

NEW WORSHIP AREA UPDATE

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EASTER FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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Resurrection of the Lord *"Easter Sunday"*

April 4, 2021 Year B

Easter Sunday

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Easter is a Feast which gives us hope and encouragement. On Easter Sunday we celebrate a new beginning in and with faith. In a World of pain, sorrows frustrations, fear, . . . Easter reminds us that life is worth living. No matter our present discouragements, hope is always there.

Easter Sunday Readings sum up this sense of hope and encouragement. There is no way Peter could have spoken like that on Easter Sunday. Like the other apostles, Peter was both scared and discouraged after all that had happened to Jesus. Because up to the moment of the Resurrection, after the terrible death of Jesus on Good Friday, the disciples of Jesus were devastated. The one they had leaned on was gone. They never imagined Jesus would be taken prisoner and crucified. In that instant their dreams evaporated. The disciples experienced a dreadful loss, and no doubt were shattered, their hopes taken away in those short few days. They were also afraid for their lives and half expected to be caught and punished by the religious leaders who plotted the death of Jesus and had him crucified. For them at that terrible time, there was no light at all, but after experiencing the Risen Lord, the light in their lives started to shine again.

In today's gospel, Mary of Magdala reports to Peter and John that the tomb is empty. In nearly all the Resurrection accounts, it is the women who first experience the Risen Jesus. Women at that time as in many places still today were looked down upon. This may be why the disciples did not believe them. It seems that the proclamation of life of the Risen Jesus starts with the very people who were marginalized and who count for little in society. In any case the curiosity of the 2 is awakened and they run to the tomb. Peter sees the linen cloths on the ground in an empty tomb. But their faith had been crushed so finding the empty tomb meant nothing especially to Peter at the beginning. Only the beloved disciple, John the Gospel says, that he 'saw and he believed'.

The real good news of Jesus' resurrection is that we do not have to gloss over pain, suffering and difficult daily life situations. Because the Resurrection does give us a new outlook on life. It gives us the freedom to face the dark side of life, and even death with confidence knowing that Jesus broke the bonds of human limitation and slavery in our lives. Jesus is alive and if we really have experienced the joy of the Risen Jesus in our daily lives, we will have deep joy, peace and serenity because of Jesus who is now alive and make all thing new.

In the first reading today Peter says that he and the disciples are now witnesses of all they saw Jesus doing even if for a few days they were paralyzed by his death and seeming failure. If we really experience the Risen Jesus in our lives like the Apostles then we will begin to develop talents and gifts we never knew we had, because fear gives way to trust, trust in the Lord and in ourselves.

This empowers us to break free from former limitations.

Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.



TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: *John 20:1-9*

Father suggests you say the Prayer for Spiritual Communion during communion →

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are truly Present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things And I desire to possess You within my soul.

Since I am unable at this Moment to receive You Sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually Into my heart.

I embrace You as being Already there, and unite Myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be Separated from you.

Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jerry McMurtrie, Helen Hall, Kathy Placilla, & Vincent Recupido



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If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List please contact the office by email or phone.

REMINDER: No Daily Mass this coming week.

MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: MARCH 28, 2021

Collection:	\$ 1,132	
Second Collection: Easter Flowers	\$ 90	\$
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 84,161	
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 77,570	



We have no second collection today.

We signed the following principle checks this week:
\$296 Easter Flowers; \$211 Telephone Bill.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR APRIL



1st-Carole McPherson & Suzanne Sitterding, 3rd-Bob O'Leary, 4th-Blaise Katsuki, Sally Johnson, Marianne Krop & Fritz Heunemann, 5th-Jim Vajda, 6th-Ray Kostosky, 8th-Pat Reamy, 10th-Anne Dunn, 12th-Nancy Wirth & Tracy Pausic, 13th-Carol Smith, 17th-Margaret Hock, 23rd-Kaylee Kirsch & Tom Johnson, 28th-Louise Hartz.



ANNIVERSARY DATES FOR APRIL

3rd-Brendan & Eileen O'Brien, 9th-Tom & Sharon Hawksworth,
10th-Bill & Linda Gray, 17th-Mike & Noelle Harvey.

