

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

EASTER SUNDAY



PASCHAL JOYS

Dearly beloved in the Lord! This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and triumph with Him. The Church meets us today with this joyful announcement, adorned as a bride. The dawn of day has brought us a beautiful, a great day of rejoicing. As we came to the sepulchre with the holy women, the angels greeted us with this joyful message: "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: He is risen, He is not here." This is the joyful message from heaven which resounds loudly and joyfully from north to south, to the uttermost ends of the earth. How this glad message should resound in songs of triumph and flood the heart with joy unspeakable. The heavens behold Him, the glorious risen One, and the sky covers itself with the loveliest azure; the sun in the firmament beholds Him, and it shines with the brightest, most perfect light, the favored earth and its inhabitants behold the glory of the risen Saviour, and they too rejoice. The whole world today joins in that glorious hymn of praise of St. Ambrose, "Almighty God, we praise Thee; O Lord, we praise Thy works; for this is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and triumph with Him." We shall hear today:

Why this day is such a joyful one.

How we ought to give the right expression to our jubilation united to the words of the Gos-

pel of the feast which says: "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: He is risen, He is not here."

May the risen Saviour

Bless our Meditation.

Beloved brethren, if you wish to know the true reason of our Easter joy, let us look back to the last days of Holy Week and represent to ourselves in a vivid manner what happened to Jesus of Nazareth in those days at Jerusalem. All these events are fresh in our memory; we were, during Lent, led by the words of the preacher to follow our Saviour in His Passion. We beheld Him trodden upon like a worm; we saw Him drag His rack to the place of execution; we heard the dull strokes of the hammer which fastened His hands and feet to the cross; we saw the cross lifted up with its precious burden; briefly, we were witnesses in spirit of the awful agonizing death of our Saviour... To her just and deep sorrow the Church wishes to give expression by exterior signs of mourning; therefore the house of God, the Altar, were surrounded with a deathlike stillness, the tones of the organ and the sound of the bell were silenced, the bare cross alone attracted to itself every eye, and filled our hearts with sadness.

But, dear brethren, our mourning is now turned into joy. The seal of the grave is broken; He who reposed therein is living; He

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HOLY MASS

Sundays: 7:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Sundays

6:40—6:55 a.m. 9:15—9:55 a.m.

Weekdays

7:40—7:55 a.m.

and by appointment

HOLY ROSARY

Sundays: After 7:00 a.m. Mass
and 9:40 a.m.

First Saturdays: after 7:00 a.m.
Mass

**God, Thou Art
All-Powerful,
make me a Saint.**

(St. Alphonsus M.
de Liguori)

MASS
INTENTIONS:

I have Mass intentions until MAY 22, 2018. And I made two lists for Bp. Morello.

CATHOLIC DOCTRINE

- Q. Why did Christ rise from the dead?
 A. Christ rose from the dead to show that He is true God and to teach us that we, too, shall rise from the dead.
- Q. *Will all men rise from the dead?*
 A. All men will rise from the dead, but only those who have been faithful to Christ will share in His glory.
- Q. *When did Christ ascend into heaven?*
 A. Christ ascended, body and soul, into heaven on Ascension Day, forty days after His Resurrection.
- Q. *Why did Christ remain on earth forty days after his resurrection?*
 A. Christ remained on earth forty days after His Resurrection to prove that He had truly risen from the dead and to complete the instruction of the apostles..

"Christ... rose again the third day,... he appeared to Cephas, and after that to the eleven. Then he was seen by more than five hundred brethren at one time.... After that he was seen by James, then by all the apostles. And last of all, ... he was seen also by me."

(Corinthians 15:3-8, St. Paul)

whom we saw die upon the wood of the cross, as the outcast of mankind, He has proclaimed His divine dignity; neither seal, nor grave, nor stone, nor lock could withstand Him; He is risen! Every Christian soul feels itself strangely moved and touched when on Easter morning we hear the Easter bells ringing out to the cottage as to the palace the glad tidings which the angel brought from heaven: "He is risen, He is not here! Alleluia, Jesus lives!"

Jesus lives! At this announcement the earth rejoices, and it opens the grave of Him whose death upon Golgotha caused it to shiver and tremble at its base. At this message heaven is joyfully agitated, and sends one of its angels to break the seal which the hatred of his enemies had placed upon their victim even after His death, to roll away the heavy stone and announce to the holy women: "You seek Jesus of Nazareth: He is risen, He is not here." Resurrexit sicut dixit. What joy for the poor disciples, who had fled in all directions when He was made a prisoner! Jesus lives! What glad tidings for us, beloved brethren; what joy and delight for us who are baptized in the name of Jesus, who believe in the teaching of Jesus; for us, who may live in the blessed hope that we too may one day rise again to a better life! When the Man of Sorrows, His struggle and His sufferings ended, cried out to the world with a loud voice those mighty words, "It is consummated," when He bowed His head and gave up the ghost, the sun was obscured; it did not want to behold that dreadful spectacle; the earth was shaken mightily, its graves opened, and the dead arose.

