

THE RESURRECTION OF THE *Lord*

April 4, 2021

Today is Easter Sunday, the commemoration of our Lord's glorious Resurrection from the dead. Old St. Mary's, now in its 186th year of faith and service to God's people, and served by the Holy Spirit Fathers since 1893, extends a warm welcome to all!

The second collection today will be for our Maintenance Fund.


In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter recaps Jesus' mission: to release us from the devil's grip through His good works and sacrifice on the Cross and to send us forth as His missionary disciples to preach the Good News of salvation. In St. John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene arrives first at the empty tomb on that first Easter morning. She then prompts Peter and John to go there. Scripture tells us that upon their arrival, they discover the burial wrappings. St. John *saw and believed*. This is the beloved disciple who sat at Jesus' side at the Last Supper, who bravely stood at the foot of the Cross, who, at Jesus' request, took our Blessed Mother Mary as his mother, and, through his faith, was one of the first disciples to believe in the Risen Christ. St. Paul, in his letters, illustrates how Christ has been raised up, raising us along with Him. Like St. John, may the gift of Easter grace strengthen our faith and deepen our relationship with our Lord so we, too, may boldly profess, *Jesus is risen. Alleluia!* Christ invites us to make Him personal in our lives and commissioned to spread His Good News to everyone we meet.

Today we welcome into the Catholic Church, through a Profession of Faith, Rachel Elizabeth (Carter) Ogden. We congratulate Rachel and Jesse Daniel Ogden who received their First Eucharist and also received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. May God continue to bless you in your journey of faith.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated at Old St. Mary's on the first Wednesday of the month. The next Anointing of the Sick will be THIS Wednesday, April 7th at 12:45 pm.



Old St. Mary's



He saw
and
believed.

John 20:8



Our beautiful Easter flowers adorn the altar in grateful thanksgiving from:

John Paul Bazger, Leoma Brock, M/M Thomas Burton, M/M Thomas Carson, M/M Donald Cook, M/M Dominic Cusumano, M/M Romeo Dizon, Estrellita Gibson, William Glynn, Gerald Gruska, Michael Juarez, Shirley Malinowski, M/M Dick Miller, Jerome Radtke, M/M Evan Rhone, M/M Ronald Thayer

And in loving memory of:

Appling Family by Patricia Appling; James Ashley & Maria-Teresa Cozzolino by Ruby Ashley; Pauline Maher & Joan Barrett by M/M Patrick Barrett; Jacob Brock by Derrick Brock; Patricia Sikes by Denise Davis; Byron Clare Dean by M/M Brian Dean; M/M Richard Schoessow by M/M Renaldo Defrank; Geraldine DiLaura & Anna DeHenau by Bryan DeHenau; M/M Alex Filips and M/M Edward Delekta by Laura Delekta; Fr. Wayne Epperley by M/M Doug Diefenbaker; Leonard and Mary Ann Dziekan by Beth Dziekan; Catherine & Frank Sr. Gasiorek by Frank Gasiorek, Jr.; Joseph & Margaret Clinton by M/M Terence Griffin; Clarence & Jean Westlake by M/M David Hackstock; Jovelio Juarnero by Salvie Johnson; Peter & Hermina Krol by Shirley Krol; Jerry Lepouttre by Elizabeth Lepouttre; Raymond, Catherine, & Richard Long by Elizabeth Long; Stanley & Mary Majka by Ron Majka; Robert Ameel, John Ronan, Fr. Epperley and Freddie Smith by Nancy Monterosso; The Morris, Johnson and Davis Families by John Morris; Diane Mullett by M/M Jeremy Mullett; Geraldine Banks by Sylvia Orange; Genevieve & James Luzynski by Elizabeth Osborne; Jack & Peg Pierron by Michelle Pierron; Roxie James by Taka Powell; Patricia Sikes by Stephanie Prechel; Mary E. Reid by Rick Reid; Sebastian Athanasius Ruvolo by M/M Tony Ruvolo; Joe & Thelma Scott by Joan Scott; Mary Fleming by M/M Joseph Serventi; Robert Chapman by Brenda Smith; Hazel Emmerson by Harriet Sturkey; James Trombley by M/M Richard Trombley; Liselle Marie Walker by Bonnie Walker; Jerome Kuczynski, Thomas Roulo, Ann & H. G. Wilson by M/M Michael Wilson; Fr. Wayne Epperley, CSSp. by M/M Pat Zelenak

Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 8:30 Intentions of Seema Erskine & Family by Michelle Pierron
- 10:00 † Dick and Dolores Rohrkemper
- 12:00 † Lisa Maria Porstman-van Gils by Mom & Dad

