

# *St. Mary's Our Lady of the Lake*

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April 12, 2020 ~ Easter Sunday

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**The Easter Vigil** – Cathedral ~ livestream April 11th at 8pm

**Easter Sunday Mass (during the day)** – Cathedral ~ livestream April 12th at 11am

Where to watch Masses online and on TV: See page 19 of the April 2 newspaper The Evangelist for a list of masses streamed on the internet and on TV.



## EASTER SUNDAY

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” - Mt 28:5b-6

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Dear Parishioners;

Happy Easter! This week of our highest holy days has been so very different than any we have previously experienced. It is a difficult time with worry about illness, income and isolation but it is also a time to come together as family in new and creative ways. Decorations can be put up in your home, especially homemade ones that hold special meaning. Favorite family recipes may be used, even if you do not sit at the same table, and the Gospel readings of our salvation can be accessed in your Bible or on the internet. Just as Christ used the basic familiar items like water, wine, oil, bread, in His teachings we too can use what we have and make it special. Light a candle for dinner, who cares if it's a Christmas candle, in fact it would unite these two great feasts, the reason Christ was born was to save us and that's what Easter is truly all about. Have a Blessed, Healthy, and Holy Easter! Alleluia! Karen

### Home schooling with Pflaum Gospel Weeklies

Dear Parents;

This year we purchased the Pflaum Gospel Weekly series for your children's Religious Ed. There is a weekly lesson based on Sunday's Gospel. Some of the teachers were using them. We are in the process of mailing out the leaflets so that, as a family, you may share the Gospel, have a prepared prayer and activity all customized to your child's age level and lived experience. In addition, you may access additional info on GospelWeeklies.com which has seasonal activities and resources.

Hoppy Easter!

Mrs. Walker

Pre-school = Seeds  
Grades K-1 = Promise  
Grades 2-3 = Good News  
Grades 4-6 = Venture  
Grade 7-9 = Visions



VATICAN NEWS (English)

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

Priests are allowed to celebrate private masses only so, even though you may see it live streamed, the only person who may receive Eucharist is the priest. The only exception is viaticum; a priest may offer Eucharist to someone actively dying. We are all hungering for the Eucharist together so we focus on His word, His presence in each one of us.

Please check out the reading of the Gospel and the homily for Palm/Passion Sunday, by Deacon Randy Velez, on our Facebook page [St Mary's Roman Catholic Church Cooperstown, NY](#)



We are working diligently to keep church expenses down however we have monthly expenses between \$17,000 and \$20,000. Please try to send your offerings in the mail, in the drop box by the office door, or by

e-giving on line at [stmaryscoop.org](http://stmaryscoop.org)

We pray that we all may get together soon as one family of God. Bless you!

### *A few reminders and updates:*

- April is the Month of the Holy Eucharist.
- All Masses are canceled until further notice.
- All meetings are canceled until further notice.
- Stations of the Cross are canceled until further notice
- Our Church is open for private prayer— Please maintain safe social distance
- Confirmation is canceled until further notice
- Please keep checking the web page [www.rcda.org](http://www.rcda.org), watch for diocese information to be on line.
- Bulletins are e-mailed and snail mailed. An enhanced version is found on our webpage [stmaryscoop.org](http://stmaryscoop.org)
- Our phones are working so call or email if you have any questions.



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For daily scripture readings go to [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) and click on the calendar



### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### Reconciliation/Confession

From the Chancery, with the approval of Bishop Scharfenberger: Where a person is in the painful situation of not being able to receive sacramental absolution, a perfect contrition coming from a love of God, accompanied by a sincere request for forgiveness and the firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as possible, obtains the forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones.

We thank our sponsors for continuing their support of St. Mary's. We ask you support them during these challenging times and when our community is able to return to full engagement.

