

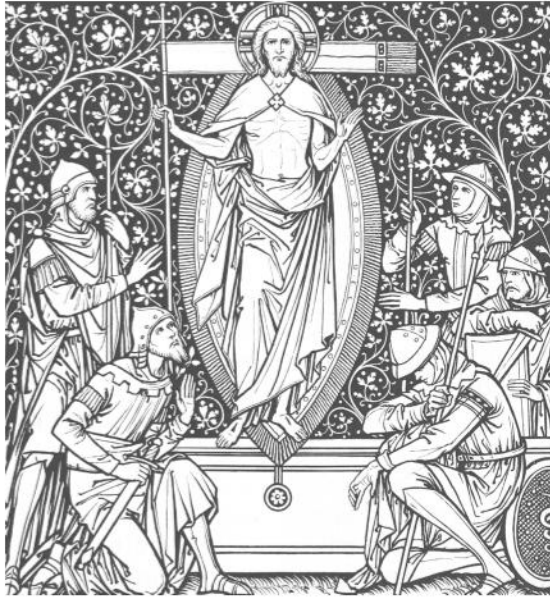
EASTER

ST. MARY CHURCH
HYDE PARK

April 9, 2023



Worship Aid for Easter Day, the Resurrection of the Lord



Entrance Hymn

Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal, as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise him, now his might con - fess, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: St. 1, *Surrexit Christus hodie*, Latin, 14th C.; para. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; st. 2, 3, *The Compleat Psalmist*, c.1750, alt.; st. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Tune: EASTER HYMN, 77 77 with alleluias; *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Penitential Rite

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,
And striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask
blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.
Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore
you, we glorify you, we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us; you take away
the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord, you alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. 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. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

Psalm 118

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us re-joice
and be glad; for this is the day that the Lord has
made; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1. Give thanks to God; the Lord is good.
God's mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say:
"God's mercy endures forever;"
2. The Lord's right hand is lifted up;
the hand of the Lord is mighty.
3. I shall not die, but live to tell
the marvelous works of God.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
This is the work of the Lord;
how wonderful, how wonderful in our eyes!

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Second Reading

Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. ual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Renewal of Baptismal

Promises

Dear brethren, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life.

And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

Do you renounce sin so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

R/. I do.

Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

R/. I do.

Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

R/. I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

R/. I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

R/. I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R/. I do.

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

R/. Amen.

Rite of Sprinkling

Cantor, then Assembly *Cantor, then Assembly*

I saw wa - ter, flow - ing clear, from the right side of God's
All who came and drank were saved. Let all cre - a - tion sing
Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord. Praise and ex - alt him a -

All

ho - ly tem - ple,
al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
bove all for - ev - er.

ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Offertory Hymn

This is the Feast

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *To verses* *Last time* lu - ia.

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

D.C.

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Hymns

Behold the Lamb

Recessional Hymn

Jesus is Risen



Verses
 1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the
 2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -
 3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
 4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from



1. sun - light; we who live, we who die are grate - ful for his
 2. stand - ing of the wheat, of the wine u - nit - ed with his
 3. ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who hun - ger for this
 4. e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that



Refrain
 1. gift, thank - ful for his love. Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of
 2. word and the love we share.
 3. feast; shel - ter them with peace.
 4. blow; cra - dle us with love.



God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all,



all who dwell in God shall come to know his glo - ry.

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Worthy is the Lamb



Refrain
 Wor - thy is the Lamb that was slain to re - ceive



hon - or and glo - ry. Wor - thy are the ones who be - lieve



to re - ceive the good - ness of God.

1. Worthy are you, O Paschal Lamb.
 Wisdom and strength belong now to you.
 You laid down your life and died upon the
 cross: we've become a people of hope.

3. Worthy are you, O Risen Christ.
 Wonders and signs, revealing your might.
 Your power and glory shine upon our lives
 we've become your light for the world.

2. Worthy are you, O Bread of Life.
 Salvation and joy belong now to us.
 By conquering death and rising to new life,
 we've become a people of praise.

