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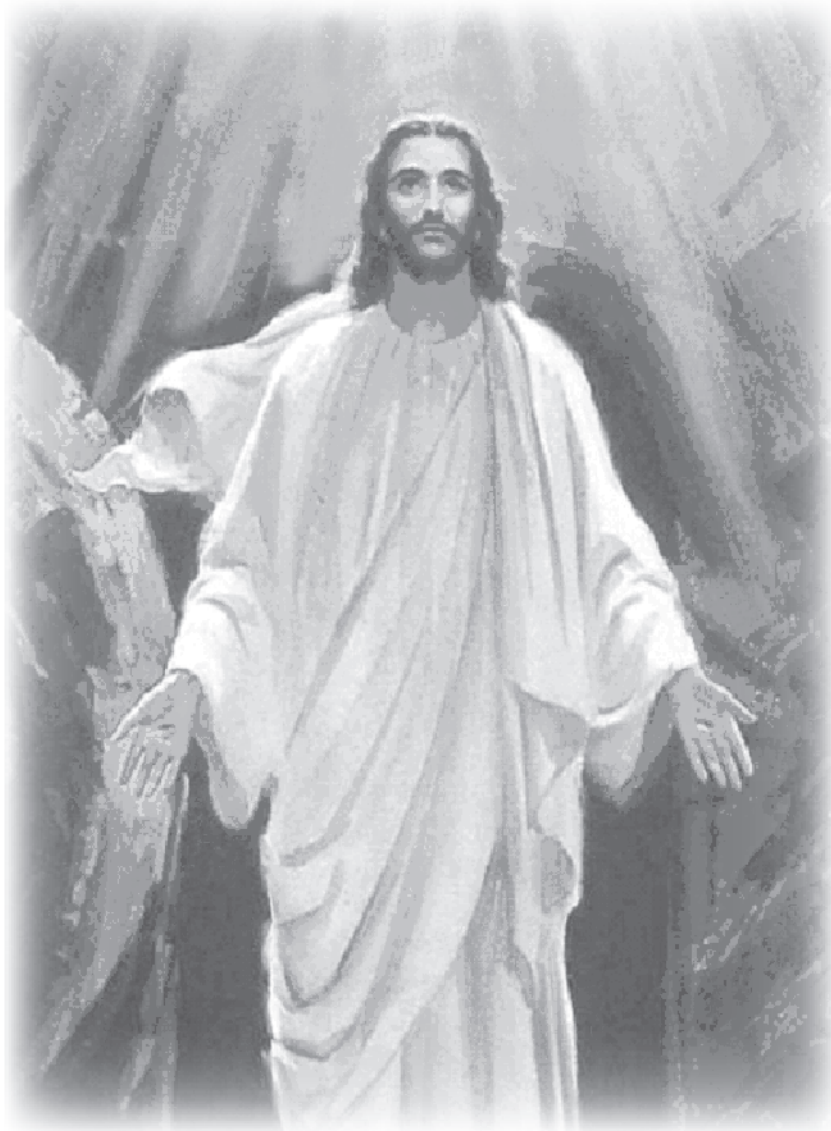
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Christ is Risen!



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 31

*Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17,
22-23 Colossians 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-18*

Mass Intentions for the Parish
Community

Monday, April 1 CLOSED

Tuesday, April 2

*Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19,
20+22 Jn 20:11-18*
5:30 pm Daniel Olmedo †

Wednesday, April 3

Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-9 Lk 24:13-35
5:30 pm Intentions of Stanley

Thursday, April 4

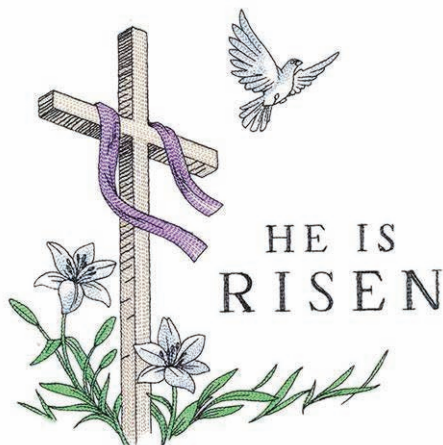
Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2-9 Lk 24:35-48
5:30 pm Souls in purgatory †

Friday, April 5

*Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2, 22-27a Jn
21:1-14*
5:30 pm Mary Bonneau †

Saturday, April 6

Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1-21 Mk 16:9-15
5:30 pm Parish Community



The Friar's Nook

The Easter is the most luminous, joyful and hopeful time of the Liturgical Year.