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Pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:  
Fr. Peter Pagonas ~ Ivy Bischof ~ Maureen Brennan ~  
David Butler ~ Vin Cronin ~ Mary Devenpeck ~  
Robert Davenport ~ Richie Davy ~ Julia Fassett ~  
Stephen Markuson ~ Senator Jim Seward ~  
Bradley Smith ~ Sarah Tarr

Pray for members of the military from our families  
Liam Dolan-USMC ~ Ryan Barrow  
Please call the Parish Office to add any names.



The Easter Candle is usually lit outside and carried into church and passed to each of us approximately 8pm at the Easter Vigil. The Diocese is asking us all to turn on our front porch light at 8pm on Saturday!

Prayer During Coronavirus Pandemic

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,  
We, your children of every nation,  
Turn to you in this pandemic.  
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.  
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,  
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,  
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,  
And timely help in all our needs.  
You are our Mother.  
Pray for us to your Son. Amen.

Holy Father's Prayer intention for the month  
of April 2020 Freedom from Addiction -  
We pray that those suffering from addiction  
may be helped and accompanied.



The Holy Land Collection, usually taken on Good Friday,  
is being postponed until September 13, 2020



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2020

- SUN 4/12** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
- MON 4/13** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
- TUE 4/14** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
- WED 4/15** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
- THR 4/16** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
- FRI 4/17** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14
- SAT 4/18** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
- SUN 4/19** Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2020

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday
- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our world wants us to believe that life is only what we make of it. Today, we realize how untrue that is. Life is ultimately about what God makes of it, and the resurrection of Jesus reveals this. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Who do you understand yourself to be? What we did yesterday, are doing today, and may do tomorrow pretty much determine how we perceive ourselves. We even perceive Jesus this way in limiting our vision of him

to his earthly accomplishments. But, we know through today's triumphant celebration that Christ is much more than his earthly legacy. The transfigured and resurrected Christ is the beginning, the end, and the fulfillment of all things and every person. All that Jesus did stands in second place to who we now know him to be. Do we realize that this will be our journey too? Christ is risen. Alleluia, alleluia!







# WORSHIP & MEDITATION

## FIRST READING

"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." (Acts 10:42)

## PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) or Alleluia

## SECOND READING

When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. (Col 3:4)

## GOSPEL

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:8)

## ALTERNATE SECOND READING

1 Cor 5:6b-8

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

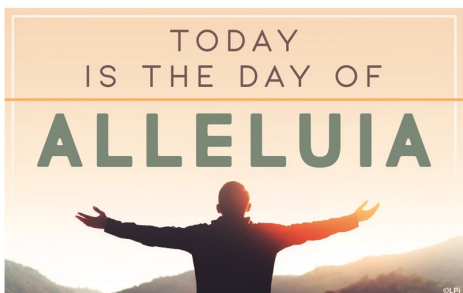
When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying "so what" or "alleluia"? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of "so what." Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.

Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don't sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and "find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The "so what" response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn't important to me securing my next raise.

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn't impress us or matter all that much. It's all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant "tomorrow" that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking "so what?" or "alleluia"?

There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn't need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!



# LITURGICAL LIFE

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### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### Come to Christ

Life is perhaps God's greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate.

