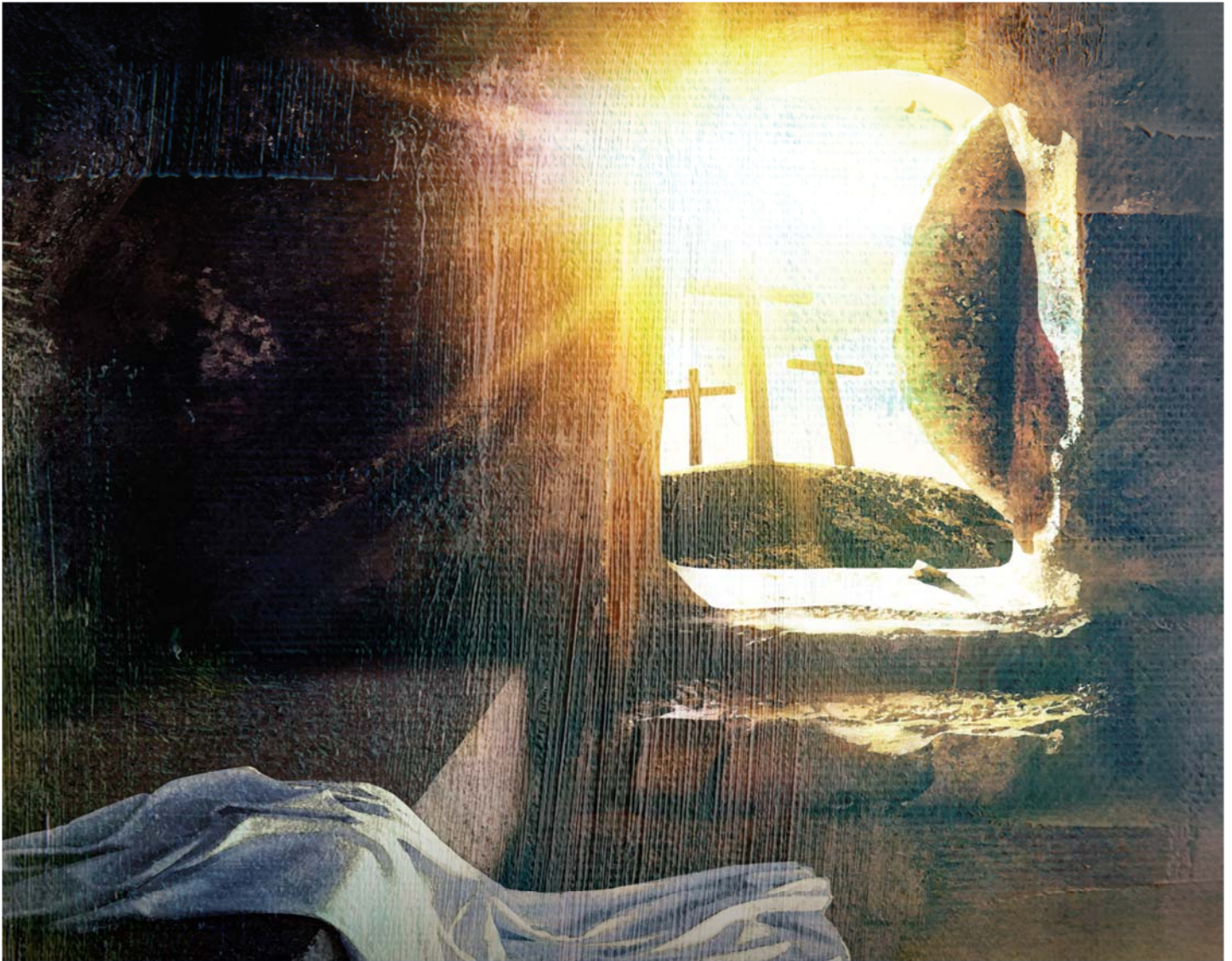




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APRIL 4, 2021



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

FROM THE PASTOR...

April 4, 2021

Happy Easter to all of you, the Lord is Risen! I hope you and your family can spend some safe time together and thank the Lord for His blessings and the hope of eternal life. Admittedly though, you might have some serious struggles in your life right now.

