

HERMANN MISSOURI

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8am – 3pm

Baptism

Meeting with Pastor or Deacon for Baptism preparation required during pregnancy or after birth – see Parish website for more info

Confirmation

For Sophomores & Juniors every other year

Marriage

Contact Pastor 8 months before wedding date. Marriage preparation & Confirmation are required— see Parish website for more info

Anointing of the Sick

Please call Parish Office to make arrangements to receive anointing

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 7 & 10:30am

Daily Mass—Check Bulletin

Confessions

Saturday 4 – 4:30pm

Or by appointment

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Dear Padre: *What's the origin of the word Easter? It's not, mentioned in the Bible. Wouldn't a better name be Resurrection Sunday?* Experts trace Easter back to Old-English meanings associated with Eostre, the goddess of spring and fertility. Others point to the German word for east, which is derived from the Latin word for dawn. Regardless, Christianity found new meaning in the ancient celebration of nature's rebirth during the spring equinox. This resurrection of new life over the dead of winter also pointed to Christ's resurrection from the dead at dawn. **Likewise,** early Christians gave new meaning to ancient symbols of fertility, such as rabbits and eggs. For example, a hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb, and the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo* ("All life comes from an egg") symbolized the resurrection. Eggs, prohibited during the Lenten fast, were reintroduced at the Easter meal and shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg, "that it may become a wholesome sustenance to thy faithful servants, eating it in thankfulness to thee, on account of the resurrection of the Lord." **"Each** week, on the day called the Lord's Day, [the Church] commemorates the Resurrection of the Lord, which she also celebrates once a year in the great Paschal Solemnity" (The Roman Missal, "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar," 1). Thus, every Sunday—even those in Lent—is a Resurrection Sunday in celebration of Christ's triumph over death, which will include our own! —Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

FROM THE PASTOR: It might sound contradictory to say “Happy Easter” this weekend taking into account the circumstances of our world right now. If you are still watching the daytime or nightly news, and believe me it is very difficult to do so, other than the weather and tidbits of local news, pretty much all you hear is a report on the current status of the Covid-19 pandemic, its numbers, its continuing spread, and the impact on the economy.....world-wide, national, and within our little communities.

And then you take into account the fact that those who want to be in church on Easter Sunday cannot go there. Those who always get together with lots of family on Easter Sunday probably won't be doing that. Those who travel over Easter break have to stay home. There is so much NOT to be happy about.

And so we have to focus on that first thing a lot of us do on Easter, going to Church. Church is where we encounter Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the resurrection from the dead. Easter is a celebration of not just Christ's resurrection, but our resurrection as well. We know this to be the true reason for Easter. It is just like Christmas. Even if you cannot be with family at Christmas; even if you can't travel over Christmas; even if you can't exchange much in the way of presents over Christmas; there is still the birth of Jesus, our Savior, the Son of God. Sometimes we have to remember that “Jesus is the Reason for the Season,” whether it be Christmas or Easter.

So here are some things to think about this Easter of 2020:

We can thank God that He gives us Eternal Life through the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter and this means we are going to see our loved ones that have died some time in the future.

We can thank God that Easter promises us victory over sin in our world which means that things like wars and disasters and pandemics don't last; but instead life starts all over again.

We can thank God that the death of His Son on the cross brought forgiveness of our sins and through His resurrection we now get a second chance, a third chance, a fourth chance; we get to become a new person, the persons He wants us to be.

We can thank God that this world isn't all there is and a far better world awaits those who put their trust in Him.

So....as difficult as it might be to feel “happy” on Easter 2020 for various reasons, I hope the ones I just listed above might help you to focus on some other things that are just as important in our lives as well.

Be assured of my prayerful best wishes for a Blessed and Happy Easter.

Msgr. Greg