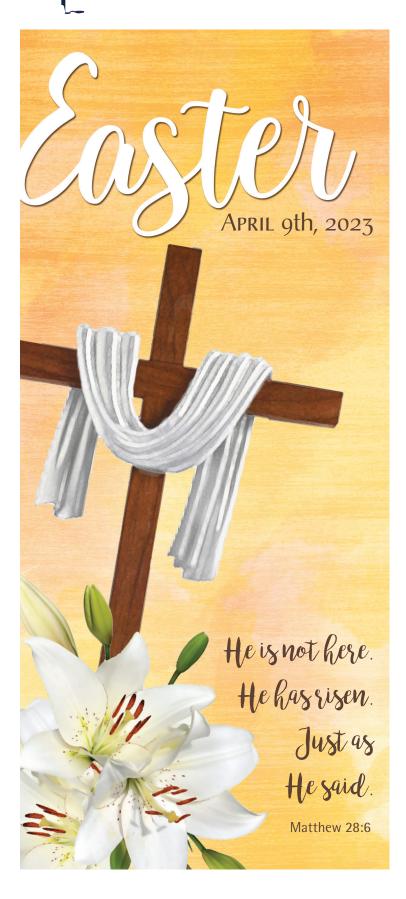


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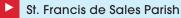
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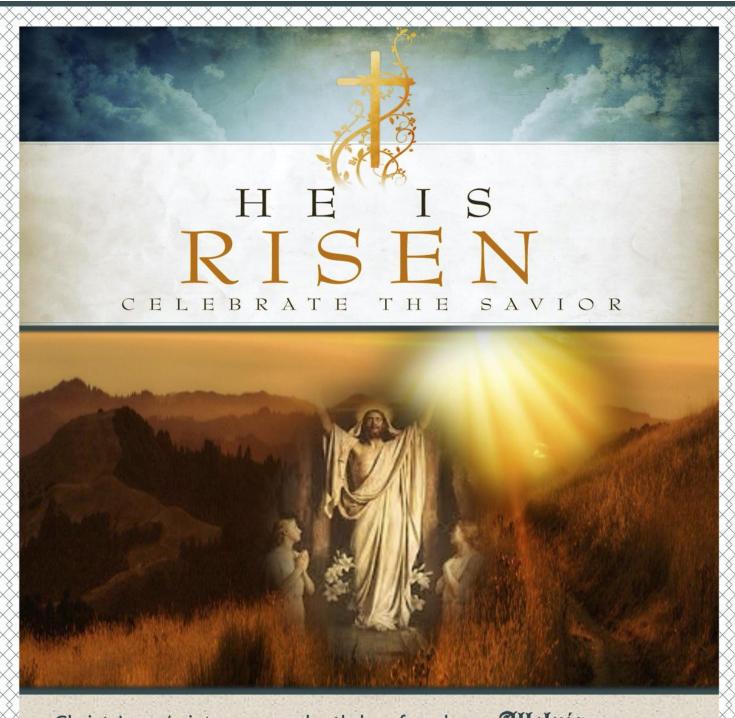
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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 10 APRIL

9:00 AM + CIRIACO GALAPIN

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+ PEDRO & EUFRECINA CHICHIOCO

TUESDAY, 11 APRIL

8:30 AM + JESUS SANTOS

WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. DAVID UMEH

+ ELEKUTTY DEVASIA

THURSDAY, 13 APRIL

9:00 AM + MECHTILDE, WILLIE & ERMNIE VOLNEY

+ JEAN CHRISTINE MURPHY

FRIDAY, 14 APRIL

7:00 PM S.I. DAVID XAVIER

+ RALPH COLLINS JR.

+ CARMEN MACAPAZ

SATURDAY, 15 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. DAVID XAVIER

+ RALPH COLLINS JR.

+ CARMEN MACAPAZ

5:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, 16 APRIL

8:30 AM + FLORIE D'SOUZA

+ CLARITA VALENZUELA

10:15 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR ELENITA PEREZ

& DOMINADOR DIMACULANGAN

12:00 PM + IVY MORAES

+ SHEILA CARMICHAEL

+ BERTRAND CALLISTE

7:00 PM AVAILABLE



Please note, the parish office will be closed on Monday 10 April due to the Easter Monday holiday. Have a Happy Easter!

A CATHOLIC CACKLE

Need a little laughter to brighten your day? Try out this joke.

A parishioner was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the Pastor was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed the parishioner by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" The parishioner replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Father." The Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."





EASTER PRAYER AND THANKS

May the Loving Sacrifice Christ made for Mankind Bring you close to Him at the Easter And as you bow your head to pray May your heart be blessed With the light of Love and Hope That Christ made manifest in His Crucifixion and Resurrection.