This Easter Sunday the Church gives us a Gospel that we might all be able to identify with: the disciples on the road to Emmaus. After his resurrection, Jesus was walking with two of His disciples, but they didn't recognize Him, and He asked them what they were discussing. The Gospel says ***“They stopped, looking downcast. One of them...said to Him in reply, ‘Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?’”***

We all have sufferings and crosses that might make us downcast. What are the stresses in your life right now? There might be anxiety, sickness, financial loss, grief, or an ongoing sense of uncertainty in your home and the world around you. We might feel like the disciples, that Jesus Christ doesn't seem to know ***“the things that have taken place there in these days.”*** Jesus was with them even when they felt discouraged, lost and without hope. The Lord was with them even though they did not feel or sense His Presence in any way.

These same disciples on the road to Emmaus were ultimately able to recognize Jesus with them and find new faith and hope in the very moment when they felt dejected and hopeless.

Christ is with us now; these troubled times are a moment of grace. The Lord revealed Himself to the disciples on the road to Emmaus through the Word of God and the breaking of bread...a reminder of the Mass and the Holy Eucharist. Maybe God is allowing these times of crosses and suffering as a way to bring us more deeply connected to Him.

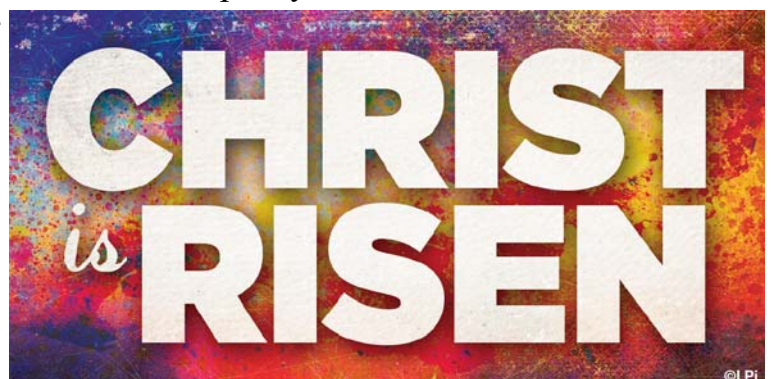
If you have been away from a practice of prayer, do not be afraid to begin again. If you have not made a good confession in years, don't be afraid to trust in the Lord's mercy and receive the grace of the sacrament. If you haven't been able to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, now is the time, Christ is with us to give our hearts new courage, hope and faith. We will be offering the Divine Mercy Chaplet to conclude the novena on Divine Mercy Sunday (the Second Sunday of Easter). Come join us that day in thanking the Lord for his love and mercy, ***“Jesus, I trust in you.”***

God willing, we will be allowed to have more people safely gather in church and for social events and ministerial gatherings soon so that people can really get to know each other better. We will keep you updated when the Archdiocese increases the capacity for church attendance and other gatherings, that day may be soon approaching, praise God. May the Lord bless you and all those you love.

The Lord is still risen, keep the faith.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Mike





Today, as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.



HAPPY EASTER!

We prayed, fasted and gave alms - and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let's do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs

You can return your Rice Bowl contributions over the next two weekends. Please convert your coins to currency or check (*put Rice Bowl on the memo line*). You may use the envelope provided with your Rice Bowl box. You may also mail your donation using that same envelope.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET—NEXT SUNDAY—3:00

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the Diary of Saint Faustina are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

(largely drawn from: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message>).



NOTICE

In observance of Easter, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 5 and the school is off all week for Spring break.



2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2020 contribution statements are now available by request. These statements cover contributions to St. Cornelius, St. Tarcissus, St. Thecla and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity.

We would prefer to email them to you or have you pick them up at the parish office, but they can also be mailed. You may call or email the parish if you would like to request a copy. Call 773 763-8228 or email: jmadura@archchicago.org.