Today, however, one grave is opened, and from it has arisen a sun which will never be obscured, which will never set... This new sun is the Crucified One, the Son of God, God Himself, blessed for all eternity. He it is in whom the words of the Apostle are fulfilled: "Because He humbled Himself and was obedient even unto death upon the cross, therefore has God exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above all other names."

When the star of Jacob arose, when the Word was made flesh, the kingdom of falsehood and darkness was doomed to defeat. Already the cradle song, which the angels sang to the Incarnate Saviour, "Glory to God in the highest!" was a solemn hymn of praise which announced in advance the glory of this day. The Gloria in Excelsis of that most beloved night is supplemented in glorious manner by the glad tidings of the heavenly messenger on Easter morn, who said: "You seek Jesus of Nazareth: He is risen, He is

not here." But the truth which the Son of God brought from heaven, His divine teaching, was not to be proclaimed without a struggle; the light illuminated the darkness, but the darkness could not comprehend. The only begotten Son of the Father was calumniated as the poor Son of the carpenter, the Messiah sent from heaven, was mocked as the Galilean, His words of charity were branded as the work of hell. When He said that He had come to found a kingdom which was not of this world, He was denounced as a seducer of the people, and an enemy of Caesar.

Thus, my brethren, falsehood struggled against truth, and it seemed as if His enemies were really triumphant in victory when Jesus hung bleeding upon the cross. His enemies appeared sure of victory, when they said to the crucified Saviour in derision, "If thou art Christ, descend from the cross. Thou didst help others, now help thyself," and He made no reply to these words, but bowed His head and died. And still more, He was laid in a grave like an ordinary mortal, the grave itself being guarded and sealed.

Now, according to human calculations, everything was over and at an end; the world seemed to conquer... Where should the timid disciples have obtained the courage to proclaim to the world that this Crucified One is the true God, and to preach His Gospel to every creature? Tremble not, little band of disciples, for the miracle has already taken place! The earth is jubilant with joy, heaven sends forth its messengers, the grave is empty, the hero is awakened, the Saviour is risen! Because He arose from the grave through His own almighty power, because He has built up again the temple of His body in three days, He has proven the glory of His divinity and placed the seal of completeness upon the work of redemption. If Christ had not risen again, says the Apostle, our faith would be vain! On Good Friday, when the earth trembled and the rocks were split open, we struck our breasts with the centurion and said, "Verily, He was the Son of God," we may therefore all the more cry out joyfully beside the empty grave on Easter morning, "He that is risen is the Son of God, He is the Messiah, He is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world."

We have heard that we have every reason to rejoice from the bottom of our hearts with joyous Alleluias. But this is not all, we must be active also, and make a practical use of today's celebration. Christ died for us, and He has given us an example that we should tread in His footsteps. As Christ is risen, so shall we arise and enter upon a new life. I call upon you, therefore,

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY April 1	EASTER SUNDAY	W	7:00 am 10:00 am	EASTER NOVENA Missa pro Populo
MONDAY April 2	EASTER MONDAY	W	7:00 am 7:00 pm	EASTER NOVENA Requiem Mass, followed by Rosary and St. Joseph's Litany.
TUESDAY April 3	EASTER TUESDAY	W	7:00 am	EASTER NOVENA
WEDNESDAY April 4	EASTER WEDNESDAY St. Isidore of Sevilla, BCD	W	7:00 am	EASTER NOVENA
THURSDAY April 5	EASTER THURSDAY St. Vincent Ferrer, C	W	7:00 am 1:00 pm	EASTER NOVENA Bp. Morello: Family Salvation
FRIDAY April 6	EASTER FRIDAY FIRST FRIDAY	W	7:00 am	EASTER NOVENA Bp. Morello Mass in Massachusetts
SATURDAY April 7	EASTER SATURDAY FIRST SATURDAY	W	7:00 pm	EASTER NOVENA
SUNDAY April 8	LOW SUNDAY Confirmations at 9:30am	W	7:00 am 10:00 am	EASTER NOVENA Missa pro Populo

