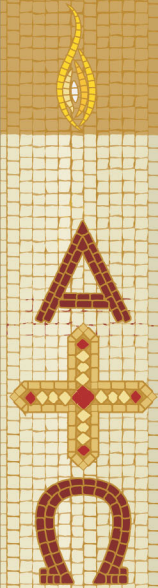


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Easter Sunday

He has been raised from the dead,
and he is going before you to Galilee.

MATTHEW 28:7

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Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! This Paschal greeting is customary in Eastern Catholic and Orthodox churches on Easter Sunday. Then there is Saint Augustine's acclamation of joy: We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song! However you express it, Easter is the time for rejoicing because Jesus Christ, our friend and brother, is risen from the dead. And yet today's scriptures are less joyful than one would expect for the most important feast in the Christian calendar. Perhaps we are being asked to look deeper into the mystery of the Resurrection, just as Peter went into the tomb to look deeper into the mystery of its emptiness.

Mary Magdalene, who loved the Lord so much that she risked everything, possibly even her life, to go to the tomb before daybreak, finds the stone rolled away and assumes that someone has taken Jesus' body. Frightened and sad, she runs to tell Peter and John. They all run back to the tomb, but what do they expect to see? Peter enters the tomb and sees. John enters, sees, and believes. But what does he believe? Scripture states, "For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead" (John 20:9). They went home, not

really knowing what had happened. But John "believed" something.

SOMETHING HAPPENED

What do we believe? Somewhere between that Easter morning and Peter's confident teaching about Jesus in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, something (the Risen Christ) happened. Peter has evolved from his bewilderment into a witness to the Resurrection.

What are we to find in the empty tomb? Maybe the Colossians reading has an answer. By entering the empty tomb of our lives to seek the Lord, we see, we believe, we die, to be raised with Christ. "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). And we will rise in glory with him.

Today's Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10



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When Christ who is your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory.

—*Colossians 3:4*

After Easter Father will begin saying Mass for scheduled intentions. If you have requested a Mass and prefer it to be said publically at a later date, please call Father.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Remember: If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation please call Father and he will direct you. It will be outside of the church and comply with the CDC recommendations with proper distancing and privacy.

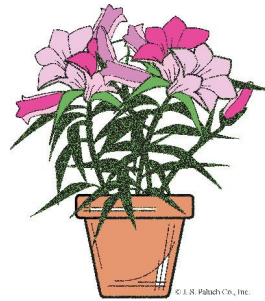
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Father That Son will celebrate Mass for your intentions at St. Francis Xavier Church.

MON. 4/13 Jim Novel† (Ed & Mary Dugas)
TUE. 4/14 Sandina Leonard (Rosary Group)
WED. 4/15 Elmer Burke† (Jim Burke)
THU. 4/16 Phyllis Langmyer† (Rick & Robin Targosky)
FRI. 4/17 Alfred Rosario (Kitty Yocum)
SAT. 4/18 Zachary Materkoski† (Curia Family)
SUN. 4/19 Steve Eisenhauer† (Karen Eisenhauer)



Our beautiful Easter Flowers will be displayed on the Church steps Easter Sunday. Drive by and enjoy their splendor while observing social distance.

After Easter they will be moved to the church vestibule.

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Easter Flowers	\$ 115.00

Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their weekly offertory!

Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage.

Pre-Cana is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents.

Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.S.R.):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Prayer Request: Joseph Grampa, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Ronnie Hill, Connie Howard, Eleanor Smith, Catherine Pellerin, Mary Coffield, Jim Conner, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Diane Young, Tex Reynolds, Bobby Kleinedler. **Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Rachel Kerekes.

Nursing Home: Bertie Gaughenbaugh, Bill Tennant, Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Ron Jaworski.



Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the family of:
Dianne Hill

and the family of:
Teresa Ann McCoy

May they rest in peace.

This Sweet poem was written by a parishioner:

God Hear my Prayers
We need your help fast!

The Virus is here
How long can we last?

It's ending our lives!
It's lasting too long!

Please Give us your Strength!
Help us Remain Strong!

What has happened to our World lately?
Families and Friends dying now daily!

Have we done something bad?
Have we fallen from Grace?

We need your Guidance to find a Safe place!

Walk beside us and show us the way!
Take us back to a normal day!

We're getting so tired of this constant
wrestling!

Please Help us Fast! we need your
Blessing!

We Can't go to church and talk to you there
But even I know - you are Everywhere!

We're scared and we're waiting for you to ^{come} lead!
Give us instructions and we will Take heed!

An Easter Message from our Pastor:

A mother has just picked up her bouncy, happy-5-year-old from kindergarten. "Did you have a fun day?" asks his mother. "Yes!" responds the child. "Guess what! Our gym teacher is gonna have a baby!" "Oh, how wonderful," says the mother. "Does your gym teacher know whether it's going to be a girl or a boy?" "No, Mom," says the confused child. "It's gonna be a baby!"

It would be wonderful if we all could be regarded equally as not boy or girl, woman or man, black or white. After all, we are God's own: God's babies, God's children, God's people. We still believe God is here with us, through thick and thin. Now it's our turn to be witnesses of hope in a world in need of hope, to pass on the word, 'Jesus is Risen - Alleluia'.

Let us continue to keep each other in our prayers, and experience the joy of Christ's Resurrection in our midst,

Fr. That Son



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Teachers, doctors, health care workers, hospital maintenance and cleaning staff, first responders, grocery store workers, trash collectors, truck drivers and everyone who has been risking their health to keep us safe and well. You are in our prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome to these new babies and congratulations to their families!

Layla Elise Sloan on March 24
Parents: Kristen & Jared Sloan
Grandparents: Chester & Elisa Sobutka

Cai Matthew Kleine on March 29
Parents: Charlie Kleine & Glynis Board
Grandmother: Susan Board

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