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## and be glad. (Ps 118) or Alleluia Second Reading:

When Christ your life appears,

then you too will appear with him in glory. (Col 3:4)

as judge of the living and the dead." (Acts 10:42)

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice

#### Gospel:

Psalm:

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:8) "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the rrucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." - Mt 28:5b-6

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020

# He is Risen! Alleluia!

### From the desk of Father Sinoj

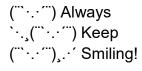


Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! Wish you all a Blessed and Holy Triduum! Hope you are all making a fruitful participation in the observance of the holiest days in our Liturgical Year! Praying that all of us may be able to have deeper experience of the mystery of Salvation our Lord won for us. Wish you all a Happy Easter and the peace and hope of Resurrection!

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for three reasons: 1) The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith, 2) Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection, 3) Easter gives us hope and encouragement. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayer, strength to fight against temptations, freedom from unnecessary worries and fears and overcome trials and sufferings.

Our identity as "Resurrection People" is aimed at convincing ourselves that we are called not to lie buried in the tomb of our sins and sufferings. It gives us the Good News that no tomb – sickness, pandemic, worry, loss, uncertainties, despair, doubt and death itself – can hold us down anymore. For us everyday must be an Easter Day lived peacefully in the close company of the Risen Lord. "Peace be with you!"



God Loves You!!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

#### April Birthdays

3--Rita Moorman, Ethan Gough, Bobby Hardin

6--Marshall Williams

21--Kathi Skidd

23--Misty Sanford

25--Charlene Meadows

26--Vivian Higgs

27--Ruth Coble

29--Jeff McCarter



## Church Mice

But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.'

~ Matthew 28:5-6

Let us feel the joy of being Christian! We believe in the Risen One who conquered evil and death! Let us have the courage to "come out of ourselves" to take this joy and this light to all the places of our life! ----Pope Francis

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Coronovirus patients, Stephen Hall, Ruth Coble, Frank and Gloria Adams, Carol Hatchett, Mary Hagan, Lori Robinson, Larry Allen, Kathy Gebhard,, Camilla Greer, Louise Johnson, Phillip Moorman, Jr. Charlene Meadows If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.

Please remember our home-bound: Ruth Coble and Shirley Schmidt who are at Heritage Park . Georgia Holland, who has moved to St. Louis, stays in touch with BSC. A phone call or a card can cheer them up.





# **Coming Events** CALENDAR



**Diocesan Community Happenings** Pray for this space soon to be filled with Church activities. Remember in your prayers all who are affected through this pandemic--either with health issues or financial issues.



April 5--\$1065 Weekly budget: \$933 MTD collection--\$1065 MTD budget--\$993 YTD collection--\$34,754.12 YTD budget \$37,320



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### **Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary During Coronavirus Pandemic**

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You know what we need. and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorius and blessed Virgin. glo-

.For us Christians, wherever the Cross is, there is hope. If there is no hope, we are not Christian. ----Pope Francis

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter Next Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

Our world wants us to believe that life is only what we make of it. Today, we realize how untrue that is. Life is ultimately about what God makes of it, and the resurrection of Jesus reveals this. Alleluia. Christ is risen! Who do you understand yourself to be? What we did yesterday, are doing today, and may do tomorrow pretty much determine how we perceive ourselves. We even perceive Jesus this way in limiting our vision of him to his earthly accomplishments. But, we know through today's triumphant celebration that Christ is much more than his earthly legacy. The transfigured and resurrected Christ is the beginning, the end, and the fulfillment of all things and every person. All that Jesus did stands in second place to who we now know him to be. Do we realize that this will be our journey too? Christ is risen. Alleluia, alleluia!

#### Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father, we come before you on this Easter Sunday with full and grateful hearts for the gift of the Paschal Mystery that you showed us in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, our brother by adoption. Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love. Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you. You are God for all.

We ask all this in Christ's name.

#### Safe Environment

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement (270-687- 8888 / or 270-685-8444\_) or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (tollfree: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331).

To report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380.

The Diocese of Owensboro sexual abuse policy is available at this parish in the back of church, or in the parish office and also on the diocesan web site (https:// owensborodiocese.org/ safe).

#### Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

#### Come to Christ

Life is perhaps God's greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate.

On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn't take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. Happy Easter!

RiverValley Behavioral Health offers a Crisis Line which is fully operational 24 hours/7 days a week. Clinicians are available to provide needed and timely support. If you know someone who needs help at these difficult times, please share this number. Texting and TDD capacity are also available. Crisis Line: 1-800-433-7291. Available 24 Hours a Day.

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying "so what" or "alleluia"? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of "so what." Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.

Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don't sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and "find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The "so what" response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn't important to me securing my next raise.

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn't impress us or matter all that much. It's all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant "tomorrow" that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking "so what?" or "alleluia"?

There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn't need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!

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