For those wishing to have Masses said, an expected stipend of at least \$20.00 must be paid at the time of the request. (more may be offered) If this is to be paid by check, make the check payable to Fr. Rodriguez



April 1st	9:30 am	Fr. Bachtiger
April 8th	NO MASS	
April 15th	5:00 pm	Bp. Morello
April 22th	5:00 pm	Fr. Rodriguez

MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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*Mass may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

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*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, bless us and grant us the grace of sharing,
as we are bound to do, in the defense and propagation of the Faith,
when duty calls,
whether by word or by the sacrifice of our fortunes and our lives.*

NOTICE TO NEWCOMERS

Founded in 1973 in the wake of the disastrous Second Vatican Council, the mission of Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel is to maintain and restore as far as possible the traditional faith, values and liturgical practice of the Roman Catholic Church, and to provide a haven of sanctity where men and women of good will may grow in love for God and their neighbor. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and ask questions. After Mass come to the Social Hall, and join us for coffee and refreshments. We hope your visit with us is a pleasant one, and we look forward to seeing you again and welcoming you as a member of Our Lady of the Rosary. **We welcome Spanish-speaking guests, and confessions are heard in Spanish and English every Sunday and by appointment with the pastor.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR CONFIRMATIONS see Fr. Rodriguez: a few minutes after confessions.

REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE: First and second Sunday of the month we will begin at 9:30 am (before the Holy Rosary), and the other Sundays will be immediately after 10:00 o'clock Mass.

REQUIEM EVENING MASS: We will continue our regular Requiem Mass on Mondays.

CATECHISM FOR ADULTS: Not held on April 8, for Bp. Morello's visit and anniversary.

Christian parents, in the words of the Apostle: "Arise, and walk in the way in which thou shouldst go." You promised one another before God's holy altar mutual fidelity and help, that you would bear one another's burdens in peace, and that you would bring up your children in the fear of the Lord.

How have you kept this promise? Is the throne of harmony erected in your home, and dispensing blessings upon you? Are you a good father and mother to your children, do you feed the flock confided to you in green pastures, and do you lead them, as a good shepherd should, to the source of living waters? Or are you, fathers, bad examples to your sons, and you, mothers, unnatural mothers to your daughters? Arise from your spiritual death, fortify anew the throne of peace, approach the Altar of God and renew your conjugal vows. Bring up your children as good Catholic parents should do, assist the teachers and those who have charge of their spiritual welfare in this difficult task, then, and then only, will you have a happy Easter!

Christian sons, Christian daughters, arise from the grave. We adults, who have no longer the good fortune of seeing father and mother with us; we who can now only

kneel at their graves and speak to them in spirit, how we envy you, dear, happy children, especially on this day, when it is such a joy to celebrate Easter in the family circle. I ask you, beloved sons and daughters, whether you know how to appreciate this great happiness of possessing your father and mother, or whether you, frivolous son, grieve your good father by your sinful ways, and by your extravagance; and you, proud daughter, do you cause your mother to shed tears at your behavior, and at your disobedience? Well, then, today arise from the grave of sin and give your good parents an Easter joy by making the firm resolution of walking in that path which will bring you blessings in this life and in the life to come. The risen Saviour is the friend of children, He will extend His hands in blessing over you today, you will live long, and everything will be well with you upon earth.

Well may we apply to ourselves the words of the Apostle: "Man who is of the earth, is earthly." Now, if we have been in the past slaves of the flesh, and if our thoughts and actions were earthly, this is Easter; let us throw out the old leaven so that we may become a new dough. Then the words of the Apostle will come true: "*If thou art risen with Christ, seek ye therefore*

the things that are above, not that which is upon earth." When Christ arose from the grave He left the burying sheets behind; so should we at our spiritual resurrection leave in the graves the fetters of our old habits; we must break with the old life and walk in a new one; which is created in holiness and justice. And so it must be with thee, O sensual man; let me say also of you, he is risen, he is not here, he is no longer there where he has so often sinned. We must be able to say: "he is risen, the miser, he lingers no more with his treasures, which the rust and moth will eat away; he no longer kneels at the altar of Mammon; he has become the father of the poor." He is risen, must be said of the drunkard, the gambler, he is not here, behold the place is empty where formerly he sat till far into the night playing and drinking, whilst his poor wife and hungry children suffered want at home.

And this is what ought and must be said of all sinners: they are risen, they are not here, the grave of sin is empty, they are leading a new life. Then indeed we shall all spend a blessed and happy Easter, a day of gladness, a day which the Lord has made.

*Sermons of the Cure of Ars
St. John Vianney*

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