Text: Based on Revelation 5:9-14. Text and music
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1. Jesus is risen! Let us sing!
 Praise to the everliving King!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise him in song, ye Seraphim!
 Praise him with joy, ye Cherubim!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia!

2. On this most holy day of days,
 Let us together sing his praise!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Raise joyful voices to the sky!
 Sing out, ye heavens, in reply:
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia!

3. To God the Father let us sing,
 To God the Son, our risen King!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 And equally let us adore
 The Holy Spirit evermore!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia!

Text: LM with alleluias; Com -
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 enesänge, Cologne, 1623.

Choral Meditation

He is Not Here!

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Weekend Mass Schedule

St. Cecilia (Oakley): Saturday 3:30 PM | Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 8:15 PM

St. Mary (Hyde Park): Saturday at 4 PM | Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville): Saturday 3 PM | Sunday 9:30 AM

Daily Mass Schedule

St. Cecilia (Oakley): 9 AM Mass, Monday-Saturday. Communion service, Monday-Saturday 8 AM

All-day Adoration follows the 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays with 7 PM Holy Hour and Confessions from 7-7:50 PM

St. Mary (Hyde Park): 5:30 PM evening Mass, Monday-Thursday with Holy Hour on Tuesdays following the 5:30 PM Mass.

The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville): 11:45 AM Mass, Monday-Friday

Confession Schedule

Confessions begin immediately after all daily Masses and one hour before weekend Masses, ending 30 minutes before Mass.

For information on weddings, baptisms and funerals, please visit eastsidefaith.org or call the appropriate parish office.

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Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

MONDAY, APRIL 10

5:30 PM Abbott Christopher by Nadia Zogbi

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

5:30 PM Intentions of Tom & Kathleen Knittel by Bob & Dianne Donlan

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

5:30 PM Deacon Beiersdorfer by Nadia Zogbi

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

5:30 PM William Pat Conners by David Conners

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

5:30 PM No Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

4:00 PM Don Gardner by Jim & Beth Frey

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:30 AM Intentions of Margie Wimberg by Jim & Beth Frey

10:30 AM Micky Ennis by Bob & Miriam Clark

Mass Intentions. If you have any particular intentions for which you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact your parish office. Intentions are often requested for those who have died, but may include any kind of need that you or someone you know is experiencing for which prayer is needed.

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He Has Risen

April 9, 2023

Today we celebrate the beautiful feast of Easter. There is a happy ending following the agony in the garden, the mocking, the scourging, the carrying of the cross, and the crucifixion and death of our Lord. He humbled himself and became like us, enduring the worst of humanity. Despite all of that incomprehensible suffering, Jesus emerged victorious over sin and death. We are shown his power as the Messiah but, perhaps more importantly, we are shown that death cannot defeat Him.

The greatest lesson of the Easter resurrection is that death doesn't have to have power over us either. Like Christ, we can be victorious over death. Our earthly existence need not see the end of our "lives," but rather be the introductory chapter — one that leads us to be united with God for all eternity.

This eternal reward, however, becomes possible to us only because Jesus also conquers sin. He rises above the sins of this world by offering himself up as the Lamb of God. We are given the opportunity to become his children, rising above our own sins and the sins of the whole world. We can all share in the joyousness that comes at the end of His earthly life. We can blossom as God intends — becoming reflections of love itself as revealed in Jesus.

Through God's revelation of Himself, we are encouraged to truly live this life by uniting ourselves with the Father — no longer slaves to our own wishes and desires, but rather living for the highest of all aspirations — being united to God in this life and, hopefully, the next. This is the Easter joy that we celebrate and that permeates our senses today. That is the new life that we embrace and that overshadows the cross and allows this world to be as God wishes it for us.

Amen? Amen.

Fr. Jessica

Divine Mercy

The nine-day **Divine Mercy novena** began Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16. Novena and chaplet materials are available at the Saint Cecilia church doors. Jesus dictated the Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayer to a Polish mystic, Saint Faustina, in the 1930s. He told this young, uneducated nun to pray it unceasingly and to encourage others to do the same. The chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena.