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DEACON ORDINATION OF JOSE ADAN BERNABE

Mr. **José Adan Bernabé**, a member of our parish, is a candidate for the Permanent Diaconate. Bishops, priests, and deacons receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The diaconate is a three-fold ministry of Word, Liturgy and Charity/Social Justice. Deacons are ordained to baptize, proclaim the Gospel and preach, assist at the Eucharist, witness marriages, and officiate at wakes and funeral services. These are the functions most visible in the parish. The diaconal ministry has its history in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 6. The Apostles laid hands on seven reputable men filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom to care for the widows and take care of the daily distribution of food in the early Christian community.

The ministry most characteristic of the deacon centers on caring for the poor, the alienated, and those who, for various reasons, find themselves on the fringe of society. Deacons minister in hospitals, prisons, among people with AIDS, in shelters and soup kitchens, and within the various ministries coordinated through organizations such as Catholic Charities and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Especially in the workplace, deacons are visible signs of Christ the Servant in the community.

Part of the process toward ordination is to announce to the community about this person's intentions to be ordained and make sure the community assures that this person possesses the qualities to be an ordained minister. If anyone who knows any reason why this candidate should not be ordained they should disclose this immediately. Please contact your pastor or call the Office of Formation at 847.837.4557 as soon as possible.

If there is no objection from the parish community, Mr. **José Adan Bernabé** will be ordained as a Permanent Deacon in one of the two celebrations we will have on **May 8, 2021 in the Holy Name Cathedral**.

Please keep *José Adan Bernabé* and his wife *Marcela Adan Bernabé*, all those who will be ordained, those in formation, and their families in your prayers that they might continue to answer God's call in their lives.



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(Call the rectory office to have your name added to the list)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Once again this year we celebrate Easter in the midst of a pandemic, in a time of social unrest, and in a period of natural disasters that seem to be consequences of climate change. So, our mood may be somber or even sad. Still, there are reasons for hope and optimism. The vaccines are addressing the pandemic. Our commitment to justice for all people can reshape our life together. And each of us can do our part in making a difference to forestall climate change. But there are even stronger foundations of hope for us as people of faith and followers of Jesus.



In the Resurrection of Jesus, we begin to share in the victory of life over death, grace over sin, and hope over despair. In faith, we know the direction of our future. Although we cannot and ought not to deny our struggles, we move forward through them with a resilient confidence rooted in the power of the Risen Lord Jesus.

At the Easter Vigil during the lighting of the Paschal candle from the new fire, I pray in your name: "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds." And I will continue to raise that prayer to God for all of us in this holy season. Join me in that same prayer and lift up your petition with a confident and trusting heart.

May God bless, keep, and protect you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mark Cardinal Anagnost
Archbishop of Chicago



Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

A blessed and happy Easter to all. Today, we will look at the Liturgy of the Word, and a very special addition that we only get a few times per year, including today! If you have missed any of these articles, you can catch up with them via our bulletin archive on our website, or you can come see me after Mass.

The Liturgy of the Word begins with the First (Old Testament) Reading. The reading is prescribed by the Church and is different from Mass to Mass - making it a Proper. We almost always hear the First Reading spoken but, as you have probably surmised, it can be sung. Like the other parts of the Mass, there are chant tones for proclaiming the readings and they are used to add more solemnity to the character of a Mass. If you have been to the Easter Resurrection Mass (usually 5 am) or the Christmas Midnight Mass, you may have heard the chanted readings. It is truly a powerful experience.

After a period of silence – in which we are meant to reflect upon the reading - the Responsorial Psalm is sung. Its text is taken from the Book of Psalms and it is sung with a repeated refrain. This is an ancient practice of the faith and Jesus Himself would have experienced this style of singing in temple worship. Following the Psalm is the Second Reading. All the same notes apply to it as do to the First Reading, except that the text is drawn from the New Testament. And now, for the special addition. Today we have a Sequence after the Second Reading. A sequence is essentially a poetic expression or story about the theme of the Mass (a very condensed explanation). The sequence originally was an extension of the Gospel Acclamation and was used frequently at Mass. The Council of Trent pared these down to four (a fifth was later added) and today only three remain; Easter, Pentecost, and the Feast of Corpus Christi. Nowadays, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal also reorders the sequence to before the Gospel Acclamation. The sequences expound on our understanding and worship of the Lord in a way that supplements the readings. I encourage you to look up the text of the sequence and reflect on it this week (In fact, the Church encourages the sequence to be said through the entire Octave of Easter!). It has beautiful and profound imagery that I think you will find spiritually compelling.



