

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021



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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)

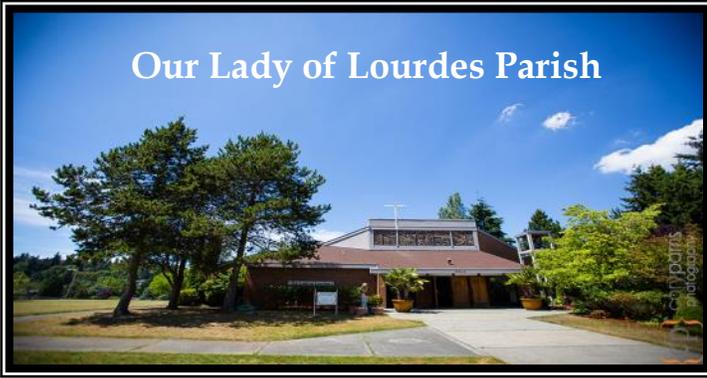
ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

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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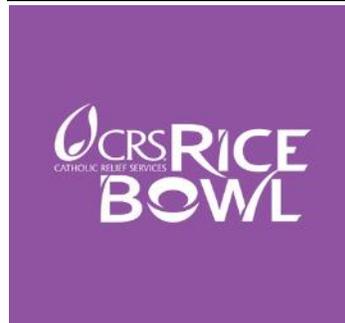
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.

~ CELEBRATE THE JOY OF EASTER SEASON! ~
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Donation	\$3,318.00
Donation Online	\$1,882.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
Total Donation	\$5,205.00



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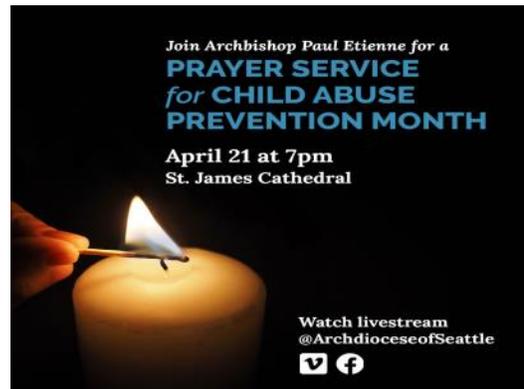
Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl offering to Mass or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.
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Sunday Readings

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19, 47; 1 John 2: 1-5
 Luke 24: 35-48



He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Luke 2: 35

The Peace of the Resurrected Christ Is What We Need

Jesus' favorite word after his resurrection is "peace."

- It is almost always the first word on his lips when he appears to his apostles, as in the passage we just listened to: "Peace be with you."
- Every time we celebrate Mass, we hear these same words, spoken to us in the here-and-now of our lives, right before we receive the living, resurrected body and blood of our Lord in Holy Communion:
- "Lord Jesus Christ," the priest says, "you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you."

He didn't give this peace before his resurrection, but afterwards he does give it, and he gives it because we need it. Christ's peace is the antidote to most endemic diseases of modern, secular society: stress, depression, and anxiety. We have all been affected by those diseases.

As our friendship with the resurrected Lord grows deeper, we are gradually healed of those diseases, because he brings us his three-fold peace.

- First, peace for our mind. When we look at his wounds, which he still bears in his glorified body, we know for certain that his forgiveness is everlasting; once he forgives our sins, we are truly forgiven; our conscience can be at rest.
- Second, peace for our heart. When we see the spike marks in his hands and feet, we know for certain that we are loved with an undying, unconditional, personal, determined love - Christ's love.
- Third, peace for our soul. Christ is alive, and he is ruling and expanding an everlasting Kingdom, and he has invited each one of us to help him do that by building up the Church. We have work to do that matters, that is worthwhile, that will satisfy our thirst for meaning.

The peace of the resurrected Christ is what we really need. The Psalmist put it well: "As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling."

We all want to experience this peace more deeply - peace of mind, heart, and soul. And Christ wants the same thing - that's why he suffered, died, and rose.

But if that's so, why do we still find ourselves so easily overrun by stress, anxiety, and discouragement?

- Many obstacles can inhibit the flow of Christ's peace in our lives.
- One of the least obvious but most insidious is our mouth.
- St John reminds us in today's Second Reading that unless we are following Christ's commandments, God's truth cannot take root in our souls.

And Christ's main commandment was that we love our neighbors as ourselves.

And one way we easily break that commandment is with our words.

- Our mass media culture encourages us to be careless with what we say - whether face to face, via cell phones, or through email, texting, and tweeting,
- Since our newscasters and bloggers spend much of their time judging and criticizing people, our popular culture has come to accept that as normal.
- But it is not normal - not for the followers of Christ.
- We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves, whether they are politicians, bishops, movie stars, or the person one office cubicle over.
- And that means we don't go around talking carelessly about their struggles, failings, faults, and sins.
- Would we want them to do that to us?
- Lying about people is the sin of calumny or slander.
- But unnecessarily disclosing people's weaknesses or sins is also a sin - the sin of detraction or tale-bearing.

If we have fallen into the habit of using our words to hurt instead of help, we have a leak in our souls, and Christ's peace may be spilling out. As Christ renews his hope in us during this Mass, let's renew our hope in him, and ask for the grace to and receive - and keep - his peace.

WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

- SUN 4/18** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
- MON 4/19** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
- TUES 4/20** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21 ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
- WED 4/21** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
- THR 4/22** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
- FRI 4/23** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
- SAT 4/24** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
- SUN 4/25** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

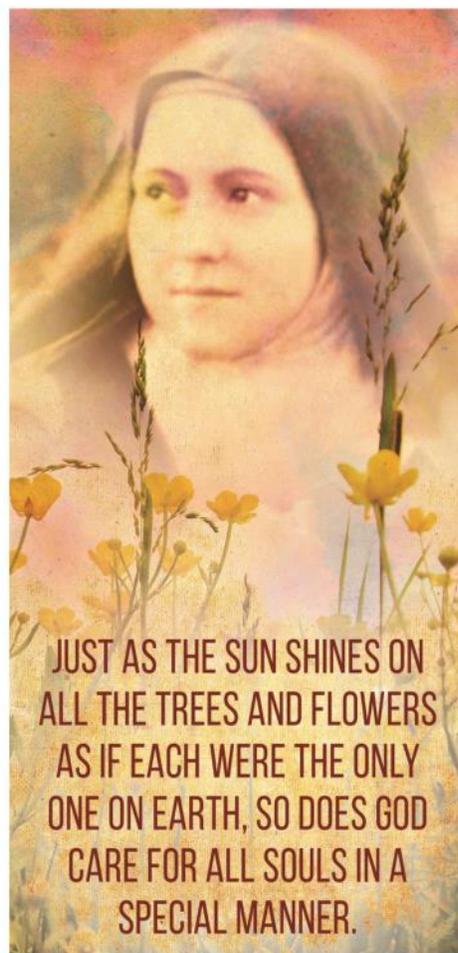
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

- Wednesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Administrative Professionals' Day
- Thursday: Earth Day
- Friday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
- Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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Inspiration for the week

When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.



JUST AS THE SUN SHINES ON
ALL THE TREES AND FLOWERS
AS IF EACH WERE THE ONLY
ONE ON EARTH, SO DOES GOD
CARE FOR ALL SOULS IN A
SPECIAL MANNER.

— St. Therese of Lisieux

These
are my
words