

Easter Sunday

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the Lord has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad.*

Psalm 118:24



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COMMENT

Compared to the readings of the Easter Vigil, those for Easter Sunday may seem a bit anticlimactic. While the readings for the Vigil build and rise to a glorious crescendo, today's readings are more subdued, like the stillness before dawn, before the first light. In fact, the joy and excitement of the day come bursting through mainly in the responsorial psalm: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

In the first reading, Peter is preaching the fundamentals of faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus to the Roman centurion Cornelius—who observed the Jewish faith but who was not circumcised—and to his Gentile family and friends. Jesus, who "went about doing good and healing," was crucified, whom "God raised on the third day," who was seen by "witnesses ... who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead" (Acts 10:38, 40–41). So much of God's generosity in Christ Jesus is crammed into so few words, much of the formula of faith from the apostolic community.

Paul's letter reminds us that we all have a part in the Resurrection. We have all died and risen with Christ. That is why the Resurrection makes an impact on our lives here

and now. We're called to be people alive in Christ, people bound for glory together with him.

John's account of the Resurrection is not simply low-key. Rather, the evangelist offers a number of details that reveal a "coming to light," as it were. Mary, expecting to prepare the body of Jesus for permanent burial, finds an empty tomb. She does not understand and hurries to Peter and John with the shocking news. The two apostles come to the burial site. John remembers how the garments of death have fallen and how one is carefully rolled. The men do not know what to make of this. Experience will have to follow. Faith will follow. Light will dawn. New life will come.

REFLECTION

Resurrection does not mean—just cannot mean—return to everyday life. Resurrection means a breakthrough to the extraordinary life Jesus promised when he said, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Jesus rose from the dead to make that abundantly clear. He ascended to "God's right hand" not only to show us that heaven is our home, but to ready it for our arrival. We look forward to that homecoming and recognize that Jesus himself will be our ultimate "judge." We anticipate that judgment, believing that Jesus, who knows first-hand our condition—our sufferings, temptations, joys, desires, and trials—and who came to call sinners, refused to cast the first stone, and declined to condemn, will be there to welcome us and to act as a compassionate judge. We look forward to that day as one of hope and ultimate joy, a day of mercy, not merit, a day of grace, not disgrace.

Are we ready to rise? Rise from the dead? Can we put aside anxious and tentative living and embrace life with confidence and surety? Jesus' resurrection assures us that we can, for Jesus died and rose not for himself, but for us. Easter reconciles us with creation, with ourselves, and with God. Winter is over; the dead time is past. Now is the time for living. Now is the time for embracing one another and the future with renewed humanity and unclouded hope.

MASSES CELEBRATED

DURING THE WEEK

ARE HELD

IN THE CHURCH

HOLY SATURDAY — APRIL 20

2:00pm — Blessing of food baskets

5:00 — Edward & Marcella Schultz req. by family

EASTER SUNDAY — APRIL 21

8:30am — Father Tom Schutter req. by Sister Barbara Rowan and for The People of St. Luke Parish

11:00 — Breinig & Neff families req. by Mary Breinig and for Ron Zenarosa req. by his wife Sunny

MONDAY — APRIL 22 — OFFICE CLOSED

Mass will not be celebrated today

TUESDAY — APRIL 23

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

WEDNESDAY — APRIL 24

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

THURSDAY — APRIL 25— WINDSOR PARK

11:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

FRIDAY — APRIL 26

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

SATURDAY — APRIL 27

4:15 — 4:45pm— Confessions

5:00 — St. Luke Parish Memorial Society

SUNDAY — APRIL 28

8:30am — Rose Doyle req. by Bob & Kathy Sarley

11:00 — Ron Zenarosa on the 3rd Anniversary of his death req. by his wife Sunny and for The People of St. Luke Parish



Please pray for the sick in our parish, especially Pat Angelo, Yecenia Bosley, Mary Breinig, Disabled Vets, George Dumas, Angel Faulkner, Mike Kent, Tom Mattingly, Patricia Micetic, Abby Peck, John Rossi, and Laura Lee Tegtman.

Please remember our beloved dead, especially Joshua Smith and the men and women who have given their lives for our country.



April 7, 2019

REG. CHURCH SUPPORT	
114 SUN. ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS	=\$3,807.00
LOOSE CONTRIBUTIONS	=\$ 130.00

TOTAL COLLECTION	=\$3,937.00
AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION	=\$ 34.53

PARISH IMPROVEMENT	=\$ 612.89
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ONLINE DONATION	=\$ 100.00
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Thank you so much for your ongoing generous financial support of St. Luke Parish! Every amount contributed helps, so we respectfully ask that you continue to regularly use your church support envelopes. It is your generosity that allows us to do what we do. Please give as your financial needs allow.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

- (1) **Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts on heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*
- (2) **Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Luke 24:1-12 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 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 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43. Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. Colossians 3:1-4. OR 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8. Sequence – Christians, to the Paschal Victim. John 20:1-9. OR Luke 24:13-35.

