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THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD (B)

“Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. Through Jesus we do know ‘the room where exiled love lay down its victory.’ He himself is this place, and he calls us to be with him and in dependence on him. He calls us to keep this place open within the world so that he, the exiled love, may reappear over and over in the world....God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed.”

—Pope (Emeritus) Benedict XVI)

PASTOR:

Rev. Peter M. Colapietro

ASSOCIATES:

Rev. Joe A. Francis

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IN SUNDAY SERVICE:

Rev. Richard Arold

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Mr. David Schaefer

CANTOR & LEADER OF SONG:

Mr. Joseph Neal

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:

By Appointment only.

Please contact a member of the parish staff well in advance.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

5:00 PM on Saturdays

Anytime by appointment

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Anyone who cannot attend church because of illness or age, please contact the parish office, so that arrangements can be made to bring communion to you.

MASSES

Sundays: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM & 12 NOON (Principal Liturgy & Choir)

Weekdays: 7:30 AM & 12 NOON

Saturdays: 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM (Vigil)

UPCOMING EVENTS

OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS:

9:00 AM - 7:45 PM

SATURDAYS:

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SUNDAYS:

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Rosary

Weekdays after the Noon Mass and on Saturday after the 12:00 NOON mass

Holy Hour

First Friday of each month after the Noon Mass

Devotions

Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass

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).

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

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Mark 16:1-7 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31


SATURDAY (MARCH 28): LENTEN WEEKDAY

5:30 PM The Canning Family (Living & Deceased)

SUNDAY (MARCH 29): PALM SUNDAY

7:30 AM Christine Aimone

9:00 AM Mary Jane & Emil Russo

10:30 AM Domzef Gilay

12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

MONDAY (MARCH 30): LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Charles E. Rice

12:00 NOON Jack Harmon

6:00 PM Stella Darling (Living)

TUESDAY (MARCH 31): LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Anita Devaney (Living)

12:00 NOON Christine Polydorou

6:00 PM The Devaney Family (Living & Deceased)

WEDNESDAY (APRIL 1): LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Sheila Kennedy

12:00 NOON Helen Quinn

6:00 PM Priests of Saint Monica

For the complete *Holy Week Schedule*, please see Page 5 of the bulletin.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

"I've gone to prepare a place for you."

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Suzie Mariniello, Dina Connallon, Elaine Smulling,
Diane Broschart

and those wounded in Military Action.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

"I've gone to prepare a place for you."

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Teddy Moore

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

If you wish to add the names of your loved one to the prayer list, please notify the rectory: (212) 288-6250.

TODAY'S HYMNS

PALM SUNDAY

Welcome to St. Monica's!

The music for today's Eucharist can be found in our hymnal on the following pages:

Opening Antiphon 518
Hosanna to the Son of David

Blessing of Branches & Gospel reading 519

Procession 244
All Glory Laud and Honor

Responsorial Psalm 521
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation 114
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Offertory Hymn
Jesus, Wine of Peace (D. Haas)
sung by Joseph Neal

at 10:30 & noon: Stabat Mater (T. Dubois)
sung by Michael Padgett, Emily Wright-Ricciardi,
& Vincent Ricciardi with the choir

Sanctus 185
Memorial Acclamation *
Great Amen *

The Lord's Prayer 120

Lamb Of God 187

Communion Hymn 435
Eat This Bread

at noon: O Sacred Head Surrounded (J.S. Bach)
sung by Nelson Roman with the choir

Recessional Hymn
The Palms (J.B. Faure, adapted by D. Schaefer)
sung by Sonnyia Stephens

**(for texts, see pew card)*

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Today's Gospel before the blessing of the palms presents an exuberant scene. Imagine the large crowd just outside Jerusalem spreading their cloaks on the road, breaking off palm fronds, strewing them about and waving them as Jesus passes by. Hear the people shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David." As Jesus enters the city, the people there are asking, "Who is this?" The crowd accompanying him answers: "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth of Galilee. This is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." A journey of joy. But a few days later Jesus took his last journey: a winding walk from the upper room on Thursday night out to the garden of Gethsemane, then to the house of Caiaphas, on to Pilate's house and courtyard, and finally, to the hill of Calvary. During this time, he was spat on and struck, stripped, scourged, and crowned with thorns; he was denounced, mocked, and ridiculed. Most likely some of the same crowd that cried out "Hosanna" cried out, "Crucify him!" It ended with his being nailed to the cross, and after three torturous hours, he died. At this journey's end, there was one final cry from a small group, a centurion and the men with him: "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54). Allow some time to relive these two journeys. You might hear some things you haven't noticed before. Perhaps the words of one of the secondary characters or Jesus' response to a particular situation or his silence before another will speak to you this time.

