invited to open ourselves to the Easter life that the risen Lord offers us, with all its hopes and possibilities.

**As an Easter people, we are full of hope, because each of us can say with Saint Paul, "I can do all things through him who gives me strength"** (Phil 4:13). We can live already, here and now, in the strength of the Lord's risen life while looking forward to its fullness beyond death.

**Dear brothers and sisters, one of the questions the disciples had on that first Easter morning was, "If Jesus is not in the tomb, where is he now?"** In the light of his appearances to them, they came to understand that he was to be found among the community of believers. The risen Lord wants to take flesh in our lives so that we become living signs of his Easter presence.

**We can be grateful this Easter for the ways that the Lord's love has taken flesh in the lives of so many people in these days.** The generosity of spirit that is so evident at this time shows that Easter isn't just a moment we look back on but is a present reality. †

*Birthdays Blessings*

**APRIL 18**  
 Tina Doyle

**APRIL 20**  
 Kate Pohns

**APRIL 22**  
 Jayne Long

**APRIL 23**  
 Marjorie Scully

*Altar Flowers*



EASTER 2022

*Easter Lilies*

donated by Parishioners

**FYI: Learn more about Natural Family Planning**

John & Kelly Kopinski will be teaching a *Natural Family Planning Class to Engaged and Married couples* in a series that runs on **three Sundays:**

**April 24, May 15, and June 12** from 1:30-4:30pm in Saline.

Please contact Kelly at [Kelly.Kopinski@gmail.com](mailto:Kelly.Kopinski@gmail.com) to register for the class.

**St. Mary Pro-Life Event – May 3**

Mark your calendars and spread the word about our first Pro-Life Speaker Event on **Tues., May 3** at 7pm in the Parish Center. Jeff Sangster, parishioner and author of *Common Sense: Changing the Conversation of Life*, will talk about the truth, lies, and deceptions of the abortion issue and the conversation that surrounds it. Diapers and donations will be accepted in support of Sienna Women’s Health pregnancy center. Refreshments will be served. Please invite family and friends, regardless of religious affiliation. Contact [stmaryprolife@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryprolife@gmail.com) for more information or to reserve a seat.

**Each individual is wonderfully made...**

...and when our family of faith comes together to worship, we become one Body in Christ. Please join us on **Sun., May 22** at 11:30am at St. Andrew, Saline, for Mass – with some additions to highlight the special gifts that God gives to us in those living with “disabilities.”

The Mass will be appropriate for those with sensory difficulties: an ASL interpreter will be present, worship aids will be available for those needing large print and braille, there will be quiet spaces for individuals needing a break, and extra ushers to assist with mobility and other needs.

Immediately following the Mass, please join us in the St. Andrew’s parish hall for fellowship and food. Delicious appetizers and snacks will be provided by the Knights of Columbus Saline Council 6674 and the ~~dis~~Abilities team. Questions: Contact Karen Berg at [karenberg@mahsmi.org](mailto:karenberg@mahsmi.org)

**Important “don’t miss” events next Sunday, April 24**

**SYNODAL TOWN HALL MEETING:** This is our opportunity to enter into the conversation! Gather at the Parish Center **following 10:30am Mass (or 11:45 if you go to a different Mass)**. There will be coffee and donuts available as we meet to contribute to what Pope Francis is calling a “Synod on Synodality.” Bishop Boyea is seeking input from each of us to assist him.

Pope Francis has called for a worldwide synod, asking us to listen as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. He is asking us to examine how we are journeying with not only the faithful in the pews but those fallen away from the Church and those on the peripheries of society. The Pope’s desire is that this feedback will not only contribute meaningful insights to the Universal Church but also reveal ways that we can better engage in mission in our parish, our diocese, and around the world.

Offer your experience and insights on the Church, especially related to your connection to the parish, diocese, and Universal Church, your positive and negative experiences of Church, and suggestions for the future. *Let us pray...*

**DIVINE MERCY HOUR:** In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

Here at St. Mary we will have an Hour of Mercy at **3:00pm next Sunday afternoon**. Through readings and prayers, we will have the opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God’s mercy can overcome sin. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states that Divine Mercy Sunday is “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come.” *Jesus, I trust in You!*

**God loves you! (Don’t let divorce tell you otherwise!)**

The St. Andrew’s (Saline) Divorce Ministry Team is hosting a program that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. “Surviving Divorce” features 12 video presentations covering topics such as shock, grief, anger, forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated/divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing.

The program will be held at St. Andrew’s Faith Formation Center, 910 Austin Dr. Saline (dates to be announced). The \$20 cost of the program for participants includes the *Surviving Divorce Personal Guide* and all program materials. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic Church teachings. Contact David Miller at 734-944-2101 or email [djmiller57@aol.com](mailto:djmiller57@aol.com) for more info including the meeting schedule. Find hope and healing after the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. ■

**The SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning this week for the following intentions:**  
PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...

- 1) Int. Anna Brogley’s health (Martin & Kathy Brogley)
- 2) +Duane Beuerle (Ed & Bonnie Barnard)

**Please Pray for...**

- Cole Knaup
- Baby Teddy & his family
- Infant Lyrik Hess & his family
- Andrea Mendoza
- Cindy Marie Remski
- Tim Bargy
- David Roncoli
- Lee Ann Vitale
- Sally Gavin
- Denny Steele and his wife Cindy
- For the people of Ukraine
- Anna Brogley (mother of Martin Brogley)
- Jerry Kripas
- Addison Elder
- Loretta Widmayer

...and for the repose of the soul of  
† Joyce Stein  
and for her grieving loved ones.

To add or remove a name from this prayer list, please email:  
[stmarymanchester2@gmail.com](mailto:stmarymanchester2@gmail.com)

**ST. MARY’S SUPPORT of our 2022 DSA**  
Our parish goal: **\$27,837**

As of March 28 **32** families have supported DSA with **\$15,165** or **54.5%** of our goal!  
**WE STILL NEED \$12,672<sup>00</sup>...**  
*Let’s all do our part!*

**St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**Sunday, April 3, 2022**

Sunday Env (67) ..... \$ 6,683.21  
Welcome, Loose, Kids ..... 106.00  
E-Giving (14) ..... 846.49  
Easter (2) ..... 75.00  
Easter decorations (3) ..... 55.00

Combined toward budget: ... \$ 7,765.70  
Budget goal: ..... 5,300.00  
Amt ABOVE goal: ..... + 2,465.70

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**  
Bldg & Maint (3) ..... \$ 450.00  
Poor Box ..... 102.00  
Votive candles ..... 30.00

**Think you might be pregnant? Need Help?**  
Alternatives to Abortion  
Call (800) 712-HELP (4357)

**Need Help? PROJECT RACHEL** (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291, or email [nlc@resurrectionlansing.org](mailto:nlc@resurrectionlansing.org)

**NEED HELP? “COURAGE”** is a Catholic spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. “ENCOURAGE” is a separate support group for families & friends. For info in the Diocese of Lansing, call 517-342-2596 or email [caverart@comcast.net](mailto:caverart@comcast.net)

**NEED HELP? An “AA” group** meets Tuesdays at 7:00pm at Manchester United Methodist Church, 501 Ann Arbor St. (next to Klager School)