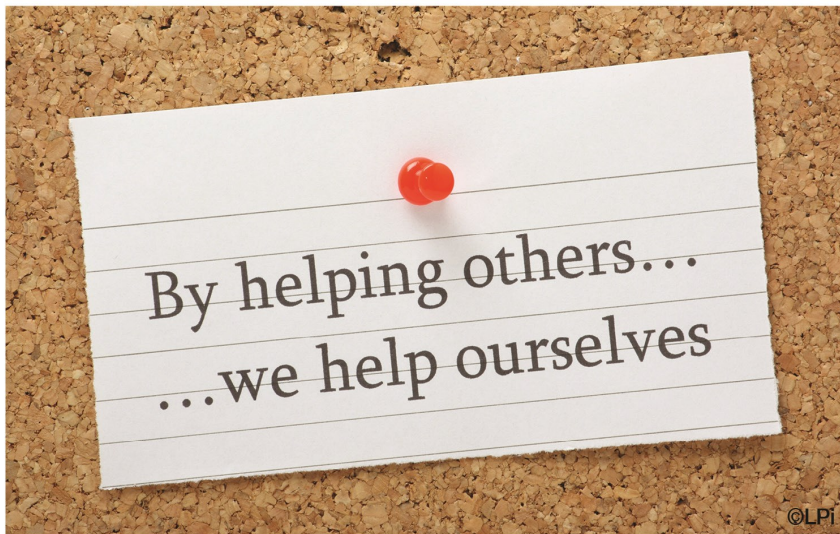
On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn't take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. Happy Easter!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: *Confessing Sins*

#### Question:

If I go to the Sacrament of Penance and end up repeating the same sins, does that mean I do not have a strong enough intention to amend my life?

#### Answer:

There is a popular expression that says, "Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet!" Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it. As St. Paul says, the good he intends to do, he does not do. The evil he does not intend, he does! It is not always a lack of intention, but more often the allure of evil that makes it difficult to change.

When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God's grace, we will succeed.





# LITURGICAL LIFE



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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 into a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and he believed.

— Jn 20:6-8

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

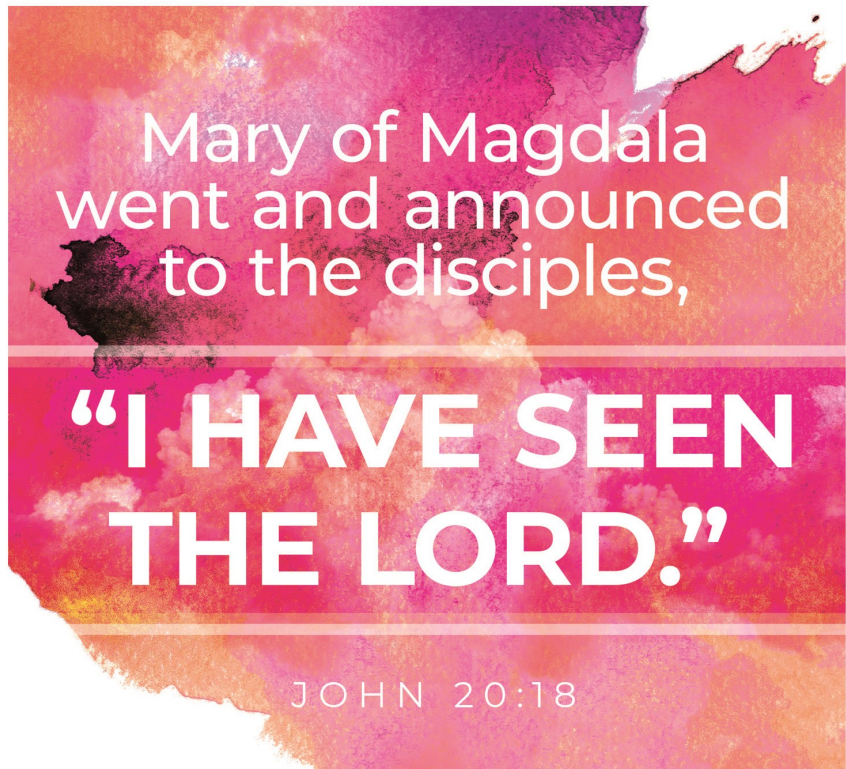
Peter's speech about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus offers us a glimpse into the Church's earliest kerygma (oral proclamation) about Jesus. How is Peter's speech persuasive to you?