On Sunday, April 16 at 3 PM at St. Cecilia there will be a **special Holy Hour** in honor of the Feast of Divine Mercy. Fr. Anthony will lead us in prayer, meditations, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Eucharistic Adoration.

EPIC Dining Out

Join us at BJ's in Rookwood on May 17, at 4:30 PM, to enjoy a local bar/restaurant with your **EPIC** friends. What a pleasant way to spend a May evening. Good food, good drinks, good friends— the food and drink are on you. Please R.S.V.P. by May 12 at www.eastsidefaith.org/epic. **If you have any questions, please contact Mary Landrum at mlandrum@smshp.com.** See you there!

Elderly and Homebound Ministry

Our group of volunteers from St Cecilia, St. Mary, and the Oratory had so much fun meeting one another and preparing Easter baskets to be delivered to our homebound. If you know of someone from our family parishes who is homebound and would like to receive bulletins, a friendly visit, or communion, **please contact Terri Knappenberger at tknappenberger@smshp.com or call 513-321-1207.**



Introducing the Oratory: Prayers for Priests

In the mission of St. John Vianney, Patron of Parish Priests, please join us this week in praying for: **Fr. Martin Bachman, Fr. Don Siciliano (Our Lady of the Visitation), Fr. Gerard Hiland (St. Jude), Fr. Thomas Nolker, Fr. George Schmitz (retired).** If anyone would like to be part of a team from the Oratory to send notes of encouragement to these priests letting them know we are praying for them, please talk to Sarah Schmid after Mass.

All that we do without offering it to God is wasted. – ST. JOHN VIANNEY



From the Desk of Fr. Ken

Jesus Christ has risen today. Let us rejoice and be glad. He conquered sin and death for us all. May we never fail to give Him thanks and praise. If you are traveling, be safe. But do your best to attend Mass. May the Risen Lord be with you all.

Fr. Ken Schopf

From the School Office

Christ is risen! Alleluia! May your faith be renewed, and your heart made new with the hope and joy of New Life that Easter brings. Happy Easter to our St. Mary Parish Family.



Kindergarteners are missing a few teeth...a sign of new life!

- School is closed April 7-14 for Easter Break.
- When we return, second graders will complete preparation to receive their First Holy Communion the weekend of April 29 & 30.
- Be on the lookout for a pre-sale of FunFest raffle tickets. We will kick-off the Raffle Drive on Friday, April 28!

Fourth Sunday Fellowship

- † **Sunday, April 23**, after 8:30 am and 10:30 am masses.
- † Stop in Robisch Hall for coffee, donuts, rosaries, and prayer cards!

Hosted by the St Mary Rosary Group

Crafty Lady Spring Sale

- † **Saturday, April 22**, after the 4:00 pm mass, and **Sunday, April 23**, after 8:30 and 10:30 am masses.
- † The Crafty Ladies will sell handmade items such as baby items, children’s aprons, etc. Something for all ages!
- † All proceeds support the life of our parish!

St. Vincent De Paul Food Drive

Next Weekend – April 15&16

We are collecting non-perishable foods and baby items for our neighbors in need. Please bring items to the vestibule. Thank you!

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St. Mary Fish Fry THANK YOU!

Thank you for making this year's Fish Fry a success! Your support allows us to continue awarding Catholic High School Scholarships to 8th-grade graduates and fund other charitable endeavors. Big thanks to Who Dey and Stagnaro Distributing (beer donation.) Looking forward to 2024! If you have any suggestions on food items, please let us know. Contact Greg Albanese at galbanese5395@gmail.com.

Congratulations to the Split the Pot winner, James Reynolds.



Fish Fry Fun! Thank you, Knights of Columbus!



St. Mary FunFest

Save the Date for the Weekend of **August 18-20**

Gifts of time and talent are needed for FunFest 2023. Consider joining the team...lots of ways, big and small, to be a part of this important fellowship and “fun”raising event. Reach out to Dawn at dipaquette@me.com



**“What we believe is important, but even more important is the One in whom we believe.”
– POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI**

Catechesis (kat’i-ke’sis) n.

EASTER

Easter is the celebration of Christ’s resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead.

Since Easter represents the fulfillment of God’s promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar.