Saint John's story of Resurrection. Mary of Magdala is back in the garden where Jesus was entombed. Not finding him, she runs to the apostles to report the news. Looking in on the now empty tomb, Peter sees and John believes. Jesus is risen!

- ◆ How will I bask in the promise of risen life?
- ◆ How will this spill into a deepening belief in the power of this dead and risen One?
- ◆ What will I do now?

ST. LUKE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Family of St. Luke Parish, are called through Baptism to celebrate the presence of Christ in our Lives and Sacraments. We were chosen and sent by Christ to live gratefully the life God has given us and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. In the Spirit of **Faith, Service and Community**, we bring people closer to God and each other.

WHAT IS THE ST. LUKE CIRCLE OF PRAYER

The Circle of Prayer is a list of names given to the office for people that need our prayers daily.

Who does the praying? It is a group of people who pray for others in need of prayer. Any member of our parish can be in the Circle of Prayer. It is a simple ministry, but one that is so very important. They pray for people on a list that is mailed to them. The office will update them on names that need to be added or deleted. This is done by a phone calling tree or email.

We can always use more people to pray. You pray at any time of day or night that best suits your circumstances. Prayer is accomplished in many different and unique ways. You might have special prayers that are your favorite. Just being silent and aware of the presence of God while sitting outside or walking is a form of prayer. Remembering those in need of prayer as you go about your daily routine is a form of prayer.

So please, consider being one who prays for others everyday and know what a blessing you are to them...and to your parish.

Call the office at 630/668-1325 and ask for Debbie or Mary Lou or email stlgof@aol.com or stloff@aol.com.

WHAT IS A MASS INTENTION?

A person may ask for a Mass Intention for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, the most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

If you would like to request a Mass for someone, we request at least a week notice. We understand the importance of having a Mass said and want to make sure we do right by everyone. The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

If you want to make sure it appears in the bulletin, we need at least 2 weeks.

You can call the office at 630/668-1325 Monday thru Thursday between 9:00-4:00 or Friday between 9:00-12:00 to request a Mass.

TO LA LIBERTAD WITH LOVE GIVING FROM THE HEART TO REPAIR THE PLUMBING IN THE SISTERS' HOUSE



Our coins and dollars help to provide for badly needed repairs to the plumbing at the Santa Ana Mission. The Sisters and those they serve live a most basic lifestyle. Our pennies, dimes and quarters can help to maintain their quarters. The poor quality of the water (not used for drinking) deteriorates the plumbing and the pipes are in need of repair. The bill will come to about \$600.00. We can help. Empty your change into your "Give

from the Heart" box and help fill the collection container for La Libertad. Every penny, every quarter, every dollar makes a difference. Thank You!

Next weekend is the last weekend of our collection for La Libertad. Please be sure to place your contribution in the container in the foyer no later than next Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.



YOU ARE INVITED!

CCW is once again sponsoring our Annual Spring "Souper" Ice Cream Social in Jericho on Sunday, April 28th after the 11:00 Mass. Bring the family, meet up with fellow parishioners, and have a complimentary cup of soup and homemade sundae of your choice. All are welcome. Please join us!

HOPE HOUSE COLLECTION DRIVE

On May 4th and 5th, St. Luke Parish is having a collection drive to support Hope House, an 18 bed homeless shelter, run by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet. Donations of needed household items will be collected in Jericho, before and after all masses.

The following items are needed: laundry detergent, fabric softener, floor cleaner or disinfectant such as Lysol, general household cleaning supplies, buckets, mops, brooms and dustpans, personal hygiene items, new bath size towels, hand towels and washcloths, flip flops for the shower, new pillows, twin size bedding and blankets, diaper wipes. Rain ponchos and umbrellas are also needed.

For more information about Hope House or how you can help with a donation or volunteering, please contact Joy Newburn at jnewburn@ccdoj.org or 630/937-4259.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the below symptoms, call 911 right away. It is important to seek medical treatment immediately.

- Sudden Numbness
- Difficulty Speaking
- Severe Dizziness
- Loss of Coordination
- Sudden Loss of Vision
- Sudden Intense Headache
- Brief Loss of Consciousness

Protect your health by participating in the Life Line Screening health screenings that will be at St. Luke Catholic Church on Tuesday, May 7th. Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke.