PAYROLL PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP)

Early on the pandemic, we applied for a PPA Loan when offertory receipts were lacking. It required considerable paperwork fraught with government red tape. While waiting for Sona Bank to process our request, the Diocese located another bank that could handle it and submitted one in our behalf. The loan totaled \$9,915, and required a lengthy rationale for payment. When the process allowed it, the Diocesan Finance Office applied for loan forgiveness, and last week, the Small Business Administration forgave our loan. *We thank the Diocese and our office staff for a timely success story.*

GOODBYE CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

The time has come to bid you all goodbye. In worshipping together we've had many uplifting moments, and developed treasured friendships over these many years. We always looked forward to Ray Kostosky's annual fiscal report, not so much for his analyses and projections but for his concluding jokes and puns; such a helpful, friendly, all-propose office manager Andrea was; the Knights who kept order and proper distancing during this pandemic, and who regaled us with lively conversation before Mass in the back of the old church. Bob Borden, the church's Mr. fixit; Mike Dreelin, our videographer who tirelessly live streamed the Mass to parishioners at home; Frank and Gerri Lohr, our "Hawaiian" connection; Joe and Mary Sychterz, who've never forgotten to send us a card on our wedding anniversary; and so many others who affected our lives. And yes, our Sundays will never be the same without a dose of canned and often irreverent jokes (just before the opening hymn), from Don Tyrrell.

We had sad times together, and those were worth remembering too. Lastly, I would like to thank my fellow readers, our lector taskmasters and good friends, Jack and Louise Petralia, and the Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa for this opportunity to be in the lector ministry. Most of all I thank the Lord for his guidance.

We pray that the "new" church continues to prosper and grow.

In God's Love Fernando & Marilyn Atienza

Dear Friends,

I wish each one of you a blessed, joyful, and happy Easter. And may you continue to live this Easter time with gratitude and trust in God our father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Let the resurrection of Jesus bring hope to these rather dark, hard, and challenging times.

Easter is a time of thanksgiving and rejoicing. It is a time which reminds us of the many blessings that we have; mostly our families and Friends, and above all, our faith in God. We should all remember the true meaning of Easter and the sacrifice that has been made out of love for us: Jesus gave himself as ransom for many by his passion, and who by his resurrection brings us to a new life. A life full of hope.

God has shared his great love with, and for us, by giving his only Son to save us. Likewise, we are called upon to do our part as well by spreading God's love to all our friends and neighbors during this Easter time and always as a sign of our testimony that we are Christians.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ which we celebrate with joy in this Easter time, shows us that the end of each hardship, each struggle and each difficulty is a victory and success.

Therefore, let us pray during this time for a better tomorrow. Let us think of those who are suffering, those who seem to lose hope, those who need love. The World, our communities, our parish, our families, will be a better place if each one of us plays his/her part. Jesus played his part in transforming our lives, now it is your turn and mine to do the same.

The Covid-19 pandemic has shattered our lies and has left scars of pain to those who lost their loved ones. To heal and get out of this dark valley the pandemic has put us all into, we need each one's cooperation. We are grateful for the vaccines which have been developed and these give us hope, but they only work if we receive them. Therefore, I encourage you when your turn comes go get the shot. Jesus defeated death; we too can overcome this virus, but we have to work together by using all the tools available to combat it.



Father Gerry

Take courage, be hopeful, and pray that the Lord continues to keep us safe.

Happy Easter!

EASTER EGG HUNT



Suspended for a year, Faith Formation will again conduct an Easter Egg Hunt after Mass today. We have about 250 eggs to distribute for our children (*under 12 years old*) to discover. Out of concern for families who are fearful of attending Mass with children, we have no requirement for you to attend Mass to participate in the hunt. Mass normally lasts about 45 minutes, so congregate in the pavilion at **9:45am**.



REGRETS

We regret to announce the death of parishioner, Kathy Placilla, who passed away two weekends ago from the effects of COVID-19. Kathy and husband Mel joined the parish recently, and live north of Urbanna.

A private service was held at the Bristow-Faulkner Funeral home a week ago Wednesday. Our prayers are with Mel, daughter Kelly and other family members.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Since we began celebrating Mass for all parishioners exclusive of alphabet restrictions, our attendance weekly has been about 70-75 persons.

