



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Reading I: Acts 10:34, 37-43;

Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5, 6b-8.

Gospel: John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28: 1-10.

Revised Roman Missal: 423

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Gospel Summary

On Friday afternoon when Jesus died, the women had not been able to finish the customary preparation for burial. The Sabbath began at sundown on Friday, so Mary of Magdala hurried to the tomb Sunday morning to complete her task. She found the tomb empty. Certain that Jesus' body had been stolen, she ran back to get the other disciples. Peter and the other disciple also found an empty tomb but with Jesus' clothing rolled neatly and placed where his body had been. The disciples still didn't understand about the resurrection and Mary wept. As she cried, two angels appeared asking why she was crying. She then saw a gardener and asked him where the body might be. When he called her by name, Mary immediately recognized Jesus.

Reflection for Families

Most parents have discovered by now that things aren't always as they seem. A poured out bottle of laundry detergent wasn't really mischievous behavior, but rather an attempt to surprise you with a generous gift of service. Or secret whispers are not an attempt to hide some wrongdoing but rather an effort to plan a surprise for you. Things weren't as they seemed to Mary Magdalene either that first Easter morning. Our errors in perception often work to remind us that God's plan is not always obvious, but that we are challenged to trust in the promise of the resurrection.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Place symbols of Easter such as lighted candles, eggs, and lilies at your dinner table today. Ask some "wondering" questions about how these items might have become symbols for Easter. What do they suggest to us about the Gospel story we read today? How can we be symbols of the Easter message to each other and those outside our family?

Discussion Starters

1. The symbol that means the most to me at Easter (and why) is . . .
2. Mary Magdalene recognized Jesus' voice when he called her name. One time I know Jesus called my name when . . .
3. I will share the Good News of Easter this week by . . .



Fr. Paul and the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)
Wishing everyone a blessed Easter. May the risen Christ fill your heart
with peace, joy, and everlasting hope this Easter season.
***Everyone is invited to join in the Easter Celebration
after the Easter Sunday Mass.***

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection at all Masses for Easter Celebration. Thank you for your generosity and support.

LENTEN APPEAL ENVELOPES

If you did not get your Lenten Appeal Envelopes during Lent, there are still some available at the back of the church. Please returned your filled envelopes to the parish office by Tuesday, 7th April.

HOLY HOUR AND NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Please take note that there will be NO Holy Hour on Wednesday, 8th April and Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help on Saturday, 11th April.

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

The Novena will continue at 6.00pm daily, except today at 5.15pm. It will culminate on Divine Mercy Sunday at 3.00pm. There will be prayers for peace and an opportunity to go to confession.

“On that day . . . The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”
(St Faustina’s Diary, 699)

Conditions to Receive the Graces

To fully receive these graces, the faithful are encouraged to:

1. Make a good Confession, ideally shortly before or on Divine Mercy Sunday.
2. Receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday or the vigil Mass.
3. Maintain a state of grace and trust in Jesus’ Divine Mercy.
4. Perform works of mercy, whether by deed, word, or prayer, reflecting the mercy of Christ in daily life (Diary, 1578).

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Meet Parish Priest SIX MONTHS before the intended date of marriage.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Baptism and Confirmation Certificate.
- ◆ Marriage Preparation Certificate if you are from another Parish.
- ◆ Civil Marriage Certificate if applicable.
- ◆ IC’s copy for both candidates and witnesses.
- ◆ Photo (Passport size).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ADMIN AT WHATSAPP 8348855

REGISTRATION FOR INFANT BAPTISM

Open for children aged 7 years old and below.

SCHEDULE: Every THIRD week of the month.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Child’s Birth Certificate.
- ◆ Parent’s Sacrament of Matrimony Certificate.
- ◆ Godparent’s Confirmation Certificate

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RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

It is available 30 minutes before Sunday Mass or you may request for an appointment through the Parish Office Admin at WhatsApp 8348855

CHANGE IN MASS TIME

The daily Mass on Friday, 10th April will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. and not at 12:15 p.m. This is followed by the Novena to the Divine Mercy.

RELIGIOUS CLASSES

Friday Classes resumes next Friday, 10th April.

DATE	TIME	READINGS
<p>6 APRIL—Monday Monday within octave of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Acts 2: 14, 22-33 Mt 28: 8-15</p>
<p>7 APRIL—Tuesday Tuesday within octave of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Acts 2: 36-41 Jn 20: 11-18</p>
<p>8 APRIL—Wednesday Wednesday within octave of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) <i>NO Holy Hour</i></p>	<p>Acts 3: 1-10 Lk 24: 13-35</p>
<p>9 APRIL—Thursday Thursday within octave of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Acts 3: 11-26 Lk 24: 35-48</p>
<p>10 APRIL—Friday Friday within octave of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Acts 4: 1-12 Jn 21: 1-14</p>
<p>11 APRIL—Saturday Saturday within octave of Easter</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) <i>(NO Novena To Our Mother of Perpetual Help)</i></p>	<p>Acts 4: 13-21 Mk 16: 9-15</p>
<p>12 APRIL—Sunday DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</p>	<p>9.00am (Mass) 6.00pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Acts 2: 42-47 1 Pt 1: 3-9 Jn 20: 19-31</p>