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.

CATHOLIC END OF LIFE SUPPORTIVE CARE FORUM

There is a lot of confusion about hospice and palliative care. This educational forum will provide an opportunity to learn about the differences in supportive care based upon the Roman Catholic traditions.

Join us to learn about the benefits of supportive care and obtain information from clinical team members from JourneyCare. Resources from the Roman Catholic traditions and materials on hospice and palliative care will be provided for each attendee. Breakfast, coffee and drinks will also be provided.

When: Saturday, April 27th from 9:00-11:00am
Location: St. Joan of Arc Parish Center, room 22
820 Division Street, Lisle, Illinois 60532

RSVP: by April 23rd to Sandra Razka, RN Parish Nurse
630/353-4533 or SRazka@sjalisle.org

SERRA MASS AND DINNER AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

The SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE, an organization supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invites you to join them on Monday April 29th, at St. Michael's Parish in Wheaton. The evening will begin at 6:00pm with Rosary and Mass in the Church. Dinner will follow in the Parish Center.

Guest speaker at the dinner, Cathy Loftus, is an artist whose favorite projects have been in the area of Liturgical Art, which has given her opportunities to work with parishes in the diocese and, after she joined the Outreach Team of the Diocese Partnership in Mission, to teach art-making skills to children and teens in the Philippines. During her trips to the Philippines in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, Cathy collaborated to expand the Outreach Team goals to include community-based mural painting. Cathy sees large scale mural painting as a means of bringing children, teens and adults together to build a unique faith-building experience

To find out more about SERRA or to make a reservation for the dinner, please contact Joann Carr at 630/665-0994 or carrgeojo@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SEEKS PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST IN DOWNERS GROVE

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is hiring a part-time receptionist at their Downers Grove office (3130 Finley Rd., suite 520). General responsibilities for this position include receptionist and clerical duties. To be considered for this position, individuals must have at least a high school diploma (or GED); experience with multi-line phone systems; the ability to work constructively with persons from a wide variety of backgrounds; excellent communication skills; and computer literacy. In addition, fluency in both English and Spanish is preferred. Work hours for this position are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8:30am – 4:30pm.

Please apply online at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or email a resume and letter of interest to HR@cc-doj.org. To learn more about the Back to School Fair and the other services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' ANGEL FUND

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is facing an especially challenging year. Significant government funding cuts to emergency homeless shelters have left the future of Daybreak Center in jeopardy. These funding changes will require the Agency to secure an additional \$500,000 annually to operate the Catholic Charities, Daybreak Shelter.

By the grace of God, we were blessed with an angel who will match your donations – up to \$50,000. Will you join our angel to help the homeless and others who live in poverty who are served by Catholic Charities?

With your support, Catholic Charities can continue to serve our poor and vulnerable neighbors.

Every day, we meet individuals who are experiencing poverty, but are motivated to create a brighter future through hard work. The resources provided by Catholic Charities, including those at Daybreak Center, are vital to the well-being of our clients and to the entire community. Please be generous. This is an opportunity to help someone who will have nowhere else to turn if Catholic Charities isn't there to help.

Please send in a donation by May 31st. Make checks payable to:

Catholic Charities: Angel Fund
16555 Weber Rd.
Crest Hill, IL 60403

Donations can also be made at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or by calling 815/724-1140.

TUCK POINTING

Our church building is in need of some tuck pointing. If you have a company or have used a reputable company please let us know. We are looking for bids.

Contact Mary Lou or Debbie at the office at 630/668-1325 or email stloff@aol.com.

WHY WE NEED EASTER

No one is exempt from tragedy or disappointment — even God was not exempt. Jesus offered no immunity, no way *out* of the unfairness, but rather a way *through* it to the other side. Just as Good Friday demolished the instinctive belief that this life is supposed to be fair, Easter Sunday followed with its startling clue to the riddle of the universe. Out of the darkness, a bright light shone. ...

The cross of Christ may have overcome evil, but it did not overcome unfairness. For that, Easter is required, a bright clue that someday God will restore all physical reality to its proper place.

—Philip Yancey, *Disappointment With God*
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EASTER IS ETERNAL



If Easter means anything to modern man, it means that eternal truth is eternal. You may nail it to the tree, wrap it up in grave clothes and seal it in a tomb. But truth crushed to earth shall rise again.

Truth does not perish. It cannot be destroyed. It may be distorted. It has been silenced temporarily. It has been compelled to carry its cross to Calvary's brow ... but with an inevitable certainty, after every Black Friday dawns truth's Easter morn.

—Donald H. Tippet
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