

Good News

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Today we celebrate the most important mystery of our faith, the greatest event in the Bible and all of history. Nothing before the events of Easter morning contains their full meaning, and nothing after makes sense without them.

Jesus' conquering of death validated all of his preaching, teaching, and miracles. Now his doctrine of love, forgiveness, faith, and baptism is confirmed, as is God's definitive revelation for man's salvation. In short, the resurrection proves that Jesus wasn't simply a good man, a wise teacher, or a revolutionary. He was all those things and more—he was the Son of God.

Without Jesus' rising from the dead, you cannot explain his appearing to the women, apostles, disciples, and crowds before his ascension. You cannot explain the transformation of the timid and baffled apostles into powerful preachers or the conversion of St. Paul from a murdering Pharisee to a persecuted Christian. Without the truth of the resurrection, you cannot explain the courage of any of the martyrs. Indeed, the Romans and Jews took these martyrs seriously. And if either group could have produced a body of evidence or a convincing explanation to debunk the story, they would have.

So today, set aside your Lenten focus on the mocked, beaten, and buried Jesus. Celebrate the resurrection. Christ the Lord—and Christianity—is a reality and a force. Rejoice! Reflect on the truth and power of this day, and allow God's Son to open the tombs of your heart and life.

For Reflection

The resurrection changes everything. How does it change my life? If you recorded your whole day, would there be enough evidence that you believe in the resurrection?

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Masses

Easter

Mon.	6:15	+Katherine Joyce
	8:15	+Charlotte O'Shaunessy
	12:00	+Jeanne Fisher
Tues.	6:15	+Charlotte O'Shaughnessy
	8:15	Special Intention for Tommy Mack Family
	12:00	+Thomas James & Special Intention for Tish Montesi
Wed.	6:15	+Neil Morgan Savio
	8:15	+Tommy Chryey
	12:00	Special Intention & +Kelly Schaffler
Thurs.	6:15	+Margie Ryan
	8:15	Sid Kraker & +Emmett O'Ryan
	12:00	+Charles McDonald & +Joyce Wilhelm
Fri	6:15	Special Intention for Fr. Yoelvis Gonzales
	8:15	+Anna McArthur & +Sid Kraker
	12:00	+William C. Schadrack, Jr.
Sat.	6:15	+Andrea Ausi
	8:15	+Violet & +Secunda Mangialardi
	4:30	Special Intention for John & Kathleen Pender

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Garbarini+Archbishop Peter Sartain+Peggy Steffan+Dr. Tucker Larkin+Bob Mader+Sarah Ward+Lisa Barzizza MacCormack+Wendy Ray+Tan Wallace+Katherine McArthur Sigafoos+Patricia Schoembs+John Heimbach+Rosann Donoghue+Carlene Inzer+Katie McCustion+Babette Ehemann+John Schaffler, Jr.+Jeffrey Kissell+Alex Beard.

Information

Sacrament of Baptism—Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays following noon Mass. Parents are asked to attend an instructional class prior to the baptism. Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Adults interested in the Catholic Faith—to learn more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Deacon Jeff Drzycimski at 255-1950, ext. 1953 for information about our R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

Sacrament of Marriage—Please contact one of the priests for an appointment at least 6 months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Diocesan policy requires that certain guidelines be met.

Funerals—please call the parish office to make funeral arrangements; our staff will be happy to assist you.

Ministry to the Sick—When a family member is ill, home-bound, or hospitalized, please call the parish office to request prayers and to arrange a pastoral visit. The priests and our lay Ministers to the Sick make regular visits to the sick and homebound.

Nursery—a nursery is provided in the Clunan Center each weekend at 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and noon Masses on Sunday.

April 16th, 2017—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

*Wishing You & Your Family a
Happy & Holy Easter Season!*

Rev. Msgr. John B. McArthur
Rev. Saji Ellickal
Rev. Dexter Noblefranca
Rev. William F. Burke

ST. LOUIS PARISH 60th ANNIVERSARY



Family Dinner Celebration—Saturday, April 22nd: Party to celebrate 60 years. We will have 4:30pm Mass and then a huge family dinner celebration—buffet dinner, drinks, hors d'oeuvres. Bring the family and give thanks and celebrate.

RSVP by calling the church office at 255-1950.

Hospitality Ministers needed for Mass and Dinner: visit <http://tinyurl.com/slcc60thvol> to volunteer.

Serve 60: 60 Service Opportunities in 60 days in honor of 60 Years—Wednesday, February 22nd-Saturday, April 22nd.

SERVE60 SERVICE PROJECTS COMING UP

Dorothy Day House Dinner

Monday, April 17th

Canned Food Sorting

any Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning

Making Soup for Soup Kitchen

Thursday Altar Workers

need a few helpers in April

Rosary for The Children

Thursdays

For information and to volunteer, visit

www.tinyurl.com/serveatstlouis.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. St. Louis is 67% towards our goal of \$458,000. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the Narthex. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.

RICE BOWL LENTEN PROGRAM

Rice Bowl is more than a cute cardboard box! CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program for families and faith communities in the United States who want to put their faith into action. Look for Rice Bowls in the Narthex and find more information at <http://www.crsricebowl.org/>

FR. SAJI ELICKAL

FAREWELL MASS & RECEPTION

Mass celebrated by Fr. Saji will be held at 5:30pm on **Tuesday, April 25th**. The Altar Guild will sponsor a reception in the Clunan Center following Mass. Please join us to thank Fr. Saji for his years of devoted service!

