

PARISH CALENDAR

Easter Sunday
The Resurrection
of the Lord

April 17, 2022

The Lord is risen, truly!

Saturday, April 16	..... 8:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, April 17	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a. m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	NO EVENING MASS
Monday, April 18	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
		FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
Tuesday, April 19	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, April 20	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, April 21	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
Friday, April 22	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
Saturday, April 23	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:5:12-16: Through the work of the apostles, many signs and wonders took place among the people.

Rev:1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19: Among the lampstands was one like a son of man.

John:20:19-31: One of the Twelve, Thomas, was absent when the risen Lord first appeared to the others.

(Masks are optional but encouraged)

We continue to live streaming the Sunday Mass at 9:00 a. m. @ <https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream> or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

I can remember as a child being afraid of the dark. Not all the time—just usually after seeing a horror movie. For nights after, I would peer into the darkness, trying to make sure there was nothing out there. Even as an adult there have been times when I walked through a dark place feeling an uneasiness that was hard to shake.

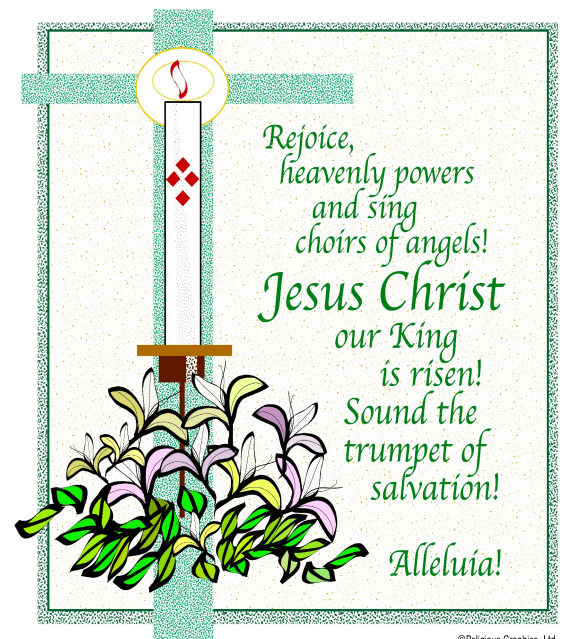
Easter in the Gospel of John begins in the dark. Night still holds the earth in its embrace. Darkness also gripped the hearts of Jesus' followers—the darkness of grief, sorrow, and hopelessness. Jesus of Nazareth—who had preached in a way no one else ever had, who had worked deeds of great power by curing the sick, healing lepers, giving sight to the blind, lifting up the lame, and who had even called the dead back to life—had been crucified and laid in the tomb. A large stone had been rolled in front of the entrance, death's final punctuation mark.

Only John tells us there was a garden where he was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. From this garden God decided to begin creation anew, so while it was still dark God breathed once again into a human figure, and the new Adam was raised up and would never die.

Not all darkness is to be feared. Sometimes it may even be necessary, summoning God to create once again, dispelling the shadow of death and despair that can settle over the human heart.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY EASTER! Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda and commit to share our Easter joy with those in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl or donate online at www.crsricebowl.org/give

WORD OF LIFE: "Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "god is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end" (Spe salvi 31)." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection "Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life" (Citing Pope Benedict XVI, Spe salvi © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)*

WEEKLY READINGS

Apr 17 Sun: Easter Sunday

Act:10:34a, 37-43; Ps:118: Col:3:1-4; Jn:20 :1-9

Apr 18 Mon: Octave of Easter

Acts:2:14, 22-33; Ps:16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt:28:8-15

Apr 19 Tue: Octave of Easter

Acts:2:36-41; Ps:33:4-5, 18-19, & 20. 22; Jn:20:11-18

Apr 20 Wed: Octave of Easter

Acts:3:1-10; Ps:105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk:24:13-35

Apr 21 Thur: Octave of Easter

Acts:3:11-26; Ps:8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk:24:35-48

Apr 22 Fri: Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12; Ps:118:1-2, & 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn:21:1-14

Apr 23 Sat: Octave of Easter

Acts:4:13-21; Ps:118: 1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk:16:9-15

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

*Alive in Christ! That's what we are. Among the many readings of Easter, Saint Paul reflects on this "newness of life" in his letter to the Romans. The Christian life is a resurrected life. It is new life, one of truth, inner joy and genuine fulfillment. God has transformed our lives for all eternity, and that transformation is what it means to be a Christian. Do you know the resurrected life? Have you genuinely experienced it? Good stewards have; and in their commitment to the Lord, they know what it means to be alive in Christ. It is time to rejoice. **He is risen! Alleluia!** (International Catholic Stewardship Council)*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

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ALL IS NEW

"What's new?" That is what we ask when we want to hear a story. Stories celebrate the great moments of life. When you hear one, it fills you with delight. When you tell one, you fulfill an inner desire to share what has shaped your life anew. After Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples did not wait for people to ask, "What's new?" They proudly proclaimed it: "God raised Jesus on the third day and granted that he be visible to us witnesses." Now, that is new! If you have kept a good Lent, you know very well what is new with you. You are what is new! You have faced your sin, admitted your fault, and accepted your dependence on God's help. You have prayed and fasted with the community. You have loved your neighbor. Because you have emptied a place inside yourself, you created a space for God's Spirit to enter. Christ is risen indeed, and he has appeared to you! You are now a witness of all that God can do.

