Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 12, 2020

Due to the current public health crisis, Hours of Operation and the Schedule for Masses, Confessions, and Devotions have been adjusted as follows:

MASSES ON THE LORD'S DAY
All public Masses have been suspended
LiveStreaming of Sunday Mass offered at 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES
LiveStreaming of Daily Mass offered at 8:00 am Monday - Saturday

OPEN DAILY
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS
12 noon - 1:00 pm (Monday through Friday)
3:30–5:00 pm (Sat)
9:00 am – 12 noon (Sun)

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
LiveStream at 8:45 am (Monday through Friday)
PRAY FOR THE SICK

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering.

Margaret Auber mann  Dorothy Quinn
William H. Bachmann  Terri Reason
Alex Burns  Teresita Sanchez
Sydney Cole  Sr. Patricia Sevik
Sandy Dubuque  Rita Sheftal
Sidney Edwards-Cole  Rose Teran
Alvin Griffin  Willa Washington
Paula Littleton  Richelle Weisbrod
Lenore Molloy  Mary Anne Work
Marie Mosher  Betty Ytzaina
Janice Noack

Offertory

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Weekly Thoughts on Giving

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” (Col 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., April 12– Easter Sunday
8:00 a.m. - Archbishop’s Intention
10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
12:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

Mon., April 13– Monday within Easter Octave
7:00 a.m. - Teresa and Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. - Glenn Mertens
12:05 p.m. - Dan Stubler

Tues., April 14– Tuesday within Easter Octave
7:00 a.m. - Jules Guidry
8:00 a.m. - Helen Klunk
12:05 p.m. - Glen Mertens

Wed., April 15– Wednesday within Easter Octave
7:00 a.m. - Scott Kelly
8:00 a.m. - Kathy Catalano
12:05 p.m. - Robert Whalen

Thurs., April 16– Thursday within Easter Octave
7:00 a.m. - Terry LeGrand
8:00 a.m. - In Memory of Lloyd Taaffe III
12:05 p.m. - Linus Pottebaum

Fri., April 17– Friday within Easter Octave
7:00 a.m. - Mary Agnes Weber
8:00 a.m. - Andrew Ross
12:05 p.m. - John Bachelord

Sat., April 18– Saturday within Easter Octave
8:00 a.m. - Helen Auber mann & Betty Bills
5:00 p.m. - Andrew Kruep

Sun., April 19– Divine Mercy Sunday
8:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
10:00 a.m. - Archbishop’s Intention
12:00 p.m. - Paul Hannigan
5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss
FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Usually, on Easter Sunday, I would begin by extending a warm welcome to all our visitors to the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis Parish. But that certainly is not the case this year as our Basilica remains empty for one of the most magnificent Feasts in our Church.

The celebration of Easter is marked with joy, but this year I dare say that we certainly may not feel joy in our hearts as we experience the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. But the joy of Easter is rooted in the eternal truth, the victory of Christ over what clearly looked like his annihilation. It is the victory won in His human nature for the sake of the same victory in our human nature, no matter what hardships we may be suffering.

If we believe in Christ, if we trust in His promises, then we must celebrate with joy His great work of the Redemption. To celebrate the mysteries of Christ’s Passion, Death and Resurrection is not to lack respect for the suffering of so many during the present time but to recognize that Christ is with us to overcome our sufferings with His love. Our celebration is a beacon of hope for those whose lives are heavily burdened and invites them to place their trust in Our Lord.

Yes, this year’s celebration of Easter is different and there is nothing we can do about it at the present time. I urge you not to give way to the lie of Satan who would convince you that, this year, you have nothing to celebrate on Easter Sunday. You do have something to celebrate. Christ has gone before us in every suffering and now accompanies us in our sufferings, so that we remain strong in His love which conquers every evil.

On this Easter Sunday, I would like to call to mind our First-Responders, nurses, doctors, EMT’s and other medical workers on the front line who continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes the entire healthcare community, including all hospital workers and front desk staff, who are sacrificing so much to save so many. I am pretty sure there are almost no words to express our gratitude to them.