SECOND COLLECTION EASTER SUNDAY

The Second Collection Easter weekend **April 15th** and **16th** is for the education of our seminarians.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Choir will rehearse on **Tuesday, April 18th** instead of **Wednesday, April 19th**.

20s & 30s GROUP

The 20s and 30s Group is growing fast and we want you to join! We have a few events coming up and the best way to keep up with us is through social media! Go follow us on Facebook @ St. Louis 20s and 30s & on Instagram @ stlouis20sand30s. Keep your calendar open on **Saturday, May 13th** for our projected BBQ day!

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild Meeting scheduled for **Thursday, April 20th** has been postponed. A new date will be announced soon.

FLEUR DE LIS

Join us, **Thursday, April 20th** at 6pm for our next Fleur de Lis dinner and meeting! We will meet in the Dining Hall. Carla will serve oven fried chicken with sides and salad. A little entertainment will follow at 7pm. We are meeting on the 3rd Thursday because our parish Confirmation ceremony will be on the 4th Thursday. Please make your reservation by **Monday, April 17th** by calling Fred or Cathy Freres at 685-1934.

LEBONHEUR

Thank you to all who have generously donated their time and made food items for the March dinners. Our next lunch is this **Saturday, April 29th**. A fried chicken dinner is planned. Please check the sign up genius to see if you can volunteer for this and other lunches at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948afae2c7-parish>. Also, remember that pantry items are always needed! Single serve items that do not require refrigeration. There is a list on the bulletin boards at church. Thank you everyone!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP thanks all the parishioners for their furniture donations and the workers who helped deliver the furniture to our needy families this past weekend!

SVDP had a record month with the number of families in need we were able to help! 27 families were helped in March with your donations. We bought fresh produce for the soup kitchen, helped 8 families with rent, 15 with utilities, 1 with bus fare, 1 buying a bed, 1 with daycare, and 1 with property taxes for a total of over \$7,700! It is a very rewarding ministry! Would you like to ride along on a home visit to one of our families? If interested in helping the poor, please call 755-8213. Donations gratefully accepted at any time!

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Senior High Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, April 23rd** in the JPII building from 7-9pm. Junior High will meet from 4:30-5:45 pm. For information, visit www.stlouisyouth.org. You may also visit the Facebook page at St. Louis Catholic Church Youth Ministry and follow the Youth Group on Twitter at St_Louis_Youth and on Instagram at st.louis_youth_ministry.



IT PERSON NEEDED

IT Person needed for St. Louis Catholic Church and School to manage hardware, system administration for IT. Experience working with servers, firewalls, troubleshooting, and Help Desk for faculty and staff are a plus. For information, email Teddi Niedzwiedz, Principal, at tiedzwiedz@stlouismemphis.org.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Visit www.tinyurl.com/SLCCAdoration to sign up to volunteer for one hour per week or as a substitute. Many slots have only one adorer and there is a great need to have at least two adorers per shift.

Adorers are needed for the 4am slot on Mondays, 1am slot on Tuesdays, the 2am (shared time) 3pm and 5pm slots on Fridays, the 3am slot on Saturdays, the 9pm slot on the 1st and 2nd Saturdays of each month and the 4am, 10am, 4pm and 10pm slots on Sundays. Contact Jan O'Donnell by email at jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org or call 255-1954.



TASTE OF JUBILEE

The 13th Annual Taste of Jubilee will be held on **Friday, April 21st** at Minglewood Hall. All proceeds benefit the Jubilee Catholic Schools. Order your tickets today. <http://bluestreakmemphis.net/events>

Banns of Marriage

Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for **Kelsey Goodman** and **Stephen Hoffman** and for the first time for **Anna Skeen** and **Justin Supult**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray we share the joy of Christ's resurrection with everyone during this Easter season.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Sunday of Divine Mercy

First Reading	Acts 2:42-47
Psalm	Psalm 118
Second Reading	1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel	John 20:19-31

PRAYERS FOR THE ARMED FORCES

Please keep the men and women serving in Iraq, and other conflict areas around the world, in your prayers as well as their families. Pray especially for Jonathan Paul Morales, Robert Bender, Desiree Bender, Brad Israel, Capt. Charlie Kennedy, Capt. Jay Schaffler, Jeff Sexton, Graham Meihofer and Cooper Lawrence.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Week of April 9, 2017

Total Collection	\$44,957
Envelopes	\$34,074
Electronic	\$8,610
Loose	\$2,273
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1,805
Donated by envelopes	462
Donated Electronically	101
Non-participants	1,242

31% of families participated... 69% did not

WOW—WOMEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Please join us every Tuesday in the Clunan Center Meeting Room to discuss the Gospel of Matthew. We are using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible which can be purchased at St. Paul's Book Store. Meeting time is Tuesdays from 11:30am-12:30pm.



FLEUR DE LIS

We are off to the ball game on **Monday, May 1st**. Game time is 11:05am that day and the cost is \$23 per ticket. We will be upstairs and in the shade again just like last year. Please let Jerry Basler know as soon as possible so that we can let them know. Jerry's number is 385-2014. The group ticket price includes a hot dog and last year we got ball caps.

