Sunday, March 31, 2024



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. - Jn 20:8-9

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 1, 2024 8:15am: + Patrick D'Souza Tuesday, April 2, 2024 8:15am: + Edmond Murphy 7:00pm: + Elizabeth Zuck Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:15am: + Deceased Members of the De Mello Family Thursday, April 4, 2024 8:15am: + Joao De Melo Friday, April 5, 2024 8:15am: + Leo Wadya 7:00pm: + Gioan Baotixita Ty + Joseph Phong, Maria Binh + Mai Le & Anna Ngoc Hoa Mr. Claude Isaacs + All Souls Saturday, April 6, 2024 8:15am: April Torrefanca (Birthday Blessings) 5:00pm: + Herman Wheeler Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:30am: + Joe Santos 10:00am: In Thanksgiving & Intentions of the Pereira Familv 12:00pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners & Youth 7:00pm: + Herbert Probst



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Easter Sunday

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeenfoot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out. As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy. We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare! — Father John Muir



On behalf of Fr. Brian, Kim C. Maria, Beatrice, Kim P. Andrea, Dominic and I, we would like to wish each of you a Holy and Blessed Easter filled with the New Life that Jesus gave us at our Baptism—Fr. John

First Friday

April 5 is the First Friday of the month. Join us for Mass at 7:00pm, followed by Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Easter Office Hours:

Mar 25-28: 9am-4pm Mar 29 (Good Friday): CLOSED Mar 30-April 1: CLOSED Apr 2: 9am-4pm

Please Pray for the Sick ...

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers: Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia



Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Maria Bowman, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Anna lafrate, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Virgina Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Cathy Mauro, Andre Cartier, Nikola Brodar, Pepito De Souza, Rita Pinto, Luigina Catalli, Henryka Zebrowska, Brian Pinto, Mary Jane Elder, Theresa Torrefranca

SHARE LIFE

In the Gospel for Ash Wednesday, Jesus spoke about the three disciplines of Lent; Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving. By embracing these disciplines, we try to draw closer to Jesus who has told us that he is the way, the truth and the life. In the giving of alms, we try to be like Jesus in his giving of himself to others. SHARE LIFE, is one of the collective ways that we do this. The campaign was begun by Archbishop Pocock in 1976, as a way for the people of the Archdiocese to reach out to those who are most in need, and for the past 48 years we have done this. I would like to thank you for your generosity to the campaign last year. The Parish gave \$151.356.55 to the campaign, which I believe is a very tangible way of saying that we care, and that we support this campaign. I hope that this year we will be able to do the same. The second collection will be on APRIL 28, and another on JUNE 2, but donations can be given at any time either directly through the Parish or through the Share Life Office. Please make sure that donations are allocated to "Share Life - St. Patrick's Parish." If you have not already received it, you will be receiving a letter from Archbishop Leo asking for your continuing support. There are envelopes for the collections in your Parish box of envelopes, as well as on the tables in the church, and in the letter from Archbishop Leo. There is a brochure in the bulletin this weekend similar to the one that you received from the Archbishop. It talks about those who have been helped by Share Life, and the allocation of the funds that have been received. Thank you for your support and generosity.-Fr. John

<u>Thank you!</u>

A huge thank you to all parishioners for the support and generosity during our Lenten Food Drive. Your contribution has significantly impacted a neighbour's life, whether big or small. Thank you for your kindness!

March for Life

I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU!

This word from the prophet is the theme for this year's March for Life in Ottawa on **Thursday**, **May 9, 2024**. Let us never forget the unborn children in danger of abortion as well as the sick and elderly in danger of euthanasia. Mark the date in your calendars. Make plans to attend!

Online Prayer Group

Join us via Zoom every Monday evenings at 7:00pm for an hour of Prayers and Reflections.

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 9533 4570 Passcode: 196792 Further details and Zoom link will be emailed through the Parish Email distribution. Please email the parish office if you wish to be added to the email list.



St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Dates coming soon!

<u>Live the Liturgy:</u> Inspiration for the Week

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.

