

# The Church of the Sacred Heart

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord– April 4, 2021

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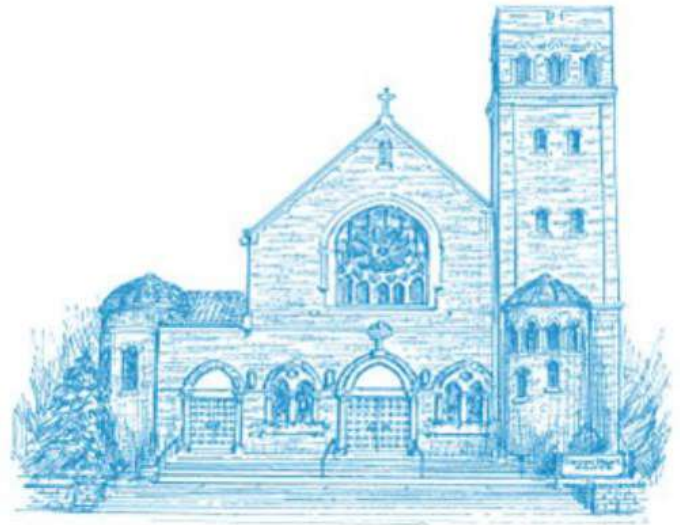
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Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

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Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

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Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

### Parish Registration

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners!

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**Office Hours** - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

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Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

**Church** open daily until 5 PM (Sundays until 3 PM)

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**Pro Life Rosary**: Tuesday 9 AM

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Anytime, please contact one of the priests at (718) 442-0058.

### Baptism

Please contact the pastor for an appointment to arrange the Baptism.

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**APRIL 4, 2021**

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURREC-  
TION OF THE LORD**

**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.

**READING 1** **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.”

**Responsorial Psalm** **PS 118: 1-2,  
16-17, 22-23.**

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

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, “His mercy endures forever.”

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

“The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.”

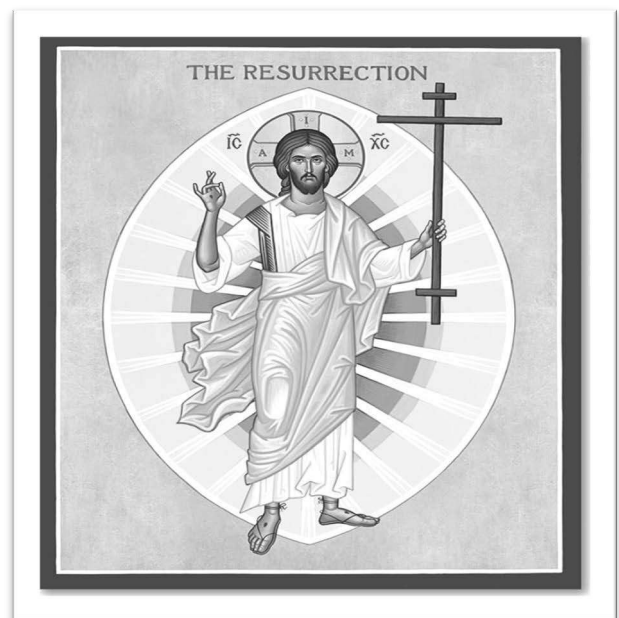
**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

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

**READING 2** **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.



## **SEQUENCE : VICTIMAE PASCHALI LAUDES**

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.