The joy of Easter does not respond to an annual cycle, nor to the good weather or awakening of nature, but to the news that underpins the Christian faith, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, once for all.

Christians on these holidays exchange a familiar greeting: "Happy Easter!" In some communities the expression is more explicit: "Hallelujah, Christ is risen!" And the answer is: "Truly he is risen, hallelujah! Which is the same as saying: "Rejoice! the Lord is risen." Jesus' request to his Father, before dying, was: "May they have my joy fulfilled in themselves" (Jn 17, 13).

An Easter text reveals very well the reaction of Christians, who, like the Apostles, after having suffered accompanying the steps of the Passion of Christ, it may be difficult to smile again.

The Gospel points out a very curious reaction in the disciples: "Just as they could not believe it because of their joy and were astonished..." (Lk 24, 41). The joy is so deep and unexpected that nature takes time to accept the event, although slowly the truth of the news embraces the entire being, floods it and gives it the ability to overcome all barriers. It is the experience of the two disciples of Emmaus, when they reflect and share the warmth they felt inside while Jesus explained the Scriptures to them, although they had not yet recognized him.

Jesus had told the disciples: "You are sad now, but I will see you again and your heart will be glad and no one will be able to take your joy away from you" (Jn 16:22).

The first Christians were flooded with Easter joy, so that those who observed them were amazed at the love, unity and joy they manifested. The Apostles "went to the Temple every day with perseverance and with the same spirit, they broke bread from house to house and ate food with joy and simplicity of heart." (Act 2, 46).

In spiritual discernment, a principle is consolation. Easter allows us to taste the sweet taste of the desired presence, and even if the Lord is not seen, faith grants the certainty of the embrace of the one who in many ways reveals himself in the hearts of those who wait and trust.

Fr. Alexander

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick: Aniela Kuncaitis, Antonia Bova, Celeste Cignarella, Guillermo Medina, Rose Menecola, Rosanne Kelly, Inez Meleca, Charles Coupal, Lucia Xavier da Silveira.

The Deceased: Tom Moriarty †

Creation Care: For Easter, we offer part of a prayer by Pope Francis in his letter Laudato Si'

Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!

Catholic Women's League: COME. HELP US CELEBRATE!

This is the 60th anniversary for St. Joan of Arc CWL Parish Council. To celebrate we are having a buffet breakfast at Canadiana Restaurant in Six Points Plaza., at 10:00 am on April 27, 2024. This is a full breakfast including: Orange juice, Coffee and Tea; Assorted muffins, Assorted Fresh Fruit, Assorted Toast with Butter, Scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausages and French toast. The cost of the breakfast is \$25.00. Tickets for this will be sold at the back of the Church the first 3 weeks in April, after each of the weekend Masses. Come out and help us celebrate! We are inviting everyone in the Parish to join us.

Easter Prayer

Lord, how can we ever thank You enough? You endured more pain, more shame, more sorrow, more grief than we can possibly fathom. Help us remember why You gave Your life. Because of love. Because of mercy. Because we desperately need them both and do not deserve it. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Thank You Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to save me from my sins. Thank you that you loved me enough to send a perfect sacrifice, so that we could live together eternally. I confess that I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I ask you to come into my heart, and I commit to following Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Lord God, You loved this world, you loved us all, so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday. Let us have hearts and souls that are forever grateful for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice deeply in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.

Monthly Offertory

Offertory	Feb 2023	Feb 2024
Envelopes	\$ 4,966	\$ 4,786
Loose	\$ 1,170	\$ 2,238
PAG*	\$ 6,223	\$ 6,096
Total	\$ 12,359	\$13,120

**Pre-Authorized Giving*

Contributions to the **Building**

Maintenance Fund for the month of January were \$3,509.

Office Hours:

Please note that the **parish office** will be closed on Good Friday & Easter Monday. Thank you!

April 1

Parish Offices Closed

No 5:30pm Mass



We wish you all
the blessings of
the Easter
Season!

- Love and prayers,
Father Bob, Father Alex &
the parish staff!



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