In the Gospels, the precise details of the Easter narrative vary slightly, but none of these variances are critical to the main story. In fact, it is argued that the variances are simply matters of style and not substance. Despite the variances, the key aspects of the Easter story all match. Above all, they agree that the tomb of Christ was indeed empty, which is the most essential fact.

Based on direct evidence from the mid-second century, it is believed that Easter was regularly celebrated from the earliest days of the Church.

The Easter date is movable and always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Easter in the Roman Catholic Church is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.



Know Your Saints: St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897)

“I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul.” These are the words of Thérèse of the Child Jesus, a Carmelite nun called the “Little Flower,” who lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent of Lisieux, France. And her preference for hidden sacrifice did indeed convert souls. Few saints of God are more popular than this young nun. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, is read and loved throughout the world. Thérèse Martin entered the convent at the age of 15 and died in 1897 at the age of 24. She was canonized in 1925, and two years later she and St. Francis Xavier were declared co-patrons of the missions.

Life in a Carmelite convent is indeed uneventful and consists mainly of prayer and hard domestic work. But Thérèse possessed that holy insight that redeems the time, however dull that time may be. She saw in quiet suffering redemptive suffering, suffering that was indeed her apostolate. Thérèse said she came to the Carmel convent “to save souls and pray for priests.” And shortly before she died, she wrote: “I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth.”

On October 19, 1997, Pope John Paul II proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church, the third woman to be so recognized, in light of her holiness and the influence on the Church of her teaching on spirituality. Her parents, Louis and Zélie were beatified in 2008.



A 12-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO

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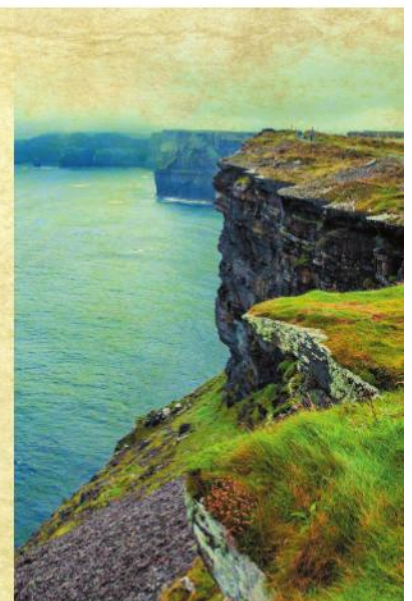
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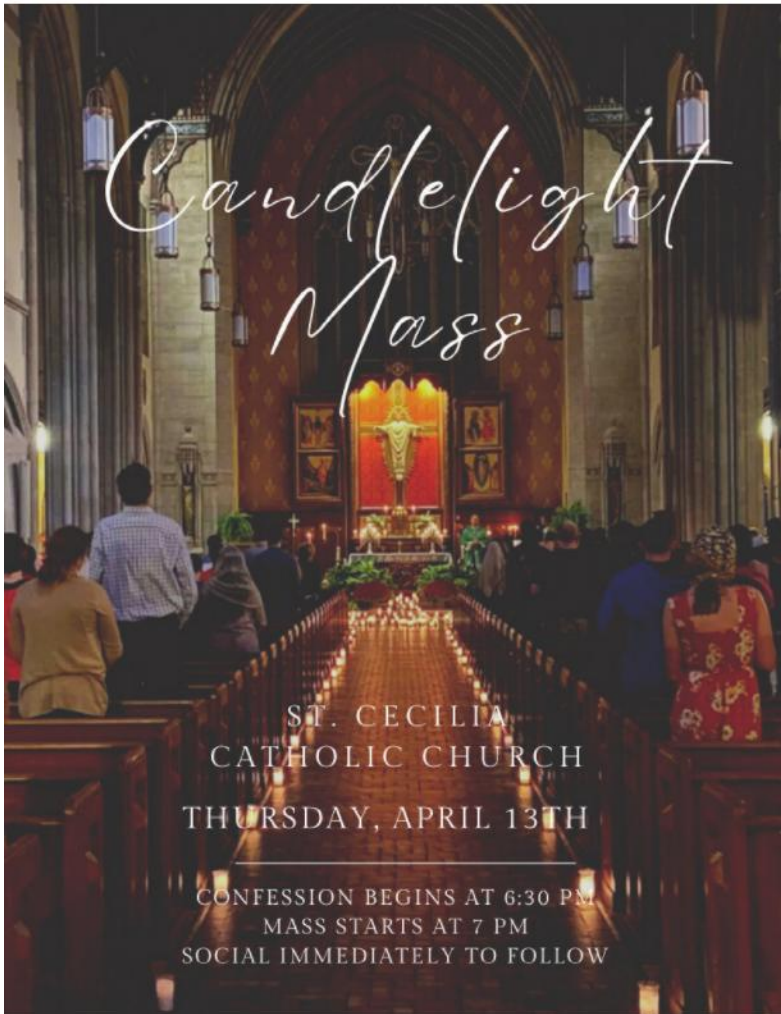




