

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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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)

# TUESDAY - FRIDAY



EASTER SUNDAY MASS

8:30 AM Bilingual (English & Vietnamese)

# ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

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

#### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

# CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm



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# PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (APRIL 1ST - APRIL 2ND)

Donation	\$6,096.00
Donation Online	\$6,605.00
Maintenance Fund	\$112.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$12,813.00



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"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." - Mt 28:5b-7



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THURSDAY, April 20th at 7:00 pm Pray the Rosary at St. Thomas in the Daily Chapel Hosted by Knights of Columbus



# The Resurrection Is What Makes Us Different

#### Homily by Father Joseph

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.

# Weekly Prayer

# **Sunday's Readings**

#### **First Reading:**

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance,

who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

#### Psalm:

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

Or Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

#### Gospel:

"For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20: 9)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are witnesses of all that Christ has done in our lives, in our souls, in our hearts. We have seen the empty tomb. We have touched the abandoned burial cloths. "Go tell my brothers," Jesus commands us. "Do not be afraid."

# Observances for the week of April 9, 2023

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Saturday: Tax Day

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



# Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Maria Kaupas, a Lithuanian immigrant to the USA, founded the Sisters of St. Casmir and started schools and hospitals all over the USA and Lithuania. The Sisters continue to care for immigrants, children, and the sick to this day!

## Prayer

*Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Mother Maria* 

O loving Jesus, we beseech you, grant that your servant, Mother Maria, who was imbued with your Eucharistic Presence while on earth, may through the intercession of your Immaculate Mother and Saint Casimir, be glorified by visible signs and miracles; so that for your glory and salvation of souls, she may, by your power, be declared Blessed.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: https://www.sistersofstcasimir.org/)