Living God's Word

We pray that we will follow Jesus faithfully all the days of our life, recognizing him as the one who continues to come in the name of the Father bringing life. We ask that we may trust in God as Jesus did until we see God face to face.

CONGRATULATIONS RCIA CANDIDATES!

Since October of 2014 our RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) Candidates have been preparing to enter the Catholic faith. On Saturday, April 4th, during the Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 PM, each candidate will receive the sacraments of baptism, communion, and confirmation.

We offer a heartfelt congratulations to all of our candidates and welcome them not only into the Catholic faith, but our parish community:

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EASTER VIGIL SERVICE

The climax of the preparation for catechumens in the new Rites of Initiation, as it did in the ancient Church, takes place at the Easter Vigil. This liturgy is certainly the most beautiful as it ushers in the most important Solemnity in the Church's calendar. It does sadden one to realize that some Catholics have never participated in it. With all those gathered, the catechumens find themselves in darkness. How blind we are without the presence of the Lord in our lives! The first light comes from the blessing of the new fire. What a rich symbol for us! Fire burns away and destroys material distractions while warming us with hope of new life.

The Christ candle is then presented and the symbols recognize that by the wounds of Christ we have been saved for He is the Alpha and Omega. With a flame from the fire the candle is lit and the cry is heard three times: Light of Christ. We all rejoice as our candles are lit from the Christ candle. For us, He has come, catechumens and baptized alike. The words of the Exultet tell us the story of Adam's fault and Christ's obedience. Then we luxuriate in the history of our salvation commencing with creation, continuing through the passing over of God's people to freedom, and the prophetic reminder of God's faithfulness to His promises.

We respond fittingly singing of the glory of God and shout the Alleluia for He has risen. He has risen indeed! With the first witnesses we hear the story of the Resurrection and reflect as the celebrant reminds us that this great hope is why we believe and the catechumens have come to this point in their spiritual lives.

Invited to come forward, the catechumens with their Godparents witness the blessing of the water with which they will be baptized. The blessing itself reminds all how God has demonstrated His power through its use from the beginning of time. The catechumens then make their baptismal promises denying a place in their lives to evil and expressing belief in the Trinity of Persons, the Church, and our eternal destiny. The community welcomes them warmly by acclamation but also by renewing their own baptismal promises. It is awe inspiring for the community to see those who have journeyed to this moment. It is awe inspiring for the newly baptized to see those who have remained faithful throughout their lives.

The new brothers and sisters now, in the traditional order of the Sacraments of Initiation, receive Confirmation. The prayers remind them of the constant presence of the Holy Spirit who wishes to share His gifts and fruits on a daily basis. Now as part of the community they celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist sharing in Holy Communion for the first time. With the entire community they receive the blessing of this Paschal liturgy and are dismissed to witness to the world the joy, peace and love they now experience and want to share.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MONDAY (March 30), TUESDAY (March 31) & WEDNESDAY (April 1)

Masses at 7:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM
(individual confessions after Morning Prayer)

MONDAY (March 30) OF HOLY WEEK
DAY OF GOD'S LOVE

RECONCILIATION MONDAY (March 30)

Confessions continually from
4 PM to 8 PM

HOLY THURSDAY (April 2)

9:00 AM - *Morning Prayer & Lamentations*
(individual confessions after Morning Prayer)

7:00 PM - *Solemn Mass of the Lord's*
Supper and Washing of Feet.
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM)

GOOD FRIDAY (April 3)

9:00 AM - *Morning Prayer & Lamentations*
(individual confessions after Morning Prayer)

12 NOON - *Stations of the Cross*

3:00 PM - *Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*
with *Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion*

8:00 PM - *Stations of the Cross*

HOLY SATURDAY (April 4)

9:00 AM - *Morning Prayer & Lamentations*

8:30 PM - *Easter Vigil*

EASTER SUNDAY (April 5)

Masses at *7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM*
12 NOON with choir and Cantor

There is no evening mass on Easter Sunday

COVER SHEET

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