St. Cecilia, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity...Pray for us!
--Mark Wozniczka, Music Director (mwozniczka@archchicago.org)



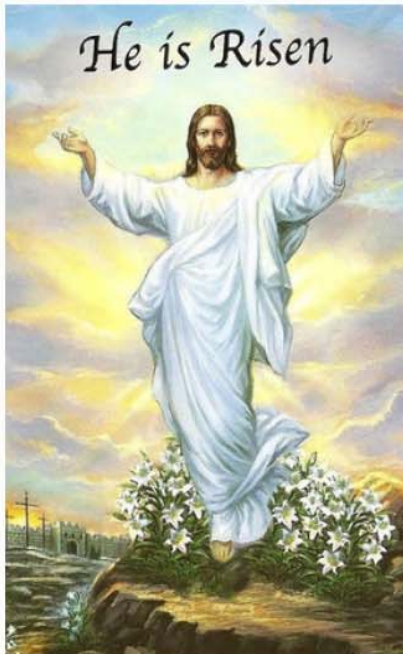
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LIFE WITH CHRIST IS A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE!-POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

RE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH
IN-PERSON CLASSES

SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH
VIRTUAL CLASSES



*He is Risen!
He is Risen,
Indeed!*

The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ is the most important event of our faith and impacts the whole world. In his First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul wrote, "If Christ has not been raised,...your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:14) Through the Resurrection, Jesus shows us He is both fully man and fully God and gives us hope for eternity.

Easter should be a time of great celebration that extends beyond Easter Sunday. The days of the Octave of Easter (the first eight days of the Easter season), are each a Solemnity, the highest kind of liturgical feasts, and can be celebrated with special food and time in prayer. The Easter Season continues until Pentecost- a total of 50 days of rejoicing in the Risen Lord and hearing stories of the Risen Lord visiting His people.

May you and your family have a blessed Easter Season!

*"Christ is the morning star who, when the night of this world is past,
brings to his saints the promise of the light of life & opens everlasting day."*

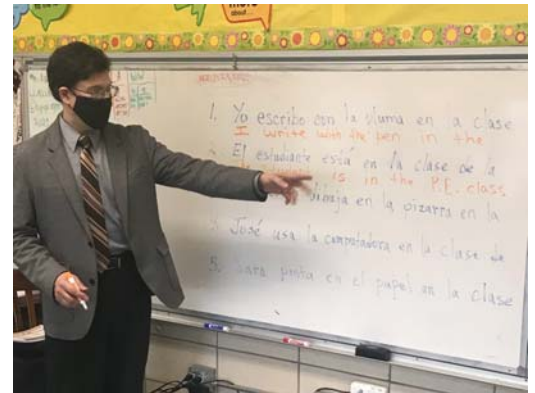
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EASTER

Today we celebrate the greatest feast on our liturgical calendar and we begin the greatest season as well. To give some background as to why this is so, I would like to copy a page from the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB):

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 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 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 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 to the second Sunday. 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 which 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 lit for all liturgical celebrations.

From *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*:

22. The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one "great Sunday." These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung.

23. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter and are called, after Easter Sunday itself, the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays of Easter. This sacred period of fifty days concludes with Pentecost Sunday.

24. The first eight days of Easter Time constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord.

25. On the fortieth day after Easter the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated, except where, not being observed as a Holyday of Obligation, it has been assigned to the Seventh Sunday of Easter (*such as here in Chicago.*)

26. The weekdays from the Ascension up to and including the Saturday before Pentecost prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

The liturgical color for Easter is white. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (no. 346) also states: "On more solemn days, festive, that is, more precious, sacred vestments may be used even if not of the color of the day. The colors gold or silver may be worn on more solemn occasions in the Dioceses of the United States of America."

Especially during Easter Time, instead of the customary Penitential Act, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take place as a reminder of Baptism.

