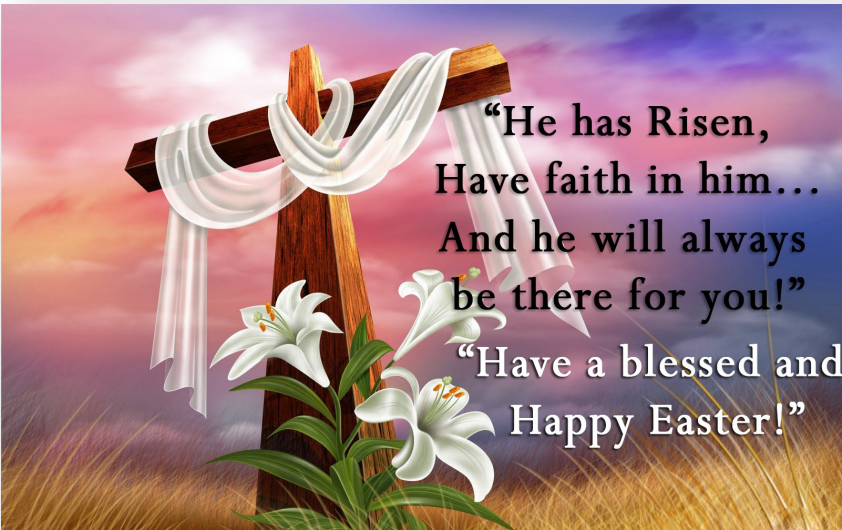


COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 04/20 (Today) Solemn **Holy Mass** at 10am. Easter breakfast in the Church Hall follows the Mass celebration. NO **Catechism Class** but kids are invited to **EGG HUNT** just after the Breakfast. **THANK YOU** Magda, Krista and Linda J. for preparing delicious food for today!
- 04/27 (II Easter Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *No Mass intention so far!*
- We have just concluded our Holy Week celebrations—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. Thank you to everyone who made these liturgies not only possible, but truly beautiful and meaningful. God bless you all for your time, dedication, and faithful service!
 - A special thank you to Magda for preparing the beautiful decorations in the church, organizing the Easter Egg Hunt for our children, and coordinating today’s parish breakfast. It’s also her birthday today — so don’t forget to wish her well and enjoy a slice of birthday cake in her honor!



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PARISH BULLETIN

EASTER SUNDAY

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For MAGDA on the occassion of her birthday!

INTROIT

C: I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom. Alleluia.

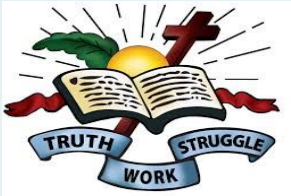
R: O Lord, you have probed me and you know me; you know when I sit and when I stand. Alleluia.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter proceeded to speak and said:
"You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 118

„This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.“

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Collosians.

Brothers and sisters:
If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

COL 3:1-4

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JN 20:1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; 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. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we solemnly celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Our readings remind us that it is not just a historical fact that Jesus rose from the dead, but it is a life-transforming event, not only for Jesus, but also for all who believe in Him.

The Johannine Gospel (John 20: 1-9) relates the account of Mary Magdalen going to the tomb before the sun rose on Easter Sunday morning. Expecting to see the tomb still sealed, she plans to keep vigil at the tomb. She is surprised to find the sealing rock removed and the tomb empty. Still not fully understanding what has taken place, she runs to the frightened and saddened disciples and tells them about the empty tomb. She wonders where they have taken the body. Peter and John hasten back to the tomb. John, being younger and probably more athletic, arrives at the tomb, but does not enter it until Peter reaches the tomb. As they enter and see the burial clothes neatly folded, they realize something special has happened. It seems that John quickly believes in a miracle – the fulfillment of Jesus’ promises to rise again. Peter, the one who had denied his Lord three times, does not seem quite so quick to accept the idea of Jesus’ resurrection.