**ALLELUIA: \_\_\_\_\_ 1 COR 5: 7B-8A**

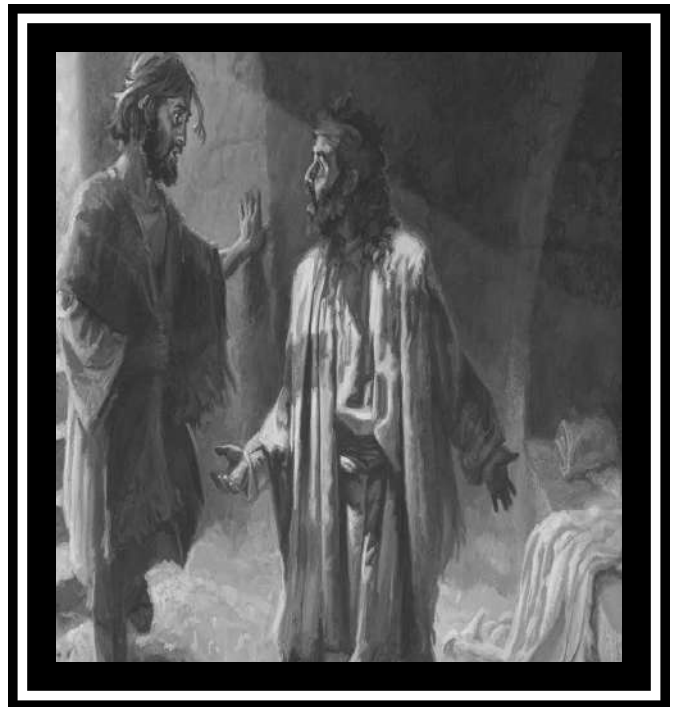
**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

**R. Alleluia, 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.



### **Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! There's a poster featuring the pictures of four U.S. presidents: Lincoln, Truman, Eisenhower and FDR. The title of the poster is: "If At First You Don't Succeed You're In Good Company." The theme of the poster seems to be failure, really. It indicates that Abe Lincoln owned a dry goods store as a young man that went bankrupt. Then he became the postmaster of his township, which during his tenure had the very worst efficiency record in the nation. Roosevelt flunked out of law school. Ike was rejected three times for command positions before he became the Supreme Allied Commander in World War II in 1942. Lastly, Truman opened up a clothing store when he was 35. It went bankrupt and he worked 15 years to pay off the debt.

Do you know who was a real failure in the eyes of His contemporaries? A fellow by the name of Jesus of Nazareth. He worked for three years or so preaching and teaching night and day to establish a new kingdom. Instead of a crown of gold He received a crown of thorns. For a regal scepter He was given a reed. Instead of a silk, embroidered purple robe of royalty He was given a robe of scorn in mockery. Instead of homage He received insults, spit, blows, scourges and taunts. His throne was a cross. And then His body was buried in a borrowed tomb.

Even from the point of view of His closest friends and associates He was a failure. One of the Twelve Apostles betrayed Him. His right-hand-man denied three times that he even knew Him. Two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus admitted shortly after His death that they had given up all hope in Him and in His cause.

Based upon His own words at the end of His life (if one was ignorant of our Faith) one could be justified in concluding that even Jesus considered Himself a failure. What were some of His last words on earth? "My soul is sorrowful even unto death." "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me." "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Are these the words of a man who is convinced He has been successful?

If it were not for one historical fact Jesus Christ would indeed have been a colossal failure. This fact changed failure into success, defeat into

victory. This historical fact is the Resurrection. St. Paul once said: *If Christ has not been raised your faith is vain; you are still in your sins.* (1 Corinthians 15:17).

Although Jesus may have been regarded by the world as well as by His friends as a failure, yet He was never a failure in the eyes of His heavenly Father. We too may be regarded as a failure in the eyes of the world, of our friends, even in our own eyes. We may have failed in business. Perhaps our marriage is not so great. Maybe a child of ours has real issues and we blame ourselves. Perhaps our body is a failure because of sickness or accident. Worst of all, we may be a moral failure. We may be enslaved to some habit of sin that we just can't seem to break free of. For some of us, this vice may have nearly ruined our family.

The Resurrection is a reminder that because we belong to Jesus Christ (blessed be His Name) we too rise from our dead selves by His power. As we are one with Christ our failures are transformed into victories. Our bodies may be broken down but our souls will live forever. Our family lives here on earth may be lacking yet we are deeply-cared about, essential members of God's family. Our businesses may be shattered but we have mounds and mounds of treasure in Heaven. We may be in lackluster jobs but we are the body of Christ, part of the ultimate enterprise, the corporation par excellence, the Catholic Church, which aids the neediest here on earth like no one else, and which leads people to Paradise—in fact, there is no salvation outside the Church. Our level of virtue may be low but we borrow His holiness and little by little He makes us perfect, transforming us into His image, so that one day we will shine for all eternity. Indeed, because we belong to Jesus Christ, we are never a failure in the eyes of our heavenly Father. On the contrary. We are the apple of His eye.