As we celebrate our Easter, let us say a prayer this day to end this pandemic, to heal the sick, to give strength to those who care for the sick and to welcome those who have lost their lives into everlasting life. Let us storm the heavens with our prayers and let Satan know he cannot steal our joy, the joy of Easter.

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BEFORE THE CROSS | We all have our own ‘today’

We are meant for an existence that rises above time

In the Catechism, “today” is not just a word, it’s a concept. It shows up most frequently in the section on prayer, where it refers both to the fact that God meets us in the concrete events of the present moment (our “today”), and that all time is in God’s hands (God’s “today”).

“Today” is a fitting concept for reflection this week because it’s the “Octave of Easter.” For eight days the Church celebrates every day as Easter Sunday. To reinforce the point, the Gospel for every day in the Octave is an appearance account of the Risen Jesus. As if to make the point inescapable, the Alleluia verse for every day in the Octave is this verse from Psalm 118: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.”

The Church expends a great deal of energy to get us to focus on “today.” I’d like to explore two aspects of that focus.

First, consider our experience of time. It is said: “Time flies when you’re having fun.” Time also drags when you’re not! The seconds and minutes and hours tick on without change, but our experience of time changes.

God is telling us that we were meant for an existence that rises above time. Our experience gives us a little taste of that, and Jesus’ resurrection explains what our experience ultimately means. Thus, in the resurrection, Jesus’ body was transformed. God intends for time to be transformed, as well — transformed into the “today” of the resurrection.

Second, we hear about the appearances of the Risen Jesus this week from every Gospel writer: Matthew, John, Luke and Mark, in that order. In addition, every day we hear Peter giving some testimony to the Risen Jesus in the Acts of the Apostles.

One of the beautiful things about these accounts is how each gives witness in its own way — a word, or phrase, or theme that’s its own special touch.

It would have been possible to tell the same resurrection account every day or to draw accounts from only one witness, just as it would have been possible to harmonize all the Gospels and eliminate their differences. But the Church saw value in preserving the different perspectives of each Gospel. Each Gospel is rooted in a unique experience of the Risen Jesus, and each has its own special way of giving witness to Jesus.

The same is true of each of us. God called the evangelists to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus in their own way, using their particular gifts and backgrounds. God calls each of us to give witness to our experience of the power of the Risen Jesus as well, using our particular gifts and backgrounds.

Each of us has our own “today.” We experience the Risen Jesus in the concrete events of our daily lives; and we’re called to proclaim the Risen Jesus in our own unique way. This is the day the Lord has made. Happy Easter!

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for April 13-April 19 and may be read in the print edition or at https://bit.ly/35ejOXr.
Daily Readings for the Week...

The readings are included each week so that the parishioners who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

Readings for the Week
April 12, 2020 through April 19, 2020

Sunday: Acts 10:34, 37-43  Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
  Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8
  Jn 20:1-9 (or Mt 28:1-10)
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33  Ps 16:1-2, 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 8:2, 5-9  Lk 24:35-48
  Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21  Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-21
  Mk 16:9-15
  1 Pt 1:3-9  Jn 20:19-31

Consider Online Giving!

On Line Giving is a secure and convenient web-based service to make your weekly or monthly contributions to Cathedral Parish from your computer, or lap top, or tablet. Simply access the Cathedral web site (www.cathedralstl.org) and click on the bright red DONATE button on the home page. Watch the 5 minute “Watch Help Video” and follow the easy instructions to set up your secure account and authorize your contributions to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the date you specify. All of information is encrypted and stored securely.

Prayer for Catechumens

Even under current limitations brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, parishes everywhere continue to prepare to receive men and women into the Catholic Church. By baptism or by profession of faith (if already baptized), hundreds of faithful throughout the Archdiocese have reached the final stage of preparation for becoming Catholics. **Though their reception may be delayed, our catechumen, candidates, and confirmands continue their preparation, and they need our prayer and encouragement, now more than ever!** Please kindly pray for them daily.

