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Easter Joy

May the joy of the Easter Resurrection of Our Lord be with you and those you love! Yes, as you read this, perhaps that joy can only come with other emotions, as was the case for the women who first saw the empty tomb and heard the words of the angel: "Do not be afraid!.... He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." The Gospel says that they were, "fearful, yet overjoyed."

What a beautiful word *overjoyed* is. Perhaps we have experienced it once or twice in life. Those who walked with Christ were overjoyed because they had lost so much and yet, shockingly, received it back again. He hadn't just departed from them. He was taken away seemingly forever in violent death. To know that He still lives--to see him again--of course, would make them overjoyed.

Our ability to fully practice our Faith, to worship the Lord in his house and to receive him in the Eucharist, seems to have been taken from us. However, we will likely receive it back before this season ends. May we receive with our renewed freedom the grace to be joyful that we have, also, received back the fullness of our Faith.

In an interesting twist, the first generation of disciples did not see the end of all suffering. In fact, the Apostles would go from suffering the loss of the Lord to suffering *with* and *for* him. The difference that the joy of the Resurrection makes for them is that they would be resolute in the confidence that Jesus Christ has conquered death. This year, as we progress through the current travails of the whole world, may we be blessed with a stronger and more joyful Faith for ourselves and for the whole Church. Happy Easter!



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SCHEDULE FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKS

April 2, 2020

SATURDAYS

CONFESSIONS

3:00-3:45PM ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

ADORATION

4:00-5:00PM ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

SUNDAYS

ADORATION

7:30AM-12:30PM ST. MONICA CHURCH

9:00AM-12:00PM ST. LUCY CHURCH

DURING THE WEEK

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION OR
MASSES DURING THE WEEK.

BOTH CHURCHES WILL BE CLOSED.

HOWEVER, GETHSEMANE CHAPEL WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR
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from 9-10 AM for the filming of Mass.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 16

8:15 am Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

8:15 am

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

8:00 am Living Intentions

Members of the Chouinard Family

In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Anthony Fusco Sr.

4:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 19

7:30 am People of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

9:30 am Vincent Jablonski

Deceased members of the

Chouinard Family

Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro

Charles Booth Jr.

11:30 am Genoveffa and Luigi Nicoletti

John Nicoletti

ST. LUCY PARISH

MONDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 am Real and Gerard Taschereau

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 am Santa and Rosario Marzullo

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

8:00 am Janet Szostak

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

4:00 pm Gertrude and Joseph Sarro

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 19

9:00 am George and Gloria Colizzi

Fred and Irene Leocata

11:00 am Alfio and Salvatore Privitera

Genoveffa Nicoletti

James Finess

Lillian Lupi

Deceased members of the Saracusa Family

Geraldine Rydle

Louise Salmi

**THESE INTENTIONS WILL BE OFFERED AT THE PRIVATE MASSES SAID BY OUR PRIESTS.
THESE MASS TIMES ARE NOT AVAILABLE PUBLICLY.**



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A fantastic way to unite ourselves to the Holy Mass during this time where we cannot receive the Eucharist is to offer a Spiritual Communion at the usual moment of Holy Communion. Here is a beautiful version of this prayer:

O Lord Jesus, since I am unable at this time to receive you in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, I beg you to come spiritually into my heart in the spirit of your holiness, in the truth of your goodness, in the fullness of your power, in the communion of your mysteries and in the perfection of your ways. O Lord, I believe, I trust, I glorify you. I am sorry for all my sins. O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.



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!



HE IS RISEN!

FORMED® PICK OF THE WEEK



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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for our priests/seminarians/vocations daily. Pick up a Pray for Our Priests calendar and a seminarian prayer card at the back of the church or just use this list each day. Our priests and seminarians need our prayers and we should be praying for vocations!

	Date	Priest	Seminarian
Sunday	4/12	Pope Francis	Diego Alejandro Pena
Monday	4/13	Fr. George Fitzsimmons	Francis Trewin
Tuesday	4/14	Fr. Stephen Zukas	Maxwell Chukwudiebere
Wednesday	4/15	Fr. Lawrence Rondeau	Patrick O'Connor
Thursday	4/16	Fr. Thomas Nestor	Nathaniel Sanders
Friday	4/17	Fr. Linh Nguyen	Nicholas Stano
Saturday	4/18	Fr. William Devine	Michael Dickson



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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BAPTISMS Please call the parish office. St. Monica: 2nd Sun. of the month @ 1pm | St. Lucy: 3rd Sun. of the Month @ 1pm

MARRIAGES Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

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