On Behalf of Fr. Steven, Deacon Alban and the rest of the pastoral team, I wish you all a Blessed Easter. Fr. Joseph Singh



St. Francis de Sales will have a Holy Hour dedicated to Divine Mercy on Sunday 16 April from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and reconciliation. To pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet visit: www.divinemercy.org

SVDP BUNDLE SUNDAY

Calling all Spring Cleaners! The St. Vincent de Paul society will be collecting gently used clothing and linens on the weekend of April 15/16. You can drop off your items at the truck that will be located in the east parking lot. Please note they are not accepting any appliances, furniture, mattresses or dishes.





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REFLECTION

During the Easter season, we will be proclaiming the Acts of the Apostles as the first reading at Mass on weekends and most weekdays. As Acts shows us how the Church began to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to the world, it is only appropriate to tell of the Church's message for the first reading.

Acts was written some time before 70 AD by St. Luke, the only Gentile contributor to the New Testament. Jesus Himself gave the broad outline of this book in His last words to the Apostles (Acts 1:8): "you will receive power whey the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the Earth." This is exactly the course the narrative follows. The Apostles preach in Jerusalem (Chaps 1-7), extend the proclamation of the Gospel to Judea and Samaria (Chaps 8-12), and then take the message to the Gentiles, ending up at Rome (Chaps 13-28). Here then are some themes within Acts.

The Holy Spirit: St. Luke shows the Spirit who makes possible the stunning success of the Gospel across the Roman world and the development of the Church in the cities of the Empire.

Saints Peter and Paul: This entire book of Acts can be divided into two sections, the first following the leadership of St. Peter (chaps 1-12) and the second the labours of St. Paul (chaps 13-28). Acts presupposes St. Peter's unquestioned authority as leader of the Church; and on the other hand, a series of literary parallels shows that St. Paul also has apostolic authority. Both Sts. Peter and Paul preach their first sermons on the fulfillment of the Davidic covenant; both heal crippled men; both confer the Holy Spirit by laying on hands; both confront magicians, both raise the dead; but are hailed as gods but refuse to accept divine worship, both are freed miraculously from jail. With these parallels, St. Luke is showing a strong case to authenticate the apostleship of St. Paul (chosen after the Ascension of Christ).

A Universal Church: In the 30 years covered by Acts, the Church spreads from Israel to the centre of the Empire, Rome. Most of this is due to St. Paul's 3 missionary journeys. Going from a Jewish sect to a universal faith, brought up some vital questions: Did a follower of Christ need to convert to Judaism? Did Gentile converts need to follow the whole law of Moses and all the actions proper to the Old Testament? Guided by the Holy Spirit, these questions were answered first by St. Stephen, the first martyr who declared that the Law and Temple could be dispensed with through the coming of Christ (7:55). Second, St. Peter's rooftop vision declared all foods clean (10:9-17). Third, the Holy Spirit led St. Peter to Cornelius, a Gentile, and the Spirit came to the Gentile at Cornelius' house before Peter decided to baptize them (10:44-48). The ritualized actions distinct to Judaism are set aside in the New Covenant because they no longer serve their original purpose of making Israel separate and distinct from the Gentiles.



CONFIRMATION

Wishing all of our Confirmandi families a Happy and Blessed Easter! The <u>Confirmation Schedule is posted</u> <u>below</u> and the Confirmation page on our parish website. An email was sent out regarding the arrival time and attire. The final class will be next week on April 16/17. Passport stamping will continue until the end of June to fully complete the Confirmation process. If you have any questions, please email Noah Aquino. God Bless!

Monday, April 24 @ 7pm

- St. Josephine Bakhita
- St. Catherine of Siena

Tuesday, April 25 @ 7pm

- St Francis de Sales
- St. André Bessette
- Other Catholic Schools
- Virtual

Wednesday, April 26 @ 7pm

- St. Patrick
- St. Jude

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Happy Easter! It was so nice to see all the children at Mass this weekend as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. We will begin to prepare the children for the sacrament of First Communion in April and resume class visits to our 6 Parish schools. Please refer to the RCIC preparation schedule if your child attends a Public School, Other Catholic School or is in grade 3-6.

-We have a First Communion dress available if anyone is interested, please let Mrs. Selda know. Please see the parish website for a reminder of the rehearsal and First Communion dates.

The Kingdom Restored: St. Luke's present the Church as the fulfillment of the covenant with King David. The Church is the long-promised restoration of the Davidic kingdom as well as the kingdom of God in history. "Lord will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (1:6) is asked at the beginning of Acts. At the conclusion of the Council of Jerusalem, St. James remembered the words of the prophets, who foretold that the Kingdom of David would be restored "that the rest of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name" (15:17).

Hahn, Scott. "Acts of the Apostles." *Catholic Bible Dictionary*. Ed. New York: Doubleday, 2009, pp. 19-23.



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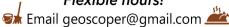
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