Monday, April 5: Monday within the Octave of Easter

- 12:15 † Fr. Wayne Epperley, CSSp. by Old St. Mary's Parish Council

Tuesday, April 6: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

- 12:15 † Frank Vitagliano by Judith Ng

Wednesday, April 7: Wed. within the Octave of Easter

- 12:15 † Maryann Mis by Chris Mis Armando Alvarez by his Family

Thursday, April 8: Thurs. within the Octave of Easter

- 12:15 Rosa L. Alvarez by her Family
† Lou Sock by his son, Louie

Friday, April 9: Friday within the Octave of Easter

- 12:15 Thanks to St. Jude for his help by Pat & Gerry Conover

Saturday, April 10: Sat. within the Octave of Easter

- 12:15 Elizabeth Lemus by her Family
- 3:00
- 5:30 Intentions of our Parishioners (vigil)

Sunday, April 11: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

- 8:30 † Poor Souls in Purgatory by Estrellita Gibson
- 10:00 † Joe & Thelma Scott by Joan Scott
- 12:00 † Lisa Maria Porstman-van Gils by Mom & Dad

Lector	Schedule	April 3/4	April 10/11
	5:30 p.m.	R. Selwa	G. Harris
	8:30 a.m.	T. Burton	T. Ruvolo
	10:00 a.m.	T. Carson	E. Gibson
	12:00 p.m.	B. Dean	B. Dean



Easter Sunday A Reflection from the writings of Fr. Wayne Epperley, CSSp

A ridiculous spectacle orchestrated: Caiphas, Herod, Chief Priests, Pilate -- One last deceit...one final boast: Behold the place...the place where we laid Him.

Fine linen, bandages...a body given burial...a borrowed tomb. A contingent of Roman soldiers at guard...keeping watch over a corpse.

No other grave on the face of the earth so heavily guarded. Yes, the enemies of God had thought of everything...tonight they will rest secure.

As twilight enveloped the place of the skull, the streets were deserted, houses closed up, the city plunged in the sleep of death...Every family celebrating in private the anniversary of the Passover.

But the true Passover was not being remembered in Jerusalem that year...It was being celebrated in the place where the souls of the just were detained...those who had died in the grace of God since the beginning of the world.

A good thief who had just died comes in his turn...he tells his story...the chants of praise and jubilation are redoubled.

Chains of death broken...slavery to the grave abolished...

Resurrection - an astonishing, delightful surprise.

A woman of Magdala approaches the tomb ... a homecoming is made for her... here... in this place dinged with rotten death. A stone welcomes her - clearly marking for her the pathway to the altar of God.

Calvary then becomes only a momentary scandal...now their only reminder a Messiah's burial cloth.

Today Divinity shines forth...a God who brings victory out of defeat...

A God whose revelation is incarnate in a Beloved Son - A Son who not only transmits a teaching but presents Himself as a living revelation.

Beloved, death is not for Jesus as it is for the rest of men...

For no burial slab, no sepulcher, no shroud, no bondage could ever imprison Love...

For Love is an unexpected gift...it has been for over 2000 years.

Reverend John Owusu-Achiaw, C.S.Sp., with the concurrence of his Provincial, The Very Reverend Jeffrey Duiame, C.S.Sp., appointed Administrator of St. Mary Parish (Greektown), effective May 1, 2021, whereupon this office will transfer on July 1, 2021 to that of Family-Pastor, as part of the *In Solidum* team of priests for the Renaissance Vicariate Family 1 (Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Detroit; Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Detroit; St. Aloysius Parish, Detroit; St. Mary Parish (Greektown), Detroit).

Reverend Casimir Nyaki, C.S.Sp., with the concurrence of his Provincial, The Very Reverend Jeffrey Duiame, C.S.Sp., appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish (Greektown), effective May 1, 2021, whereupon this office will transfer on July 1, 2021 to that of Family-Parochial Vicar, as part of the *In Solidum* team of priests for the Renaissance Vicariate Family 1.

Divine Mercy Sunday April 11, 2021



Old St. Mary's will be celebrating the Feast of Divine Mercy NEXT Sunday, April 11, 2021. Please join us for the 8:30, 10:00 (Latin) or 12:00 p.m.

Mass. The schedule for that afternoon will include **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 1:15-3:00 p.m. along with a Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and conclude with Benediction. Confessions will be heard before Mass and from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.**

We will continue to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy immediately after each weekday Mass (approx 12:45) up through the great feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, next Sunday. We encourage you to pray in community with us either in church or at home. Novena pamphlets are in the back of the church or can be found on the Internet.

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Pastoral Council Members:

Andrew Assenmacher, Micki Czerniak, Beth Dziekan,

Seema Erskine, Gerald Gruska, Dick Miller,

Garrett O'Donohue, Patrick Zelenak

ORDER OF SERVICES

Sunday Masses: Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m. (Saturday), 8:30 a.m., 10:00 (Latin), & 12:00 noon

Holy Day Masses: (except Christmas & Easter) 12:15 p.m. & as announced

Daily Masses: Monday through Saturday; 12:15 p.m.

Confessions: Weekdays, before the 12:15 Mass Saturday, 5:10 to 5:30 and Sunday, 15 minutes before each Mass

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Marriage Inquires: rbowers@oldstmarysdetroit.com

BAPTISMS

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.