April 12, 2020 ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory. ~ Colossians 3:4

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April 12, 2020 ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ~ Year A

Mass of Vigil: (1) Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24,35; (3) Ex 14:15-15:1; (P) Ex 15:1-6,17-18; (5) Is 55:1-11; (Ps) Is 12:2-3,4-6; (8) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; (9) Lk 24:1-12

Alleluia! The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (8:Ps)! If we have died with Christ (8:Rom), we shall also rise with him (9) and pass from death to life (3:Ex).

Sunday: 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 Lk 24:1-12

On this day of days (Ps) we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise (Seq) to the Father who raised his Son from the dead (1,3). Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us (2a), Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed (2b).

Seeds of Faith
There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter’s speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul’s letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information “bullet points.” Scripture scholars call them kerygmeta, or “kernels” of our faith. Actually, “kernels” or “seeds” are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul, and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection exactly how these kerygmeta began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter “seeds” of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

Treasures From Our Tradition
The Lenten journey is now complete, its mission of renewal and preparation to receive new life fulfilled. The call to worship the Risen Lord has been received, and we gather to experience together the consoling presence of Christ in word and sacrament. We are at our best today, crowded and cramped to be sure, but the fullest sign of who we are meant to be. Christ has claimed us in the waters of baptism, we have acquired wonderful companions, and together we can accomplish great things.

This is the day for rekindling the old flames of baptismal commitment, so we light the paschal candle, and by its light we make yet again the ancient promises to reject evil’s grip and empty promises. Today we do not recite the Creed, but respond with one voice to age-old questions. New life has to be nurtured, both the life of the newly baptized and the renewed life of those who have passed through Lent’s refining prayer, fasting, and giving alms. At any Mass during the next fifty days, you may be surprised by grace and splashed by water!

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Prayer in a Time of Pandemic
O God of compassion,
your people are anxious
in this time of pandemic.
Send your Holy Spirit among us
to dispel our fears.
We cry out to you in our confusion;
comfort us in our affliction.
Grant our leaders wisdom to guide us.
Strengthen and sustain those who are ill,
and be with those who care for them.
Help us to travel this road
in solidarity with our neighbors,
with our eyes fixed on the salvation
promised us through the death and resurrection
of your Son,
who is Lord forever and ever.
Amen.

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The Cross
We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,
through whom we are saved and delivered.
~ Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, The Roman Missal

Easter
It is the hour to rend thy chains, the blossom time of souls.
~ Katharine Lee Bates

Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for April

Pope’s Intention: Freedom from Addiction. That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.
**From the Desk of Fr. Obet**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

To believe in the resurrection of Jesus means that everything can be new again. The resurrection assures us that there are no doors that are eternally closed to us. When one door closes, God opens a new door for us because God does not give up on us, even if we give up on ourselves. This is what God’s mercy is all about. Pope Francis says that God never tires of being merciful to us. We are the ones who tire of asking for mercy.

When we allow the mercy of God to transform us the resurrection of Jesus becomes real to us. As we renew our baptismal promises today, we are reminded that in baptism we died with Christ so that we may also share in His resurrection.

We become Easter people when our life manifests God’s mercy in everything we say and do. This is true especially in the age of pandemic. We may be limited in what we are able to do because of physical or social distancing. However, we can still be instruments of mercy to others directly and indirectly. Let us be mindful of the best practices to mitigate the spread of the virus. I don’t have to repeat here what the protocols are. Suffice it to say that even if we are at home, we can pray for everyone especially those who already sick, the healthcare workers who are on the frontlines, the health experts so that they can find a vaccine or a cure, the public officials so they can come together in using the world’s resources in the fight against the pandemic. And let us pray also for ourselves so that the Hope that Easter brings may linger in our hearts forever.

I am very grateful for your help and support of Saint Patrick Church. I hope and pray that we can all be creative and resourceful in our efforts to continue and sustain our parish and community life under these very difficult circumstances.

**Happy Easter!**

¡Felices Pascuas!

Mализmagang Pasko ng Pagkabuhay!

Blessings,

Fr. Obet Andrey

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**USCCB Reflection Prayer**

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19):

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

**Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,**

**Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.**

We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

 Courtesy of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

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**Today’s Readings**

**First Reading** — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalm** — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) **Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) **Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel** — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Matthew 28:1-10 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

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**Christ has Risen**

Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen, and you are overthrown. Christ has risen, and the demons have fallen. Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen, and life reigns. Christ has risen, and not one dead rests in the grave. For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept. To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages. Amen.

*Byzantine Pentekostarion*

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**Dancing for Joy**

The people say that the sun dances on this day in joy for a risen Savior.

— Alexander Carmichael
Bells Call to Prayer
Have your parish set your church bells to ring every three hours at these times, or set your smartphone alarm to these times, then pray the indicated prayer at that hour.

9:00 a.m. - Prayer for those infected with the virus and all who are ill
Lord, place your healing hand on those who suffer illness. Bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. May our prayer and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary encourage them that they are not alone. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

12:00 p.m. - Prayer for health care workers and those attending to the sick
Lord, we are ennobled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

3:00 p.m. - Prayer for first responders and essential workers
Lord, we pray for those who run to danger to keep us safe and those who serve the common good. Embrace them with your mantle of protection and comfort the fears of their families. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

6:00 p.m. - Prayer for people of every nation and their leaders
Lord, the pandemic opens our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters in one human family. We pray for people of every nation and their leaders, asking that they be inspired to seek the good of all and quell the voices of division. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

9:00 p.m. - Prayer for those who have died today
Lord, we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died this day. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

~ Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

A Litany to Pray Frequently in Time of Health Pandemic
This may be prayed individually or in alternation with others.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, have mercy on us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, have mercy on us.
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

From all evil, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
From every sin, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
From everlasting death, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By your Incarnation, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By your Death and Resurrection, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Lord, deliver us, we pray.

Holy Mary, pray for us.
Holy Mother of God, pray for us.
Mother of the Church, pray for us.
Mother of Christians, pray for us.
Mother of the human family, pray for us.
Refuge of sinners, pray for us.
Comforter of the afflicted, pray for us.
Consolation of the lonely, pray for us.
Solace of the fearful, pray for us.
Hope of the poor, pray for us.
Health of the sick, pray for us.
Companion of the dying, pray for us.
Strength of caregivers, pray for us.
Help of Christians, pray for us.
Queen of angels, pray for us.
Queen of apostles, pray for us.
Queen of martyrs, pray for us.
Queen of virgins, pray for us.
Queen of all saints, pray for us.
Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Compiled from liturgical and traditional sources by Anthony Ruff, Saint John’s Abbey.
Pray for your Priests

Mass Intentions for Apr 12 – 18

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Saints & Special Observances

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14,22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)
Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-1

Prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, During the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross,
united with Jesus’ pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman people,
know what we need,
and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that,
as at Cana of Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
He who took our suffering upon Himself,
and burdened Himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the Cross,
to the joy of Resurrection. Amen.
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test —
and deliver us from every danger.
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Pope Francis, March 11, 2020

Prayer for Healthcare Workers

God of everlasting goodness,
you sent your Son among us
to bring healing, peace, and reconciliation to our weary world.
Be with all health care workers and their assistants
in this time of the Coronavirus pandemic.
As they continue Jesus’ ministry of care,
renew them in mind, body, and spirit.
Keep them safe from infection and illness,
and may Christ’s healing presence flow through them
as they serve those entrusted to their care.
We ask this in his name,
Christ the healer,
who is Lord forever and ever.
Amen.