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WEEKEND MASSES

All Public Masses are currently
suspended at this time.

**Visit the parish website for a link
to our Sunday Mass.**

HOLY DAYS

Please consult the bulletin

NEW TO ST. PAUL CHURCH?

Contact or visit the Parish Center
for registration information.

Sunday
April 12, 2020



EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the
crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said.
Come and see the place where he lay." - Mt 28:5b-6

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Sacramental Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation | by appointment. Please call the Parish Center.

Sacrament of Baptism | Please contact the Parish Center to arrange for date and time.

Sacrament of Marriage | Please contact the Parish Center six months in advance to make arrangements.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to begin by proclaiming, "Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia, Alleluia!" Was that difficult to read this morning? For some it feels more like Good Friday, then Easter Sunday. So many of us are experiencing the fear for the health of family, friends, and even for ourselves. It may be hard to be joyful under the current circumstances. However, I would contend, rather than this being the worst time to celebrate Easter, that it is the best time.

We need Easter now more than ever. Did you hear about the man called Jesus, who performed many works and miracles among the peoples? Did you hear that everyone thought that he was the one who was going to save Israel and then he was crucified and died? Did you hear that this morning they went to the tomb and the body was not there? Did you hear that he appeared to some his disciples and they claim that he rose from the dead?

My hope lies in the fact that Jesus rose out circumstances that no one understood. Even Jesus himself had difficulty understanding them. In the garden he cried out to the Father, "If you are willing, take this cup from me." I wonder if he really understood the outcome if he would have been so afraid. His faith in the Father allowed him to say, "Not my Will, but Your Will be done."

Do we believe that the Resurrection was real? Do you believe that God has power over sin and death? Can you see that the Resurrection is a reason for us to hope in the midst of the uncertainty of our lives?

Do you know why I personally have hope? I have hope because I know you. I have blessed to be at St. Paul where I see the manifestation of the Resurrection all around me. I see people every day who live in the hope of the Resurrection. I have seen it in you and in particular those whom I work with.

I cannot say how proud I am of this community as you continue to desire to care for each other in these times. You don't just look out for yourselves, but you are concerned about each other. You do not quit, even though you have to isolate.

I see that manifested in our school each day. The principal works tirelessly, long hours each day, trying to support her teachers in doing electronic learning. I see the teachers working those same long hours, trying to be creative so the students keep engaged. I see the parents stepping up and working with their children in ways that they have never had to before. I see the pictures in the newsletter of the children working from home and trying to keep connected. I see my staff each day trying to find ways of keeping the parish engaged and supporting me in my correspondence with you. Those experiences give me hope. I believe that God will make good come from this and am sure that he already has. I believe that someday will be able to look back at this time and see how God worked through this.

I encourage you to take some time this day and find hope in the goodness of those in your midst. Celebrate your spouse, your children, your parents, your siblings and your friends. Build your hope on the fact that God loves them and showed it by sending his only begotten Son to suffer and die and be raised. Can you imagine Jesus after being raised appearing to his mother and smiling at her? Can you imagine her joy? Can you see in your loved one's smile the joy of the risen Savior? Be not afraid! God is not dead, he is alive.

I pray you have a Blessed and Hopeful Easter!
Fr. Blessing



We are keeping in touch with many of you via email and the Parish Facebook page. If you know someone who does not have access to email or the internet, please have them contact the office and we will be happy to mail a copy of the bulletin to them.



The Food Pantry at ICOM is in need of donations: canned meats, hamburger helper, pancake mix and syrup, pastas and sauce, jelly and hearty soups. Please note - They have ample supplies of vegetables and peanut butter. If you are able to help out, please bring your donation to the St. Paul Parish Office and we will make arrangements for delivery to ICOM. Donations can be dropped off from 7:30am to noon, Monday through Friday.



We continue to abide by the mandates of the Archbishop regarding public Masses and offering of sacraments. These mandates were put into place following CDC guidelines for social distancing. The Archdiocese of St. Louis is closely monitoring the situation with the COVID-19 virus and how it is affecting each parish. If you become aware of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis within our parish community, you are urged to contact the office to let us know.

TWB/SCRIP PROGRAM

03/31/2020 - 04/03/2020

Certificates sold: \$ 935.00

Donations earned: \$ 27.05

Certificates are available during regular business hours at the Parish Center. Don't forget you can still purchase electronic cards online.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Mass Information & Stewardship

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2020

- SUN 4/12** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
- MON 4/13** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
- TUE 4/14** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
- WED 4/15** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
- THR 4/16** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
- FRI 4/17** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14
- SAT 4/18** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
- SUN 4/19** Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." (Colossians 3:2)

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

RETURNING GOD'S GIFTS

Offertory Contributions

The contribution information for Sunday, April 5th was not available when this bulletin was sent to the publisher.

MASS RESOURCES

Daily Holy Mass can be viewed on online at:

<http://www.catholicstv.org/>,
<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/podcasts/daily-mass-ENMASS>,
<https://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/>

From the Cathedral Basilica, daily Mass at 8am, Perpetual Help Devotions following Mass, and Rosary at 3pm. Stations of the Cross, Fridays, 5 and 7pm. Sunday Mass at 10am.

http://cathedralstl.org/live/?fbclid=IwAR2Fe4JSOXOQig1qgXSasbAuOSDpNYOIHOqeeAcsrN5dG_UrxV3ESGnPSyo

Daily Holy Mass can also be viewed on TV - channel 147 on Spectrum, channel 730 on Direct TV, channel 261 on Dish

Sunday Holy Mass can be viewed on TV at:

KPLR channel 11 at 8:30am
KTVI channel 2.2 (antenna TV) at 9am or
watch anytime online at: www.HeartoftheNation.org

CONTRIBUTIONS

St. Paul Parish needs your continued support during this time. With not having Mass, we are not able to have our regular weekly collection. However, we still have the same financial obligations to fulfill.

If you are in the position to do so, we would be grateful for your continued support of the parish.

You are welcome to drop your contributions in the mail or bring them by the office. If we are not here when you come by, please use the mail slot on the front door.

We encourage you to consider online giving.

Online giving can be set up by visiting <https://www.osonlinegiving.com/1438>. You will also find the link on our parish website. If you need any assistance, please contact Teresa at tboehmer@st-paulchurch.org or 636-978-1900, ext 224



MONTHLY CASH GIVEAWAY

Tickets for the 2020 Monthly Cash Give Away are now available at the Parish Center and in the back of church. Each \$50 ticket gives you 9 more chances to win \$500!!

APRIL WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK DUE TO BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES



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