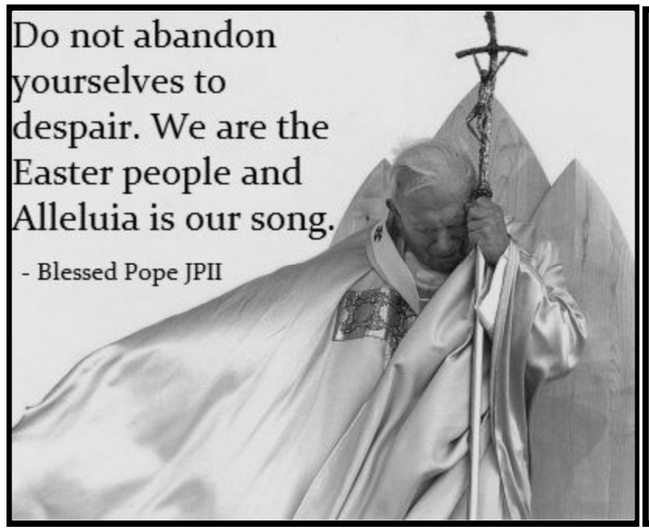

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MASS INTENTIONS

EASTER VIGIL
APRIL 11
PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 12
PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

TUESDAY
APRIL 14
+ REV. WILLIAM FOLSOM

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 15
+ REV. WILLIAM FOLSOM

THURSDAY
APRIL 16
+ JANEL LACONSAY

FRIDAY
APRIL 17
+ REV. MARCIN ZAHUTA

SATURDAY
APRIL 18
+ BILL DUMAS

SUNDAY
APRIL 19
+ TONI BONEY

Due to the current cancellation of Masses, we will be placing only a small display of Easter Flowers in the Church this weekend. The donations that you made for Easter Flowers will be used to beautify the Church on Pentecost Sunday which is the next Holy Day that new candidates can be received into the church. A full listing with your Memorials will placed in the bulletin on that Sunday

2020 Collections

Regular & Holy Days Collection

04/05/20 $5,637

2020 Total Regular Collection
$57,020.00

Catholic Relief 2020 **$210.00**
Aid to the Church in Africa 2020 **$195.00**

Parish Projects

04/05/20 $160.00

2020 Total Parish Project Collection
$4,614.00

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
Catholic Parish

APRIL 12
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MASS SCHEDULE

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MOBILE ALL MASSES, GATHERINGS AND MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED THROUGH APRIL 18, 2020

SATURDAY
VIGIL MASS
4:00PM

SUNDAY
MASS
8:30AM & 11:00AM

LATIN MASS
6:00 PM

MONDAY
COMMUNION SERVICE
8:00AM

TUESDAY
MASS
5:30PM

WEDNESDAY
MASS
8:00AM

THURSDAY
MASS
8:00AM

FRIDAY
MASS
8:00AM

MONTHLY

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
8:30AM TO NOON

FIRST SATURDAY
MASS
8AM

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SATURDAY
3:15PM–3:45PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT

Bringing Home the Word

Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord (A)
April 12, 2020

History's Greatest Event

By 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 humanity's salvation. In short, the resurrection proves that Jesus wasn't simply a good man, a wise teacher, or a revolutionary. He was all of those things and more—he was the Son of God.

Without the rising of Jesus 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. +

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Sunday Readings

Acts 10:34a, 37–43

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible…to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance.

Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

John 20:1–9

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

A Word from Pope Francis

Today…we see that our journey is not in vain.… Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give in to resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside.

—Easter Vigil homily, April 20, 2019

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- The resurrection changes everything. How does it change your life?
- Do you celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter or every day?

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We Are Made for Joy

By Kathy Coffey

Thou shalt be joyful.

Groans might greet this hypothetical eleventh commandment. Where are we supposed to cram joy on an overloaded to-do list? Does it go before or after the litany of chores, bills, and family obligations? All we want is to make it through the crunch of the workweek, then collapse in exhaustion.