A very Blessed Easter Season to you and to all those you hold dear.

Jim Madura



Watch St. Elizabeth of the Trinity 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live on You Tube - search for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish channel

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021

8:00 PM—The Great Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021— EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 AM—Betty Jacobucci (birthday remembrance)
 9:00 AM—(livestreamed) - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, deceased members of the Ognibene family, Anthony Kwit, Connie Mehl, Henry Cieccko, Milagros Duet (25th anniversary), Fr. Dan McCarthy
 11:00 AM—Terrance, Edward & Mary Wilk, Steven Ryjewski (18th anniversary), Leslie Clark, Kathy Cashman, Gilski & Ryjewski families, deceased members of the Gonsalves & D’Souza families, deceased members of the Frank J, Cicchetti
 1:00 PM (Spanish)—

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021

8:30 AM—Teresa Castro, Robert Werba, Renwick Gonsalves

APRIL 6, 2021

8:30 AM—Eleanor, Joseph, Samuel & Grace Holden, Luke Sr. & Annie O’Donnell

11:00 - 2:00 PM - Adoration with Benediction at 1:50

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021

8:30 AM —Terrence, Edward & Mary Wilk, Gary Sowell

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021

8:30 AM—Doris Niespodziauski

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021

8:30 AM—Luke, Sr. & Annie O’Donnell

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021

8:30 AM—Pryst & Kepros families

3:30 - 4:30 PM—CONFESSIONS

5:00— Marcella Marszalek, Don Love, Malachy Byrne, Leslie Clark, Kathy Cashman, Steven Ryjewski, Gilski & Ryjewski families, Joseph Turco, Malachy Byrne

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

7:30 AM— Carmen Rosario Castro
 9:00 AM—(livestreamed) - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Patricia Dooley Bowman, Joseph Mikulski, Mary Marek, Yolanda Diokno
 11:00 AM—Joseph Dziedzic
 1:00 PM (Spanish)—

Presider Schedule - April 10 & 11

5:00 pm — Fr. Grisolano

7:30 am — Fr. Grisolano

9:00 am — Fr. Ouda

11:00 am — Fr. Ouda

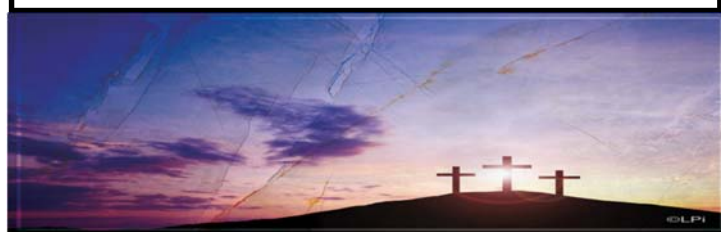
(Spanish) 1:00 pm - Fr. Maina

DISPENSATION

Cardinal Cupich has continued the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday & Holy Day Mass until further notice.



Edward Dohnal



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday
 Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
 Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
 Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
 Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter
 Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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Readings for the Week

Sunday: 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
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-

**We cannot give up
in the face of evil.
God is Love and he has
defeated evil through
Christ's death and
resurrection.**

— Pope Francis —

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SERVICES

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. & Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
(English) and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday : 8:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays: 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Benediction at 1:50 p.m.)

Rectory Hours - Monday through Friday: 9:00 - 5:00

Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdon to make arrangements:
gbzdon@archchicago.org

Becoming a Catholic:

Would you like to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The Church calls this process *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)*. It is a small group forum where interested people learn more about initiation and membership in the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for more information.

Marriage:

Must be arranged six months prior to the ceremony. Please contact a priest to make arrangements.

Religious Education for Public Grade School Students: Contact Kathleen Driscoll for more information: kadriscoll@archchicago.org

Parish Registration: New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory. Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab.

Communion Visits: Ministers of Care bring communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Steve Wagner through the rectory to make arrangements.

High School Youth Group: Mr. Mike Wuich HEELSFINL4@AOL.COM

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

*"It seems to me that I have found my
heaven on earth,
because my heaven is You,
my God,
and You are in my soul.
You in me,
and I in You – may this be my motto."*

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity