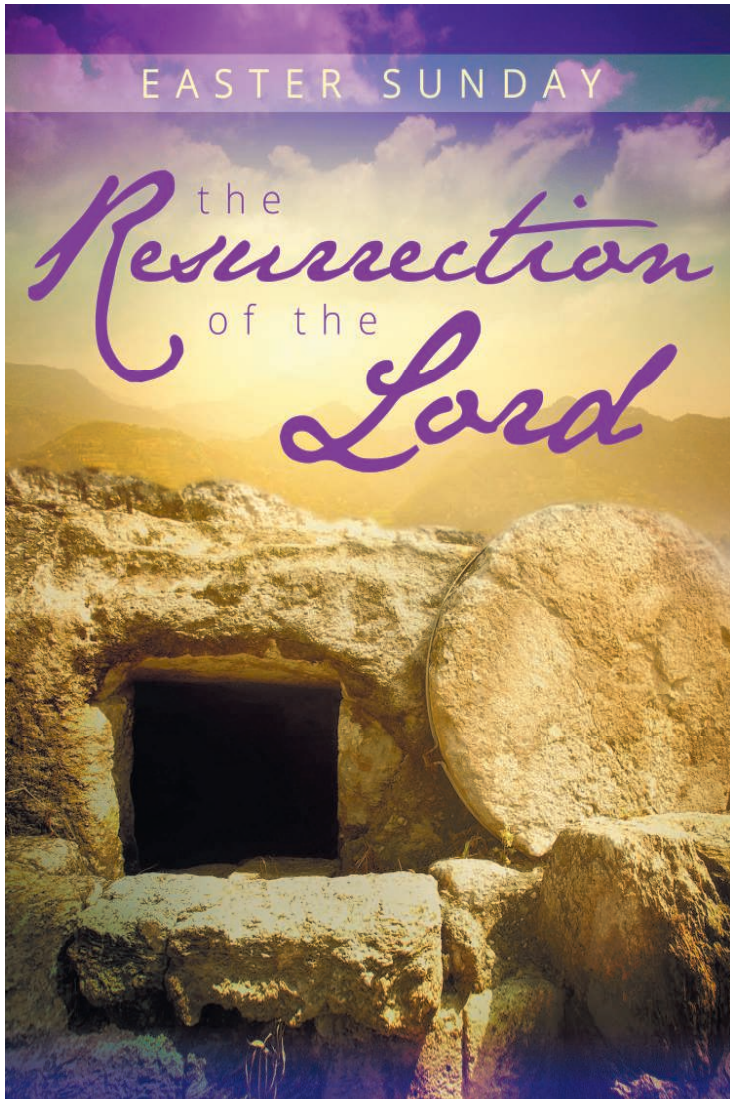




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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 a.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 a.m. will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Liturgy Schedule

Monday - Wednesday - Friday 8:00 am

Thursday - 9:30 am at Community of Saints School

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 10:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm

Sunday 9:00 am - 9:45 am

and by appointment

Prayer Line

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Readings for the Week of April 16, 2017

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

RISING WITH HIM!



A few years ago while thumbing through a Sunday newspaper, I came across an article in the health section. The article was about cutting the Easter Fat and not the Easter Tradition. A spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association, took a traditional Easter Basket and examined its contents. Her conclusion was that a typical Easter basket with its chocolate bunnies, candy eggs, and jelly beans contained items equaling more than a cup of sugar and a pound of butter. The expert suggested that a healthier Easter basket could be made by substituting fruit, nuts, animal crackers, a hardboiled egg, and a few jelly beans.

On this Easter Sunday, I want to cut through our Easter symbols but not our Easter tradition, to explain what we as the people of God are celebrating today. If we sift through the Easter lilies, the Christ candle, the newly Blessed Water, and the "Alleluias" what we have is called the "Paschal Mystery".

The Paschal Mystery is at the core of what it means to live the Christian life. It is the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a way of naming the essential aspects of Christian redemption. It is our participation in the life of God. Our participation in the life of God is more easily understood if we consider the Paschal Mystery in two ways. First, what happened to Jesus during his life and second, what happens to us during our lives.

The Paschal Mystery started long before Jesus was crucified on Calvary. It took place when God became a human being in the person of Jesus Christ. It was when Jesus handed himself over to God in the city of Bethlehem as a newborn infant. Born in a stable and laid in a manger, Mary and Joseph must have worried about how they would care for a child. Yet Jesus and his parents experience the resurrection when three magi offered the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Perhaps it was just enough to pay for the nights lodging and buy supplies for their journey into Egypt.

Like Jesus we enter the Paschal Mystery at our birth. In our own lives we experience death through the poverty of spirit if not finance. Not many of us were born with a silver spoon in our mouths. We all are hungry, we all seek warmth, security and love. But we were resurrected through the tremendous efforts of our parents and we resurrect our own children when we work two jobs, when we sacrifice what we need, when we rely on God to provide us with gifts like a bonus at work or an unexpected tax refund.