Sad, but true. This stressed state of affairs points clearly toward the need for an eleventh commandment demanding joy. The rationale is this: If we were made for eternal joy, we should start now. We are more than cogs in a machine, toting up hours that feed corporate profits but fail to satisfy our souls. God made us for the everlasting bliss of gazing into his eyes. So if drudgery consumes our time, we should fill our free hours with deep nurture rather than televised fluff.

The acid test is always: How shall we be remembered? Imagine grandchildren saying, "She trudged dutifully, year after year, to all her commitments, but we didn't see her much." Or imagine their voices lightening as they recall, "She was so much fun! When we cooked her special chili we laughed and told stories." "I'll always remember his pride in his garden, how he'd grin at the first tomatoes, or how he happily took me canoeing."

These positive attitudes aren't Pollyanna-esque. They are choices as difficult to honor as any of the Ten Commandments. Let's face it, daily news is often depressing. A sample of headlines: "Alabama Boy Kills Family." "Coronavirus Looks Like a Pandemic." "Two Teens Dead after Pickup Hits Runners." The daily media hardly sends us rushing for the tambourines. That's why we need God's strength to remain faithful, confident, and hopeful.

Joy in the Real World

From prison comes an example of one who honored the difficult "eleventh commandment." There, Fyodor Dostoevsky wrote, "Yes, we are in chains, deprived of liberty, but in our sorrow we are restored to joy, without which we cannot live….We underground men, we will dig in the entrails of the earth a tragic hymn to the God of joy!"

If convicts can sing praise from the "entrails of the earth," what about us? We are rich in faith, blessings, comforts, and wealth. Yet our distracted days and frowning faces give little praise to the "God of joy."

Pursuit of Joy

Before we all start a serious pursuit of joy, a few qualifications: it cannot be sought. It's a gift. It springs from the conviction that the kingdom of God is near. It's like Lazarus emerging from the tomb, squinting in the sunlight—and laughing. Joy is the appropriate response when we know we are saved, rescued despite failures, happy not in our achievements but in God's fidelity.

The image of a child snoozing in a parent's lap may be a cliché, but it resembles our contentment in God's presence, where we are at all times. Joy spills from the security of knowing every need will be met—not necessarily the way we foresaw, but in God's time and pleasure. Dancing conveys the same joy: arms wide, feet in rhythm, worries set aside.

Contrast that with our postures when burdened by negativity. We must carry ourselves with joy. The living Jesus won't be found in boredom and inertia but in what brings beauty and restores grace. And because he is risen, so are we. Despite suffering, we were made for joy. Maybe that commandment isn't carved on a stone tablet, but we can write it on our hearts. +

PRAYER

Lord, your resurrection pierces the darkness of doubt and fear. May the power of your resurrection help me to deepen my love for you and all people.

—From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeny

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 13–18

Monday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 2:14, 22–33 / Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 2:36–41 / Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 3:1–10 / Lk 24:13–35

Thursday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 3:11–26 / Lk 24:35–48

Friday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 4:1–12 / Jn 21:1–14

Saturday, Octave of Easter:
Acts 4:13–21 / Mk 16:9–15

Bringing Home the Word
April 12, 2020

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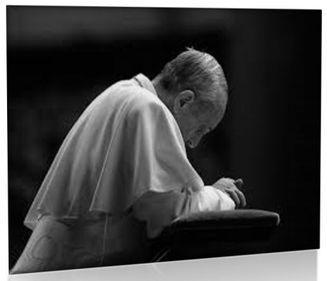

"We will celebrate Holy Week in a truly unusual way, which manifests and sums up the message of the Gospel, that of God's boundless love. And in the silence of our cities, the Easter Gospel will resound. The Apostle Paul says: "And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him Who died for them and was raised again" (2 Cor 5:15). In the risen Jesus, life conquered death. This Paschal faith nourishes our hope. I would like to share it with you this evening. It is the hope of a better time, in which we can be better, finally freed from evil and from this pandemic. It is a hope: hope does not disappoint; it is not an illusion, it is a hope".

Pope Francis

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April 9, 2020

To: All Clergy

From: Most Reverend Thomas J Rodi

Re: Burial Arrangements for Reverend Msgr. Peter J. Cunningham

A private graveside service for Msgr. Cunningham will be on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the priests' section in the Catholic Cemetery, Mobile.