We can handle that many persons seating-wise, but accounting for attendees has become difficult because so many parishioners are arriving minutes before Mass.

Please consider arriving for Mass as early as 15 minutes before hand to ease the accountability issue.

At the same time that we ask you to arrive earlier, we would also ask that you minimize the socializing (a dichotomy-come early and don't talk) so we can ascertain who is seating where and reduce the risk of transmitting any infections.



ANNUAL APPEAL

We continue to further surpass our goal when counting cash donated to date and amounts pledged. *In an unmistakable achievement, we are at 166% of goal.*

Twenty-eight parish families, two former families, and one unknown have contributed to this appeal. To those who contributed to this achievement, I offer my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for your generosity in these times of unparalleled crisis and countless calls for commitment. You are true bearers of the cross.

Father Gerry

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

What better goal for this year than to create your own personal legacy to continue your ministry beyond your own lifetime? We support our congregation and other ministries with our gifts during our lifetimes but creating a legacy through a permanent fund means our ministry will continue for all perpetuity.

Create a list of the ministries you love and support new. Consider your own dreams for those ministries for the future. Next consider all the goals you have (support your family provide for your own retirement, provide an education for grandchildren, etc.)

Meet with your professional advisor to learn how informed estate planning can increase the overall value of your estate with a gift of tax-burdened assets (like IRAs, 401(k)), or savings bonds) to the church.



Potential, Purpose, Promise

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Where will the Sacristy and Reconciliation and vesting room be located in the New Worship Area?

The Sacristy will remain where it is now. As you enter the new worship area, to your right will be a vesting room. In front of that, separated by a wall will be a confessional, accessible by a penitent from the nave (seating area). Father will enter his side of the confessional through a door from the vesting room.

THE EASTER SEASON

Commencing today, Easter, we begin the Easter Season, 50 days of joyful exultation until Pentecost Sunday. Some of the differences you may notice are;

On Easter Sunday, the tradition in the United States has been to replace the Creed with the Renewal of Baptismal Promises, followed by a sprinkling with blessed water. A Rite of Sprinkling may appropriately replace the Penitential Act at the beginning of Mass on all Sundays during the Easter Season.

Instead of the Nicene Creed, especially during Lent & Easter Time. The Baptismal Symbol of the Romans Church known as the Apostles' Creed may be used.

Paschal Candle remains in the sanctuary, most preferably near the ambo, and is lighted for every celebration during the Easter Season. The Paschal Candle remains in position until after the last Mass on Pentecost Sunday.

In the Province of Baltimore, which includes the Diocese of Richmond, the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, thus replacing the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

TODAY'S ASSIGNMENTS

Lectors: Mary Ellen Sherwood & John Weidner

Community Leader: Debby Harriman

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the *Lord*, plans to *prosper* you, and not to *harm* you, plans to give you *hope* and a *future*. Jeremiah 29:11

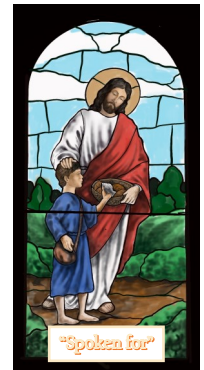
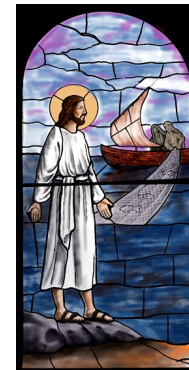
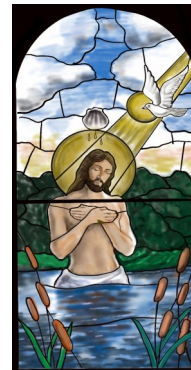
What a future we have! Our new church continues to appear before our eyes. Without you, it would not be possible. Thank you to all the parishioners for their generous commitments.

Memorials still available are as follows:

Confessional \$7,500	Sound System \$8,500
Wooden Entrance Doors \$10,000	Sanctuary Tile \$11,500
Pews and Choir Chairs minimum donation of \$250.	
Stained Glass Windows 3 left \$12,000 each	



"Hyperlink" to Memorials



"Spoken for"