Resurrection and the Real Presence

Surrexit Dominus Vere, Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen! Share this great news. Not only has the Lord risen, but He also remains present to us in every Catholic church throughout the world. As Pope Paul VI taught, “The Catholic Church has always displayed and still displays this latria that ought to be paid to the Sacrament of the Eucharist, both during Mass and outside of it, by taking the greatest possible care of consecrated Hosts, by exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and by carrying them about in processions to the joy of great numbers of the people” (Mysterium Fidei 56). We derive great strength from the Risen Christ who is truly present in the Eucharist each Sunday. How privileged we are to receive His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity and also to adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Each tabernacle is a throne for the Risen King. We must take advantage of the opportunity to adore our Lord and to pray in His powerful presence. He has given us new life and has raised us to the status of adopted sons and daughters. Embrace this new life! For more, visit archstl.org/live-the-faith.

You Can Help Carry the Burden

Our Parish is blessed with significant demographic diversity. While many of us live comfortably, a significant number within our Parish boundaries are not nearly so fortunate. The **Poor Box**, located near the main aisle in the rear of the church, is the primary source of funding for the assistance provided by the Cathedral Chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated.
Easter Memorial Flowers

In Honor Of...
Salvador & Joy Alatorre given by Salvador Alatorre
The Alatorre Family given by Salvador Alatorre
Andrew Austermann & Libby Kinutis given by Robert & Regina Austermann
The Cathedral Clergy given by Barbara Murray
The Cathedral Clergy & Staff given by Salvador Alatorre
The Chan Family given by Dora Cuddihie
The Cuddihie Family given by Dora Cuddihie
The Chris & Jenn Newgent Family given by Barbara Murray

In Memory Of...
Vivian M. Alatorre given by Salvador Alatorre
Rick Alatorre given by Salvador Alatorre
Dorothy S. Arnold given by Verona Bowers
Helen Auber inan given by Margaret Auber inan
Ingrid Auber inan given by Margaret Auber inan
Stefan Auber inan given by Margaret Auber inan
Ann Bowen given by Alisa Goessling
The Caraher Family given by Sue Metheny
The Churchman Family given by Sue Metheny
Joseph & Constance Clifford given by Karen Clifford
H.D. Cowper given by Jerry Pastore
John Cremin given by Lois Cremin
Bernard J. Cuddihie given by Dora Cuddihie
Mr. & Mrs. Archie Doyle given by Susan Doyle
Mr. & Mrs. George Doyle given by Susan Doyle
Arthur Eultgen given by Wayne Eultgen
Virginia Eultgen given by Wayne Eultgen
John Gerst given by John & Linda Gerst
Patricia Gerst given by John & Linda Gerst
Rob & Kay Gillooly given by Bob Gillooly
Joseph J. Gummersbach given by Janice Noack
Sharon Hoffman given by Barbara McElroy
Ginnie Hufker given by Barbara McElroy
Martha Hundelt given by Paul Schweitzer
Jennifer Anne Janson given by Ben & Eleanor Janson

In Memory Of...
The Koudela Family given by Al & Andrea Parker
The Kubicki Family given by Al & Andrea Parker
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Laschke given by Susan Doyle
Frank & Lorena Mangus, Jr. given by Dan & Nicky Mangus
King McElroy given by Barbara McElroy
The Metheny Family given by Sue Metheny
Diane Mori given by Al & Marsha Rheinnecker
Stephen Michael Murray given by Barbara Murray
George & Helen Noack given by Janice Noack
The Benedicto Nocella Family given by Paul Schweitzer
The Parker Family given by Al & Andrea Parker
Michael & Virginia Pastore given by Jerry Pastore
The Rice Family given by Al & Andrea Parker
Vernell E. Rogers given by Ben & Eleanor Janson
Ernest & Catherine Saugel given by Jerry Pastore
Fred & Helen Schraeder given by Ivan & Anna Schraeder
Joseph P. Schweitzer given by Paul Schweitzer
Paul & Violet Schweitzer given by Paul Schweitzer
The Joseph H. Schweitzer Family given by Paul Schweitzer
JoAnn Skaggs given by Ivan & Anna Schraeder
Gregory P. Stevens given by Dora Cuddihie
Eric E. Stewart given by Salvador Alatorre
John Tackes given by Salvador Alatorre
Edward & Gertrude Tatina given by Dan & Nicky Mangus
Nick Theiss given by Ivan & Anna Schraeder