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Candlelight Mass

ST. CECILIA
CATHOLIC CHURCH
THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH

CONFESSION BEGINS AT 6:30 PM
MASS STARTS AT 7 PM
SOCIAL IMMEDIATELY TO FOLLOW



Would you like a part-time job at church for a joyful occasion? We need a **wedding coordinator** at **St. Cecilia** to work on Fridays to run the wedding rehearsal, around 6 PM, and then Saturdays at 1 PM or 6 PM, to be at the wedding ceremony. It would be one wedding per weekend and you are there for about an hour and a half each day. This is a stipend position. If you are interested, please email Marta at mmisleh@stceciliacincinnati.org

The **Eucharistic Miracles Conference** will be held at the Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood this August 11-13. Learn about the many Eucharistic miracles around the world. Discover what the Church teaches about this precious gift and why it is pivotal to your spiritual journey. Hear speakers Fr. Leo Patalinghug, Fr. Ryan Ruiz, Fr. Ethan Moore, Fr. Rob Jack and more. Music by The Vigil Project. Learn, pray, adore, and ignite your faith! **Register at www.hostofmiracles.org**.



Talitha Khoum

Is your relationship suffering from the trauma caused by sexual betrayal, either through infidelity or pornographic addiction? We are here to help. Talitha Khoum is an independent, Catholic-based ministry for women struggling to cope with sexual betrayal. They provide a healing curriculum and the fellowship of other women who understand your pain. All inquiries are 100% confidential. Please contact Susan at Talikhoum@gmail.com for more information.



THE WORD IN YOUR HEART | 11

The Resurrection of the Lord

Sequence - Victimæ paschali laudes. "The tomb of Christ who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.

When we think of Easter, we often jump from the darkened skies of Good Friday to the resplendent light of the resurrected Christ. And yet Easter begins at daybreak, the place where light and dark meet. Christ first appears in the form of a gardener, to greet Mary at his empty tomb. His resurrection first brings hope in the place where sorrow and joy meet.

As poet Robert Frost wrote, I, too, am "acquainted with the night." We all are, in its endless iterations— be it the death of a loved one, a tragic accident, chronic illness, broken relationships, etc. Like many, I've been crippled by bouts of depression, a heavy stone that obscures hope.

And yet God enters into our darkest moments, when hope is buried in the tomb. During one spell, Christ came and sat down next to me on the kitchen floor, in the form of my mother. "We will get through this," she said. And we did.

This is the painful and beautiful paradox of Easter: "the tomb of Christ who is living." It's God meeting us at the tomb, telling us that we will get through this together. That Christ is with us always, even though things may look different: Christ is no longer tangible and visible as the man who walked this earth for 33 years, but rather he is tangible and visible in all of us now. The rock has been laid aside, the linens folded, because the mortal vessel of God has been shattered, and metamorphosed into a living and breathing body of Christ comprised of all of us. We are his hands, his feet, his voice, his eyes. His spirit is alive in us. And in him we have eternal life. Through his resurrection, Christ is with us now and forevermore.

And so this Easter we celebrate the future hope of heaven, and the present peace of knowing that we will get through the nights on earth, together. ~Christina Webster Stanek

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