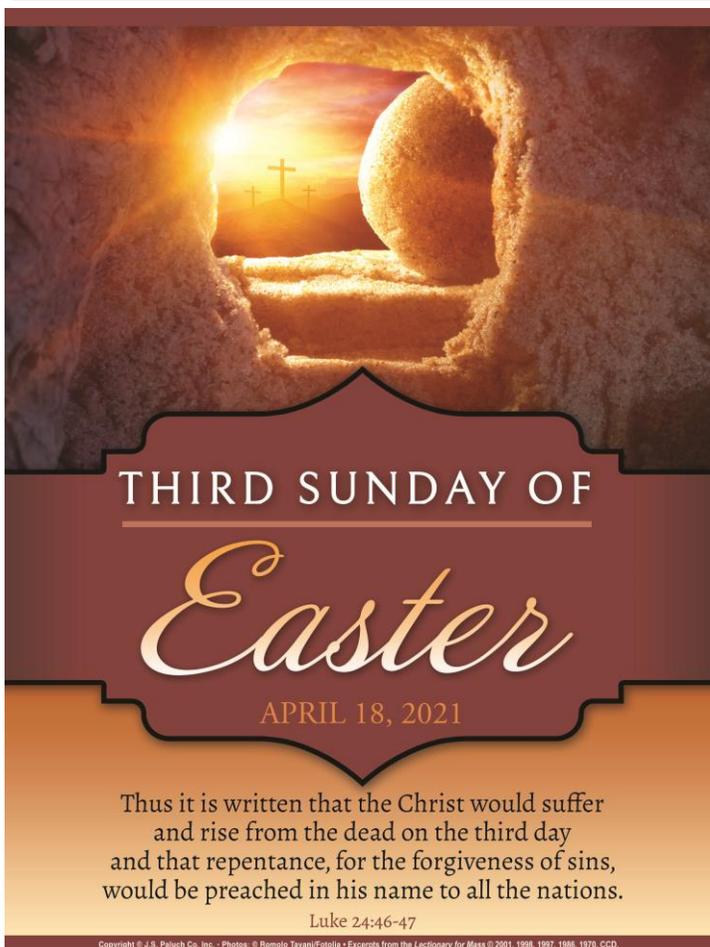


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FOR MASS READINGS & FEAST DAYS:

- usccb.org/bible/readings/
- usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, April 11 - 18

- Food Drive for St. Dorothea Pantry

Sunday, April 25, 3p

- Bilingual (English/Filipino) Mass, St. Dorothea

First Sundays beginning May 2

- Helping Hearts home-cooked food donations program restarts

Sunday, May 9

- Mother's Day Flower Sale at the doors of the church for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thursday, May 13, Ascension Thursday

- Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Daily Masses available at 7:30a at Precious Blood, and 12:15p at St. Dorothea

Saturday, April 17, 2021

5:30p Janet Guerere req. by McDonough Family

Sunday, April 18, 2021

8:00a Michael Letteri by Clara & Connor Kreatsas

9:30p Lena Cancalosi by Andrew Cancalosi

Monday, April 19, 2021

7:30a deceased members of our parish family

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

7:30a deceased members of our parish family

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

7:30a deceased members of our parish family

Thursday, April 22, 2021

9:00a deceased members of our parish family

Friday, April 23, 2021

7:30a deceased members of our parish family

FOOD DRIVE

Weekends of April 11 & 18

All donations are welcome. Of special need are:

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| snacks | soap |
| mayo | shampoo |
| ketchup | toothpaste |
| sauce in jars | |

UPCOMING WEDDINGS

- 5/14: William DelVecchio & Angelico Blanco
6/6: Christopher Robinson & Carlie Mazzucco
6/10: Drew Whitlock & Elizabeth Cantelmo
6/19: Jim Dolan & Gabrielle Lubischer
6/19: James Kohnke & Shannon Coolahan

OUR LITURGY, OUR PARISH, AND THE PANDEMIC

As we look with hope that the widespread vaccinations will bring down the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths from COVID, there is widespread speculation on “when can things get back to normal?”

Even our medical experts can't pin that down, at least, not yet. We would need the number of those daily hospitalizations and deaths to get very low. And we can't be sure yet when that will happen. It's not as easy as looking to when there will be enough doses of the vaccine produced for everyone. We have people who are 'hesitant' to be vaccinated, then there are children and those who medically can't be vaccinated. Then there is the possibility of variants 'escaping' the vaccines. And unforeseen events, like the recent 'pause' in the J&J vaccine.

So, we need patience and perseverance. Most of the measures we are taking are mandated by the bishop at the recommendation of the experts he is listening to. This includes masks and distancing and no congregational singing, for example.

However there are some things we can start to do to. As mentioned in last week's bulletin, Confirmations and 1st Communions have been moved to the Summer with the expectation that with no more distancing, entire families can attend.

We're currently using the Entrance Rite with the renewal of Baptismal Promises, which is a replacement for the Creed. Starting next week, we'll pray The Gloria as our 'entrance song.' First Friday Exposition will return next month (we need people to sign up for hours - see the sign-up in the lobby or call the office).

In the parish, we're beginning to put into place the preparations needed to restart many of the ministries and activities we've had in the past, so that when restrictions are lifted, we can hit the ground running.

PARTICIPATING IN THE CHURCH FROM HOME

Keep in mind that we live-stream all Masses (barring any occasional technical glitch). Go to our parish website, and from there, there is a link on the front page to our YouTube channel. Masses stream live, and then shortly afterwards, appear in the channel list of videos.

ONLINE GIVING CHECK-UP

A parishioner mentioned that they noticed on their bank statements that their online giving had stopped. Checking in with the Our Sunday Visitor online-giving portal, they discovered it was because their credit card had expired and OSV never sent a notice about it. So, it might be wise for everyone to check that their online-giving information is up to date. The portal can be accessed at the bottom of any web page at our website.

HELP WANTED

Gardeners: Last Spring, during the lock-down, we weren't able to have parishioners take care of garden plots around the church like we had in the past.

But this year, we'd like to restart the program of people or families adopting a patch of property to grow flowers or take care of the weeding.

We could also have a vegetable garden to grow food for the pantry.

Audio-Visual Operators: We're also looking for volunteers to operate the audio-visual slides at weekend and weekday Masses.

If anyone is interested in these tasks, please contact the parish office.