This Easter Day, tell your story. Tell your faith. Let joy radiate from your face and loosen your tongue! Jesus lives! *Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings, Year C © 2019 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved. Written by Paul Turner. Lectionary for Mass © 2001, CCD.*

Hawaii WWME presents a virtual enrichment series for all married couples.

Called to Intimacy

Emotional - Intellectual - Work - Crisis - Spiritual - Sexual - Aesthetic - Creative - Recreational

Friday April 29, 2022
Living our Call to Intimacy

Friday May 27, 2022
The Foundation of Our Intimacy

Friday June 17, 2022
Our Sacramental Intimacy

Friday July 29, 2022
Our Intimacy Reward

Healthy relationships involve relating on multiple levels of intimacy, not just physical. In this monthly, 4-part enrichment, you will learn how nine levels of intimacy can benefit your relationship. Learn to engage in open, truthful communication, as well as work to understand your partner, to help establish closeness that will strengthen your love life.

All sessions are from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm HST via Zoom.

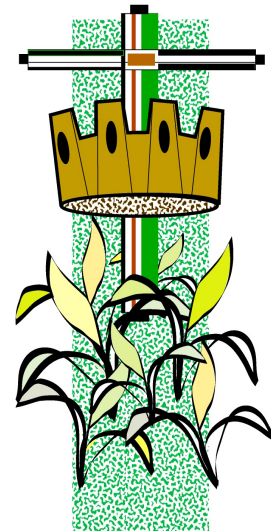
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Miracle of New Life

Risen Lord,
you open our eyes to the miracle of new life.
May the resurrection embolden us
to be witnesses of the power of your love
in our day.
Our world is in need of your abundant grace
and greater awareness of your abiding
presence with us.

Help us to reflect the courage, joy,
and enthusiasm
of Mary, John, and Peter.
Bless the words we speak, and every action
and gesture,
that in our living we may give you glory.
You live and reign with God the Father in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever
and ever. Amen.

Sunday, April 17, 2022

The Gift of Easter



Today's readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4; John 20:1–9. Imagine living through the events of last week as one of Jesus' disciples. Everything appeared to be over, their hopes and dreams gone.

All changes on Easter morning. Mary of Magdala goes to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, a ritual that could not be done until after the Sabbath. Discovering the stone removed, she runs to find the disciples. Peter returns to the tomb and enters to find the burial cloths pushed aside and the face cloth rolled up separately, clearly an indication that Jesus had no intention of returning to the tomb. Upon viewing the interior of the tomb, the beloved disciple "saw and believed,"

the Gospel tells us. Death that once created a chasm between humanity and God has no more power.

A tomb is associated with physical death. But other kinds of tombs exist; these can hold people in fear, anger, and loneliness. The gift of the resurrection is new life. This new life shatters the darkness of this world and offers us the chance to leave behind our "tombs." What better gift could Jesus give us? The promise celebrated at Easter is one that brings us to rejoice, trusting that God is with us. This promise makes all the difference. As the reading from Colossians states, "When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory."



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 18

Do Not Be Afraid

Jesus tells the women and us, “Do not be afraid.” What do you fear? These women were on their way to proclaim Christ’s rising. Do you fear your responsibility to witness to Christ? Wherever fear is present in your life, remember Jesus’ words. *Today’s readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; Matthew 28:8–15.*

Tuesday, April 19

Whom Are You Looking For?

“Whom are you looking for?” Jesus asks Mary Magdalene. Though they are friends, Mary does not recognize the Lord until he says her name. It is easy to overlook any number of ways Jesus tries to interact with us. He is always there, waiting for our eyes to open and our hearts to recognize him. Take time to converse with Jesus about the places where you need to be healed. Be with the Lord in silence, listening for him to say your name. *Today’s readings: Acts 2:36–41; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20 and 22; John 20:11–18.*

Wednesday, April 20

Transforming Presence

Think of a time when you were most heartbroken over a change in your life. That same feeling may have filled the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Thinking that the man they had followed was gone, they were returning to their former lives. After Jesus’ opening of the Scriptures and breaking of bread, they recognize him and head back to Jerusalem. Each time we celebrate the Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist we too experience an opening of our minds and hearts to see Jesus present with us. How can you take that awareness of Jesus’ presence into your life today? *Today’s readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:13–35.*

Thursday, April 21

Peace

Peace is not the absence of struggle, fear, or worry. Peace is the gift that empowers us to live through those things, realizing that we are not alone. “Why are you troubled?” Jesus asks his disciples, and us. When the trials of life seem overwhelming, it is important to stop and take a breath. That pause provides a moment to remember the presence of God and the promise of God to be with us always and in all ways. Peace comes in the pause. *Today’s readings: Acts 3:11–26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:35–48.*

Friday, April 22

The Cornerstone

A cornerstone is a stone that forms the base of a corner of a building by joining two walls. In the reading from Acts, Peter calls Jesus “the cornerstone.” He is our foundation and gives shape and form to all we do. As you deal with the concerns of your life, remember who is the one who brings all things together and who will do the heavy lifting, easing your stress and fear, Jesus. *Today’s readings: Acts 4:1–12; Psalm 118:1–2 and 4, 22–24, 25–27a; John 21:1–14.*

Saturday, April 23

God Is in the Details

“It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard,” Peter and John told the leaders who demanded that they not speak or teach in Jesus’ name. When do you speak in Jesus’ name? God’s goodness is all around us, even present when times are difficult. Before complaining about a situation, pause to take a good look and see where God might be hidden in the details. *Today’s readings: Acts 4:13–21; Psalm 118:1 and 14–15ab, 16–18, 19–21; Mark 16:9–15.*