### Second Reading

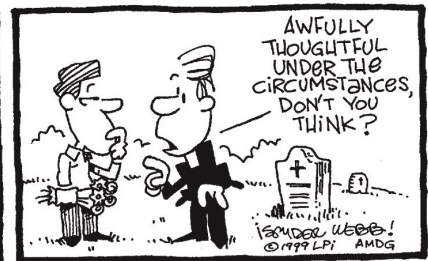
Using the metaphors of yeast and unleavened bread, Paul viewed the death and resurrection of Jesus as bringing a new life of "sincerity and truth" to the community of believers. How does the celebration of Easter unite your faith community?

### Gospel Reading

Mary Magdalene is the first to realize that Jesus had risen from dead, and twice is told, "Do not be afraid." What fears are alleviated in you knowing that Jesus rose from the dead?



EASTER



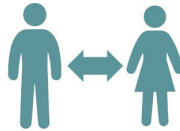


# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## 3 EASY STEPS

### To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



#### Wash Your Hands

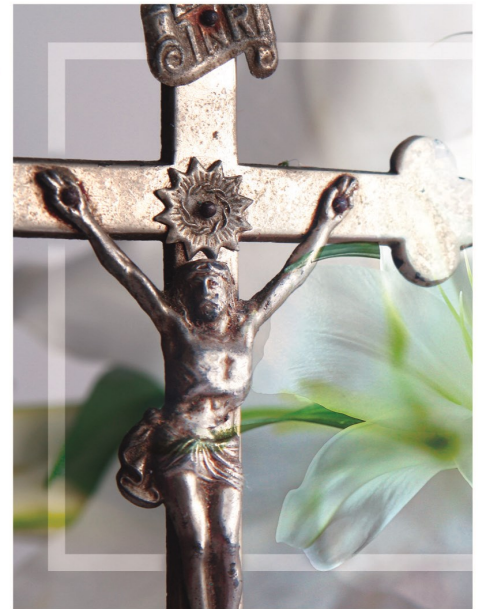
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

#### Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

#### Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

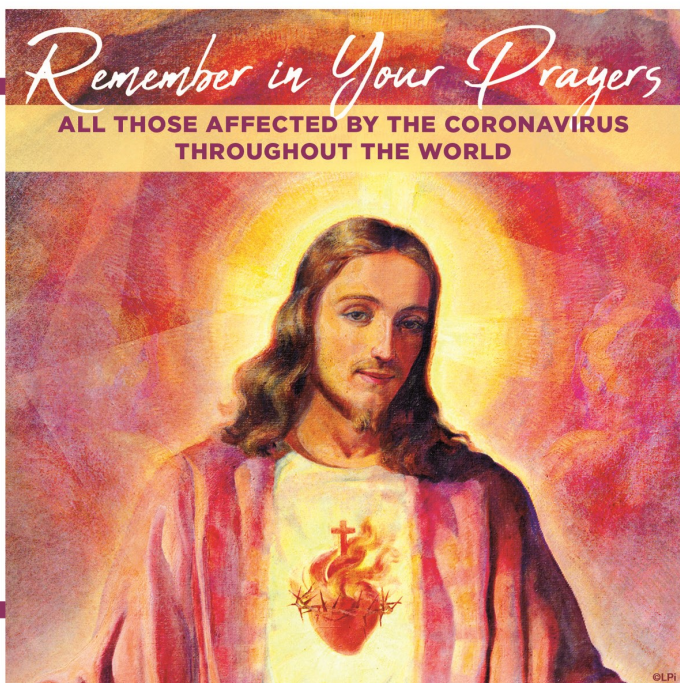


*“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.”*

- Mt 28:5b-7

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GO OUT  
AND  
SPREAD  
THE  
GOOD  
NEWS  
CHRIST  
IS RISEN!

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*Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of Your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.  
Be with those who serve the sick and  
give them Your caring hands.  
Be with those who lead and give them  
Your spirit of wisdom.  
Be with those who have fallen ill and  
give them Your comforting heart.  
Wrap Your arms around our world  
and hold us in Your love.  
Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love  
to all we meet.  
We ask this in Your Name.  
Amen*