

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30pm Adoration  
6:00pm Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30pm – 4:50pm  
Sunday 8:00am – 8:20am  
Also by Appointment

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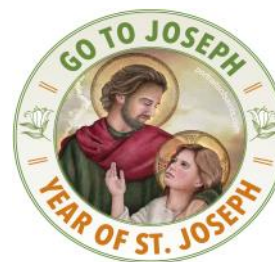
Monday: Closed  
 Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment  
 Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
 Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
 Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

\*\*\* DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR RICE BOWL OFFERINGS (CASH OR CHECKS) TO MASS! \*\*\*

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Donation	\$4,205.00
Donation Online	\$927.00
Maintenance Fund	\$60.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
<b>Total Donation</b>	<b>\$5,192.00</b>

Pope Francis established the Year of the Family to help strengthen faith and Live God's joy more fruitfully in family life.  
**CELEBRATE WITH YOUR FAMILY**



December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021  
<https://archseattle.org/year-of-st-joseph/>

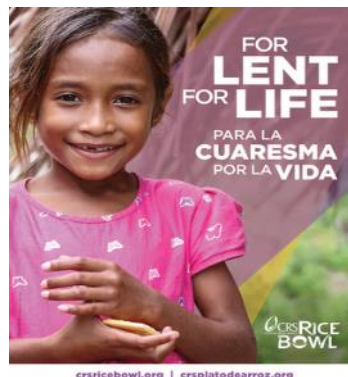
#### A DAILY PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;  
 in you Mary placed her trust;  
 with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
 show yourself a father and  
 guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
 and defend us from every evil.  
 Amen.



#### HAPPY EASTER!

We prayed, fasted and gave alms- and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let's do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. Don't forget to bring your CRS Rice Bowl offering to Mass or donate on line at [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give).

### Sunday Readings

#### Easter Sunday

Acts 10: 34-43; Colossians 3: 1-4  
 John 20: 1-9



**"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"**

**John 20: 2**

## The Resurrection Is What Makes Us Different

On the first day of the week, the third day of his Passion, Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Today is his day. Many great historical figures have led exemplary lives, taught wise doctrines, and even died for the truth. But only one has risen again.

Among the vast array of humanity's greatest heroes, only about Jesus Christ can we say: "He rose again on the third day, in fulfillment of the scriptures."

- Only in Christ's resurrection do goodness and power finally unite. The good guy wins!
- Only in Christ's resurrection does love prove that it is stronger than death.
- In Christ and in his resurrection, a new - a wildly new - hope dawns for all mankind, the hope that if we stay united to him through faith and grace, we will rise with him, rise from our very tombs, and live with him forever in the never-ending adventure of heaven.

No one else offers such a hope, because no one else has risen from the dead to be able to offer it - only the Lord.

The Resurrection is the definitive watershed in the history of religions; it makes Christianity absolutely unique. In the Resurrection, reality becomes more wonderful than myth.

Only the reality of the Resurrection can explain the reality of the history of the Church:

- A few weak, non-influential, and uneducated fishermen from Galilee, frightened out of their wits when Jesus was arrested and executed, suddenly become world travelers, phenomenally successful preachers, and valiant martyrs.
- And the Church they spread continues to spread after they die, holding fast to the exact same doctrine they preached, century after century, in nation after nation.
- Only the abiding presence of the Lord can explain this, and only the resurrection explains the abiding presence of the Lord.

This is what makes us, as Christians, different.

### Living Sunday Right

This morning we should relish the great victory Christ has won for us by his resurrection and thank him for giving us a share in it. How different our day-to-day lives would be if we believed this truth with our whole hearts! We know the future! We know what's in store!

- The sick child who has to be operated on is in pain and frightened.
- But the parent can reassure him, because the parent knows that the operation, as painful and frightening as it might be in the short term, will bring health and happiness in the long term.
- We are those children! The sufferings and struggles of our lives are the healing cuts of God's scalpel. But we are also those parents! Because we know that if the cuts of the scalpel make us more like Christ crucified, they will also bring us to share in the glory of Christ resurrected.

How can we let the power of Christ's resurrection seep into the depths of our minds and hearts? There is one very simple thing we can do that will make all the difference: Keep the Lord's Day Holy.

- Every Sunday of the year is a solemnity, a day dedicated to the cornerstone of our faith: the Resurrection.
- This is why the Church has made Sunday Mass obligatory - to make sure we don't forget about the Resurrection! To make sure we remember where we're going!

But we need to do our part too.

- Coming to Mass is the essential. But if we want to live our Sundays to the full, if we want our lives to take on the rhythm of the Resurrection, we have got to use our creativity and imagination to make the whole day different.
- The way a Catholic lives Sunday should be different than the way a non-Catholic lives Sunday.

Today, the greatest Sunday of the year, let's honor the Lord not only with our voices, but also in our hearts. Let's promise him that between now and Pentecost we will use our creativity to make our Sundays different. And let's ask him to give us a hand.

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

"To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."  
(Acts 10:43)

## PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

## SECOND READING:

Think of what is above, not what is on earth.  
For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3:2-3)

## GOSPEL:

Then the other disciple also went in,  
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,  
and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:8)

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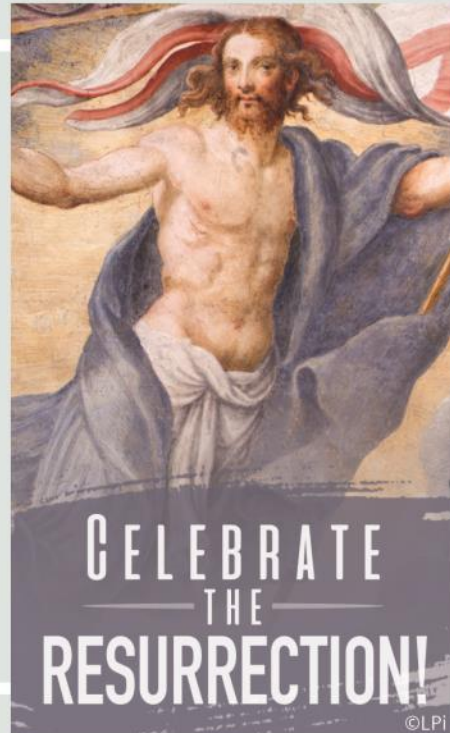
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 4, 2021

Sunday:	Easter Sunday
Monday:	Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday:	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday:	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday:	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday:	Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday:	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

**We cannot give up  
in the face of evil.  
God is Love and he has  
defeated evil through  
Christ's death and  
resurrection.**

— Pope Francis —

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## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

We hear today part of the speech that Peter delivered in the household of Cornelius, a centurion and Gentile-believer in Christ. Peter bore witness to his experiences with Jesus, including Jesus' resurrection. To whom do you bear witness to your faith in the resurrected Jesus?

### SECOND READING

Paul urges the Colossians to remain focused on Jesus' resurrection, ascension, and final return — to "seek what is above." What do you find appealing in this spiritual exercise?

### GOSPEL READING

Mark's account of Jesus' resurrection focuses on the women's discovery of the empty tomb. In fact, Jesus risen from the tomb is the original ending of the Gospel of Mark. Why do you think Mark would end his Gospel with the empty tomb?