A memorial Mass for Msgr. Cunningham will be celebrated at St. Mary Parish Church, Mobile, at a later date when public Masses will once again be celebrated in our churches.

Please remember Msgr. Cunningham in your prayers. May he Rest in Peace.

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Prayer List

Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Clement Boney, Eddie Booth Sr., Logan Bowers, Boatie Campbell, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Lemuel Dickinson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, John Dumas, Teresa Dumas, Shelby Fletcher, Ellyn Fowler, Louise Frontz, Tim Frontz, Tony Golemon, J S Johnson, Bill Johnston, Billy Kenny, MaryAnn Keith, Liz Kilborn, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Archie Moore, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Tiffany Neese, Joanne Orleans, Darlene O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Genna Pose, Glenda Pouyadou, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Larry Snow, Mary Spikes, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Thomas Thigpen, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Ida Vrazel, Sallie Washington, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Sharon Williams, Agnes Worley, Bobby Zarate.

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Sam Schoolfiled Sr. *Marines,* Jerrick Thompson *Army Reserves*

Celebrating a unique Easter with Pope Francis during Covid-19

By Vatican News

How to watch the Pope's Easter services

Vatican News also has a YouTube channel with live stream and playlists so you can watch them back. EWTN will air the services over Easter Weekend just as it did Palm Sunday. You can tune in on EWTN's YouTube Channel.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday Mass: the Vatican Office for the Liturgical Celebrations of the Pope has had to quickly reorganize the way these liturgies are celebrated this year during the Coronavirus lockdown.

While Pope Francis will preside over them without the physical presence of the faithful, millions will join him spiritually through the media. Radio, television and the internet will allow the Pope to be close to those unable to participate in the liturgies of this unique Easter Triduum. The Crucifix of St. Marcellus and the *Salus populi Romani* icon will be present during all the liturgies. Both were already visible during the Pope's prayer in St. Peter's Square on 27 March, and Palm Sunday Mass on 5 April.

Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday, the Pope will not preside at the Chrism Mass, which will be celebrated at a later date. The Mass *in Coena Domini* (of the Lord's Supper), which commemorates the institution of the Eucharist, will be held at 6pm (Rome time) at the Altar of the Chair in St. Peter's Basilica. It will not include the traditional washing of the feet which can, in any case, be omitted. There will be no procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose either.

Good Friday

On Good Friday, the Liturgy of the Passion with the Adoration of the Cross, will take place at 6pm in St. Peter's Basilica. The Crucifix of St. Marcellus will be covered. The Preacher of the Papal Household, Father Raniero Cantalamessa, will deliver a meditation, after which the Crucifix will be revealed. Adoration will follow, without the traditional kissing of the Cross.

The Stations of the Cross, or *Via Crucis*, will take place at 9pm on Good Friday evening in St. Peter's Square. The Stations will include stops around Bernini's colonnade and the obelisk at the centre of the Square, concluding at the steps leading up to St. Peter's Basilica. The Cross will be carried by two groups: prisoners from Padua, who wrote some of the meditations, and doctors and nurses from the Vatican Healthcare Department. Doctors and nurses continue to be on the front line in the service of those affected by the pandemic.

Holy Saturday

The Holy Saturday Vigil will begin at 9pm in St. Peter's Basilica. No baptisms will be performed during the liturgy. The fire will be lit behind the Altar of the Confession. Instead of lighting candles, the lights of the Basilica will come on and accompany the three "*Lumen Christi"* invocations during the procession to the Altar of the Chair. The bells of the Basilica will ring at the moment of the "Gloria", announcing the Resurrection.

Easter Sunday

The Pope will celebrate Easter Sunday Mass at 11am at the Altar of the Chair in St. Peter's Basilica. The Gospel will be proclaimed in Greek and Latin. At the end of Mass, Pope Francis will go to the Sacristy to remove his vestments, before returning to the Altar of the Confession. From there, he will deliver his *Urbi et orbi* message and give his Easter blessing. The entire celebration will take place inside the Basilica.