

Easter Sunday. The Resurrection of the Lord – April 21, 2019

On the first day of the week, the third day of his Passion, Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Today is his day.

Many great historical figures have led exemplary lives, taught wise doctrines, and even died for the truth. But **only one** has risen again.

Among the vast array of humanity's greatest heroes, **only** about Jesus Christ can we say: "He rose again on the third day, in fulfillment of the scriptures."

- Only in Christ's resurrection do **goodness and power finally unite**. The good guy wins!
- Only in Christ's resurrection does **love prove that it is stronger than death**.
- In Christ and in his resurrection, a new - a wildly new - hope dawns for all mankind, the hope that if we stay **united** to him through faith and grace, we will **rise** with him, rise from our very tombs, and **live** with him forever in the never-ending adventure of heaven.

No one else offers such a hope, because **no one else** has risen from the dead to be able to offer it - only the Lord.

The Resurrection is the definitive watershed in the history of religions; it makes Christianity absolutely **unique**. In the Resurrection, **reality** becomes more wonderful than **myth**.

Only the **reality** of the Resurrection can explain the **reality** of the history of the Church:

- A few weak, non-influential, and uneducated fishermen from Galilee, frightened out of their wits when Jesus was arrested and executed, suddenly become world travelers, phenomenally successful preachers, and valiant martyrs.
- And the Church they spread continues to spread after they die, holding fast to the exact same doctrine they preached, century after century, in nation after nation.
- Only the **abiding presence of the Lord** can explain this, and only the resurrection explains the abiding presence of the Lord.

This is what makes us, as Christians, **different**.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



The rectory office will be closed on Monday, April 22.

Please note that there will be no daily mass on Monday, April 22, Tuesday, April 23, Wednesday, April 24. Also, no 8:00 am mass on Saturday, April 27, as Father Evans will be away. All mass intentions for those days will be celebrated off campus.

Rest in peace



Rev. A. Seamus Kuebler, 70. Died on April 9, 2019. He served several parishes on Maryland. He was a priest for almost 50 years.

Eternal rest grant unto him, oh Lord



To the priests, Brother and volunteers for Our Lady of Bethesda Center. To the Hispanic family who donated the food and to all Nativity volunteers for their efforts for our Youth Day Camp. The participants had a safe and fun day at Nativity.

Mass Intentions

April 20 - 27, 2019

Sat. 4/20	8:00 pm	All parishioners
Sun. 4/21	10:00am	Piero Sarmiento (birthday)
Mon. 4/22	12:00	No mass
Tue. 4/23	12:00	No mass
Wed. 4/24	12:00	No mass
Thu. 4/25	12:00	+Minda Aguilar
Fri. 4/26	12:00	+Harriet B. Carter
Sat. 4/27	8:00 am	No mass
	5:30 pm	Fr. Vince Rigdon

All mass intentions for those days will be celebrated off campus.

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, *Eileen Carroll-Doshier, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege, *Kevin Fagan, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Linda Foster, *Fr. Ricky Gancayo, *Charlie Gick, *Fr. Paul Grauls, SDB, *John Green, Sr., *Fr. William Gurnee, *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *James Humphries, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Manuel Juarez, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Emilio Lowey, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Clarence Morris, *Gina Myers, *Iris Newman, *Father Everett Pearson, *D. Cynhia Peters, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Fr. Vince Rigdon, *Auristela Roman, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Andre Sims, *Bonafacio Selayo, *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Suzie Thompson, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta.

Question of the week: How have I encountered the risen Lord: through God's word, through the Eucharist, through my contact with other, through prayer? How will I bear witness to these encounters with the risen Lord to others?

TV Mass - every Sunday morning 1030am on WDCW Channel 50 Washington, and daily 2-3 times per day on EWTN. Check your local providers channel list or watch online.



Nativity and Notre Dame

The Vatican has given Fr. Evans personal custody of a ciborium from the Cathedral of Notre Dame, Paris, desecrated during the French Revolution, lovingly restored by the Carmelite nuns of Carmel California. A daughter of the Archdioceses of Washington is now a Carmelite nun there and requested the ciborium to be entrusted to Fr. Evans. It will be used all through Holy Week and in future liturgies at Nativity while he remains here. Please pray for the Archdioceses of Paris and the Carmelite nuns

2019 Annual Jubilarian Mass. The Annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the Basilica. Use the sign-up forms in both entrances to the church to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Friday, April 26.

Catholic Appeal. The theme of the 2019 Appeal is "Our Faith. Our Hope. Our Mission." and is much different from a one-time special collection. Please find the Annual Appeal brochure and Frequently Asked Questions in your pew for your review. A gift to the Annual Appeal will touch the lives of thousands of people in a very positive way. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Save the Dates – May 19. 1st Communion Sunday; June 1. Confirmation Day; June 14. Father Ebuak's Ordination and June 16. First Mass at Nativity on Father's Day



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Is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the St. John Paul II Shrine on Saturday, May 4, 2019, from 10:00AM - 2:00PM. Self-Guided tour of St. John Paul II exhibit, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Noon Mass are included. All are welcome to attend. For those interested, please RSVP to Grand Knight, Derrick Lucas at 202-726-1850