Happy Easter!

God bless you!

Father Eric

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**

**APRIL 4, 2021**

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**



**Saturday, April 10:**

5:00 PM Mary Rosso

**Sunday, April 11:**

7:00 AM Vincent O’Grady

9:00 AM John Mooney Jr.

11:00 AM Maria Montuori

1:00 PM Wanda Ortiz

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, April 10:**

5:00 PM Sean Ahern

**Sunday, April 11:**

7:00 Tara Murphy

9:00 Jacob Torres

11:00 Jason Suazo

1:00 Abigail Cruz

**Collections:**

March 21st.....\$6,917.00

Building Fund.....\$903.00

Attendance March 21st : 524

Capacity for Mass : 210

The Rectory Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Regular business Hours will resume on Tuesday, April 6th.

**Wedding Banns**

**II. Michael James McBratney  
& Christina Marie Kenny**

**The Holy Name Meeting is next  
Sunday, April 11th, after the 9  
AM Mass.**

**Saturday, April 3:**

7:30 Gregory Forster ( Easter Vigil )

**Sunday, April 4:**

7:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

9:00 John, Kristina & Maria Allena Abecia

11:00 People of the Parish

1:00 Stephen Valenti

**Monday, April 5:**

9:30 Thomas Daly

**Tuesday, April 6:**

9:30 John Tighe

**Wednesday, April 7:**

9:30 Douglas Peterson

**Thursday, April 8:**

9:30 Eileen Blais

**Friday, April 9:**

7:30 Michael Caccaro

**Saturday, April 10:**

9:30 Charles, Mary & Charles M. Donohue

5:00 Frank, Betty & Betty Lee Barry

**Sunday, April 11:**

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn &  
McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory

9:00 Jack Graham & Souls in Purgatory

11:00 James P. Mackey

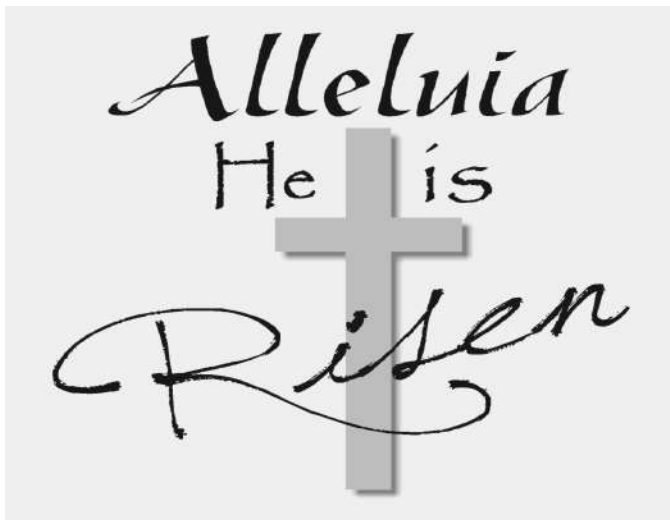
1:00 Eileen McGarry

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Next Sunday April 11th is Divine Mercy Sunday. At 3 PM there will be a *Holy Hour of Mercy* in the Church. Confessions will be available so as to gain the plenary indulgence.



**Food Donations:** The Holy Name Society is in need of food donations for their food pantry. Non-perishable items such as canned vegetables, fruit, meats, fish, soups, tomato sauces, boxes of pasta, pancake mix, mashed potatoes and cereal are needed. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

On behalf of Fr. Eric, The Sisters and faculty and staff of Sacred Heart Church and school we would like to wish all of our parishioners and their families a very Happy and Blessed Easter! May God bless you all!



**EASTER SUNDAY**

**APRIL 4, 2021**

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