

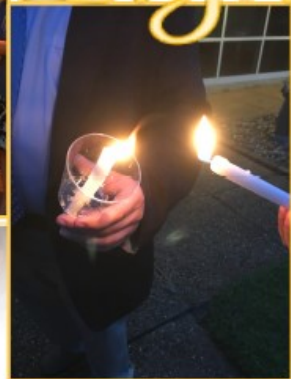
Easter 2017



Christ

our

Light



He is Risen



All are welcome!

April 23, 2017
Second Sunday of Easter



Mass Intentions

Week of April 24, 2017:

7:30 am Mon.: Silviana Pelosso (RIP)
7:30 am Tues.: Eugene & John Gooch (RIP)
6:00 pm Wed.: Robert Kopacz (RIP)
7:30 am Thurs.: Robert J. Rosemary (RIP)
7:30 am Fri.: HE & Roselyn and Jon Pickett (RIP)
5:30 pm Sat.: People of the Parish
8:00 am Sun.: People of the Parish
10:30 am Sun.: Joan Regis Catherwood (RIP)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Sat 4:30-5:00pm or by appt.

Prayer Intentions

Liz LaFontaine
Edward Prybylski, father of Ed Prybylski
Phillip Hawkins, brother of Alice Mitchell
Billie Duffy, daughter of Jennifer and James Duffy
Lionel Lumaghini, father of Chris Lumaghini

Pray for the Repose of the Souls

Nora Beadle Peggy Hamilton
Ann Zummo, mother of Nat Zummo
Johnny Gauthier, father of Holly Smith

Adoration This Week: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-12:00 pm
Wednesday 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

New Announcements

*Following Christ Sessions will begin on Tuesday, June 6th for all who have completed a Discovering Christ Session. Sessions will be held June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25. Retreat will be on Saturday, July 15th. Registration will soon be open on our website!

* Please help us keep your records up-to-date! If you have a change of address, phone number, email address, or a new member to add to your family, please email the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, April 30th — Holy First Communion Mass @ 2pm
- Wednesday, May 3rd — Confirmation Mass @ 6pm
- Sunday, May 7th — Senior Recognition Mass @ 10:30 am

Altar Flowers

(included with our baptismal font display)

*In memory of Joleen Lunan Floyd
~ Susan Weldy*

Blessed Mother Flowers

*In memory of Lois Pipitone
~ Louise and Pat Pipitone*

Reminders

The Women's Guild will be hosting 2 events this Monday April 24th; At 11:00 A.M. there will be a social featuring a garden demonstration with Martha "Honey" Smith. Bring your own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Then at 7:00pm we will be hosting a "Baby Shower for Birthright" with Monica Walton speaking. Please bring gifts of diapers, wipes and /or other baby essentials. Michelle Harris will also be there to discuss Rosie's Garden.

*SAVE THE DATE-- Mom's Day 5K to benefit Birthright of Jackson. May 6th @ Flowood Nature Park. Register @ www.birthright.org/jackson

* Senior Recognition Mass-- May 7th @ 10:30 am Mass.

Any senior wishing to participate, please contact Sarah O'Donnell at rel.edu@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com

*St. Paul is hosting the AARP SMART DRIVER class on May 10, 2017, 12:00-4:30 PM. This class qualifies drivers over age 55 for a vehicle insurance discount under Mississippi Law (MSC 63-15-46). No tests! No driving required!
Cost: \$20 (\$15 for AARP members) for class materials and certification, payable on the day of the class by cash or by check (preferable) to AARP. Bring your driver's license and membership card (if applicable) Call Parish Office to reserve your place in the class.

*Baptism prep classes are required for all those needing a child baptized. Please call the church office in advance. Our next class is May 21st at 2pm.

* Senior Adult Trip to see The Passion Play in Eureka Springs and The Moses Show in Branson. June 29-July1. \$100 deposit due NOW! Total cost of trip is \$375 per person. Call Monica with any questions.

Weekly offering for April 16, 2017- \$31,168

2nd collection next weekend: Catholic Home Missions

*Nursery and Children's Liturgy available at the 10:30am mass. The Nursery is located in the Early Learning Center (enter through the cafeteria before mass). Children ages 2-5 will be called up during the mass for Children's Liturgy.

*If you would like to honor a loved one or celebrate a special event, altar flowers and Blessed Mother flowers can be reserved through our website. You can find it under to Registration Forms tab. A special thank you to everyone who made donations for our Easter flowers and adding beauty to our altar for the Easter season!

This weekend is **Divine Mercy Sunday!**

Join us in the chapel this Sunday at 9:15am to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

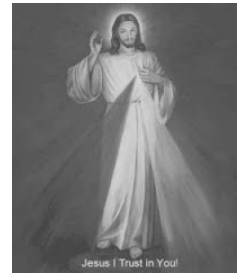
Chaplet of Divine Mercy

In the NAME of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Optional Opening Prayer

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls,
and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.



O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You! (*Repeat 3 times*)

On rosary beads, begin:

Our Father, Hail Mary and the Creed

On the Our Father beads, pray:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the Hail Mary beads, pray:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding prayer (*Repeat 3 times*)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

(for more information on praying the Novena and Chaplet, visit www.usccb.org)

It is now the quiet time... The Triduum services are completed. The Easter Vigil (the "mother" of all vigils) has been concluded for another year — to varying degrees of liturgical success in each individual parish, I am sure. The crowds that seem to magically appear and arrive for Easter Sunday Mass have come and gone. Candidates and catechumens have been received into the Church. Easter egg hunts are wrapped up as well as family Easter gatherings. Now what?

Is Easter Sunday 2017 to now be shelved away as a nice memory testified to by photos posted on Facebook? An opportunity for people to dress up and have good family time? Does the message of Easter end with the last Easter Sunday Mass? Liturgically, the Church says "no." We have the Easter Season — a needed time to reflect on the truth of the resurrection and to look to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. "Liturgical" here is important and it does certainly influence who we are but here I am specifically wondering about our day-to-day life outside the parish walls. Does Easter affect and shape who we are or does it remain a beautiful annual ritual that is left behind in the crowded Easter Sunday church parking lot? Do we take Easter with us into the streets of our lives and of our world or do we keep it hidden away behind locked doors — doors of a private faith, spirituality and morality, doors of our resignations and sense of hopelessness in the face of the pain of our world, doors of our fear to offend the accepted norm?

Easter cannot stay hidden away. Easter demands that we go into the streets - no matter how uncomfortable it makes us or others.

In Matthew's account of the resurrection there is an interesting instruction that is given to the women who came to the tomb early that morning by the angel sitting on top of the rolled-away, heavy stone that had been used to seal the tomb. "...go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him." (Mt. 28:7)

The resurrected Lord does not fear the world and its violence and sad resignation because he has overcome all the sin of the world through the love of the Father. The resurrected Lord goes *before you to Galilee*. He goes into the streets of the world and the expectation and instruction given by the angel of the resurrection is that the followers of Christ do the same!

Easter, if it is to be authentic and be more than a nice memory, cannot stay hidden behind any locked door and neither will it allow us to remain hidden.

We are sons and daughters of the resurrection of our Lord! The Easter mystery is placed in our hearts and entrusted to us and it cannot remain behind locked doors, it demands to be taken out to the streets of our world!



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