Jesus experienced suffering and death in his struggle to find his adolescent identity. At the age of twelve, Jesus sat in the temple to learn about himself and Yahweh, the God his people worshipped. He must have searched from the bottom of his heart for who he was as a member of the chosen people. It wasn't until his baptism that Jesus experienced his resurrection when the clouds opened and a voice was heard to say, "You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

We experienced death in seeking our identity not only as adolescents but as adults who go through our midlife crisis. The question we ask at both times is, "What is the meaning of life?" And like Jesus we look to the community around us for the answer to that question. We experience resurrection through others who are brave enough to say that, "I am with you!"

Jesus experienced suffering and death in the rejection of his own friends and neighbors. He came to find out that no prophet was accepted in his own country. But Jesus experienced resurrection when he was accepted by twelve men and five women including Mary his mother, Martha and her sister Mary, Joanna and Susanna. They all left their homes to follow him and financially support him.

We experience death through rejection from the supervisor we disagree with, the neighbor we argue with, and family members who say, "Are we having that for dinner again?" But we experience resurrection from the Church community that worships with us, that breaks bread with us at the altar, and who shares coffee with us after Mass.

The great truth of the Paschal Mystery is not that we will have eternal life after our death, but that we are to live virtuously now because we have eternal life. The Easter basket filled with chocolate bunnies and eggs and jelly beans will be gone by the end of this week. And we will forget it until next year. But the basket filled with fruit, nuts and animal crackers is available each day of the year. It reminds us that each day we live the Paschal Mystery and rise with him.

News and Events

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

You may receive 10% reduction on your car insurance if you participate in this course. This refresher course will be Friday, May 12 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in St. Matthew's Social Hall. Cost for the course: AARP members: \$18; non-members: \$23. To register, please call the Parish Center: [651-224-9793](tel:651-224-9793)



EASTER MONDAY - IMPORTANT MESSAGE

There will not be an 8:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Monday, April 17th. The Parish Center office will be closed for business.

BELLS AT SAINT MATTHEW'S

Let the Church Bells at Saint Matthew's ring to commemorate a special occasion in your life. The birth of a child, a wedding anniversary, a high school graduation... the possibilities are endless. Call the Parish Center office to schedule your special day.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY

Timothy Lee James Goff, Jr., child Timothy Goff, Sr. and Melissa Vasques who was baptized at St. Matthew on April 8th. and **Leonardo Torres González**, child of Alfonso Torres and Dora Flores, who was baptized at St. Matthew's on April 9th.



WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Daniel James McNellis, whose funeral was held on March 31, 2017. *"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them"*

FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY

Our monthly food collection for Neighborhood House will be next weekend April 22nd and 23rd. Father will call you to bring your donation forward to the Altar after the regular collection. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in our neighborhood.



SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Father Steve Adrian is having a spring scripture study at the Assumption Church in downtown St. Paul, beginning Tuesday, April 25th from 5:15 pm – 6:30 pm. Father Adrian will lead the group through the Acts of the Apostles, which is the time after the Resurrection. The study will be for five Tuesdays, concluding May 23. Please contact the parish office at 651.224.7536 or info@assumptionsp.org to register and order to prepare the required materials.



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS (April 2) Update Next Week

Parish			
Plate	\$989	Food Shelf	\$50
Envelopes	\$2,838	COS School	\$336
Electronic Giving	\$187	Global Solidarity	\$25
Easter Envelope	\$5	Holy Land	\$2
Mass Intentions	\$30	Hall Rental	\$240
Vigil Lights	\$28		
Coffee Sunday	\$33		
Stole Fee	\$100		
Easter Flowers	\$250		
Total	\$4,941		Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 15
4:00 pm Paul Maslow.†

Sunday, April 16
10:00 am Our Parish
Claudette Borgan
Special Intention

Monday, April 17
8:00 am No Mass Today

Wednesday, April 19
8:00 am Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members

Friday, April 21
8:00 am Ronald G. Crawford†

Saturday, April 22
4:00 pm Joseph R. & Jean Stevens†

Sunday, April 23
10:00 am Our Parish
Eugene Simmons†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 15
7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 16
10:00 am Easter Sunday Mass

Monday April 17 – Friday, April 21
5:00-6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes Social Hall

Monday, April 17
Parish Offices Closed
12:00 - 5:00 p.m. St. Mary's Clinic

Tuesday, April 18

Wednesday, April 19
8:00 am – 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC
6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Final Classes

Thursday, April 20
9:30 am COS Student Mass at
COS Chapel

4:30 pm Deacon's Council Comm. Room
7:00 pm Confirmation at the Cathedral

Friday, April 21

Saturday, April 22 Divine Mercy Sunday
4:00 pm Mass Food Collection

Sunday, April 23
10:00 am Sunday Mass Food Collection
11:00 Coffee Sunday Social Hall

Children's Corner

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