

Happy Easter

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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The Easter Vigil is the “Mother of All Vigils.” Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.

There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday of Easter to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian, Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the Resurrection: “If Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith” (1 Cor 15:14).

“What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind; . . . So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass 10:30 am

Monday Mass 8:00 am

Tuesday Mass 8:00 am

Wednesday—AMCC

Thursday Mass 8:00 am

Friday Hospital Mass 12:10 pm

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Confessions Saturday 4:30 pm

Thank you to Fr Vince Burns for his Holy Week Service to the parishioners of Saint Joseph Church in Nome.

As Fr Ross prepares to depart, Fr Vince will take on pastoral care for Nome, Teller, Little Diomed and Kotzebue.



Remember in your prayers

Those who are ill or in need of prayer: William Kaleak III, Francis Alvanna, Connie Bartko, Elsa Bronson, May Bernhardt, Cindy Briscoe, Everett Buzek, Carol Cartee, Gemma Carlisle, Dominic Cioppa, Michael Cioppa, Mathilda Crisci, Cathy Freericks, Jens Hildreth, Carlee Hobbs, Jerome Koezuna, Joe Kunnuk, Andrew Kunayak Sr, Wilbert Landry, Ben Mercurief, Megan Mackiernan, Nancy McGuire, Pauline Montminny, Peggy & Ray Mucillo, Fr Armand Nigro, SJ, Sigwien Omiak, Mary Omnick, Alex Oyoumick, Gabriel Payenna, Fr. Tom Provinsal, SJ, Emily Regan, Marie Saclamana, John Schaeffer, Pete Schaeffer, Louise Scratcher, Annette Sherwood, Antonia Stewart & family, Domenica Tozzi, Charles, Tunley, Phillip Villa, Bryce Warnke-Green

Those in the military: Souther Board, Bryan Braswell, Frank Ellanna, Jake Froehle, Travis Kayouktuk, Andy Lean, Christina McGuire, Michael Miller, Jennifer Thomas, Jeffery Wysong

Father Vince Burns
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Rebecca Callahan
Patrick Callahan
Angela Gorn
Megan Mackiernan
Nancy McGuire
Tom Moran

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So, too, it is written, ‘The first man, Adam, became a living being,’ the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one” (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49).

The word “Easter” comes from Old English, meaning simply the “east.” The sun that rises in the east, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and is lit for all liturgical celebrations.

Easter does not end as the sun sets on Sunday. Rather, Easter Sunday begins the Octave of Easter. Each of these eight days is a solemnity, a continuation of the celebration of Easter. The Octave of Easter comprises the eight days, which stretch from the first Sunday of Easter to the Second Sunday of Easter. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.

The Gospel readings assigned to these days focus on Jesus’ post-Resurrection appearances. The eighth and final day of the Octave, the Second Sunday of Easter, is also called Divine Mercy Sunday. This observance, established by Blessed Pope John Paul II, “concentrates on the mercy poured forth in Christ’s death and resurrection, fount of the Holy Spirit who forgives sins and restores joy at having been redeemed” (Directory, no. 154).



“If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.”

—Col 3:1, *NABRE*

The celebration of Easter, the greatest feast of the Church, does not end in only eight days. “Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the ‘Feast of feasts,’ the ‘Solemnity of solemnities’” (CCC, no. 1169). As such, the celebration of Easter extends for fifty days. “The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one ‘great Sunday.’ These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung” (Norms, no. 22). In these fifty days, the time of mystagogy, the newly baptized and received reflect on the sacraments they have received. The first readings throughout the season of Easter are taken from the Acts of the Apostles, recounting the earliest days of the Church. The Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of John.

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LECTOR / EMHC SCHEDULE April 11 – 26, 2015

Saturday April 11	5:30 p.m.	Lector	Spruce Lynch
Sunday April 12	10:30 a.m.	Lector EMHC	Confirmation Students Kitty Scott
Saturday April 18	5:30 p.m.	Lector	Tom Moran
Sunday April 19	10:30 a.m.	Lector EMHC	Leona Mayac Chris Agloinga
Saturday April 25	5:30 p.m.	Lector	Elsa Bronson
Sunday April 26	10:30 a.m.	Lector EMHC	Gretchen Froehle Berni Alvanna-Stimpfle

Mark Your Calendars

- **April 7** - Parish Council meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **April 10** - Family Fun Night at the Rec Center Bowling Alley. Bowling, snacks, & drinks for youth and families.
- **April 12** - Parish Potluck at 5:00 p.m.
- **April 19** - Religious Ed classes for grades K—8 after the morning Mass.
- **April 19** - Confirmation Class at 5:00 p.m.