



# St. Louise de Marillac Church

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*"He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord." Psalm 15*

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## Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday  
8:30 am

Saturday  
8:30 am  
& 4:30 pm *Vigil*

Sunday  
6:30 am, 8:00 am  
9:30 am, 11:00 am

## Confession Schedule

Wednesday  
4:00 pm to 5:15 pm

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2:30 pm to 4 pm

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Do not be amazed!  
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.  
He has been raised; he is not here.

Mark 16:6



April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

St. Louise de Marillac is a Roman Catholic community called together as family to worship, to minister, and to evangelize. As true disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to renew His love and spirit by sharing our time, talent and treasure.

*St. Louise de Marillac Mission Statement*



## Easter

Easter is the pinnacle of our faith. This is the birthday of our eternal hope. Jesus rose from the dead, just as he told his disciples he would do, even though they did not understand him then or even on the day they found the empty tomb. The Resurrection is the greatest of the miracles -- it proves that Jesus is God. It is the foundation that our faith is built upon. Without the Resurrection, our faith would be in vain, as St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians.

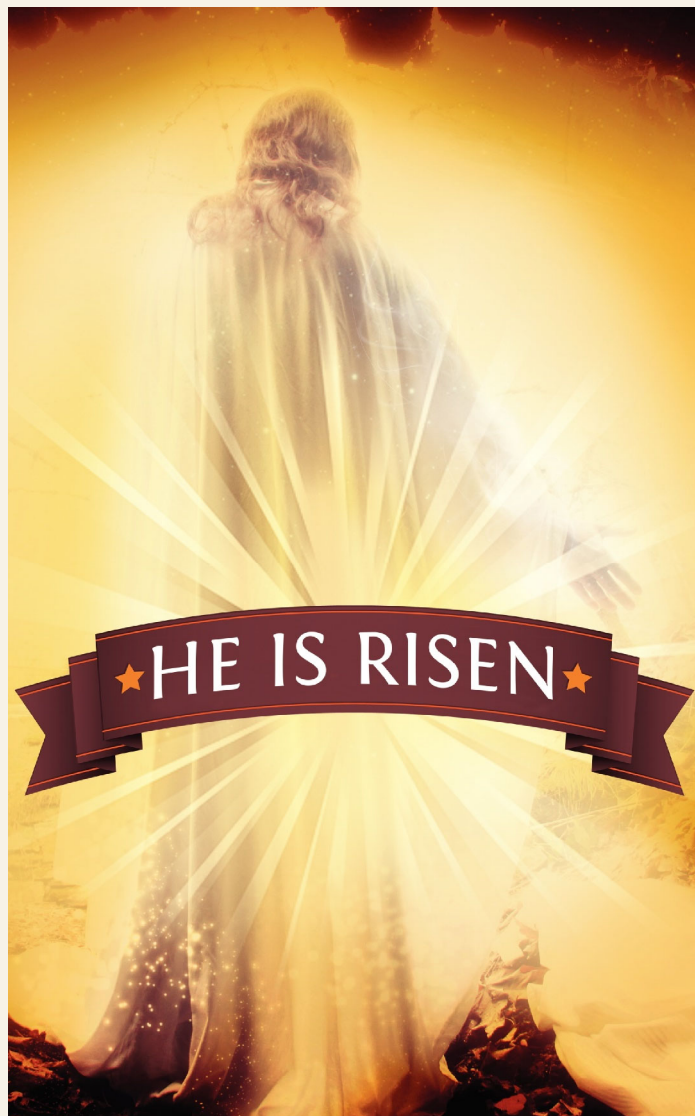
But he did rise! And we celebrate this every year. We live and breathe with our liturgical calendar as Jesus is born, he ministers among us for three years, he dies and is buried, and he rises on the third day in accordance with scripture. Alleluia!

Easter is the promise of our own resurrection. He told Martha at the tomb of Lazarus, "I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies." By virtue of the Holy Spirit, our Christian life is already a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

There is so much pain and sorrow in the world, we need messages that tell us life is worth living. Easter is the giant billboard of that message. We believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in Eucharist. His Resurrection made that possible. We trust in this message as we go about our daily lives. It gives us the strength to fight temptation.

We will now spend the next 50 days celebrating the season of Easter. As we listen to scripture, we know that the enormity of the resurrection dawned slowly for the followers of Christ. Mary Magdalen and the other Apostles thought that the body of Jesus had been stolen from the tomb. As Jesus walked on the road to Emmaus, he was with followers who did not recognize him at first. Jesus visited his Apostles in the locked room. What relief they must have felt after they got over the initial shock that Jesus was still with them and he had a plan for how he would always be with us. He gifted us the Holy Spirit.

I have felt a new optimism the last few weeks as the vaccine for the Corona Virus has become more available. It really feels like there is an end to this pandemic and life may come back to some sense of normalcy before long. I can't imagine a better reminder of a resurrection in our own lives. During the next 50 days, let us meditate on the great gift of Christ. Let us be thankful for all the little resurrections in our own lives. And let us give thanks for the promise of everlasting life with God.



*Fr. Robert Fulton*

Pastor



## WHAT IS EASTER?

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils." Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.

There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

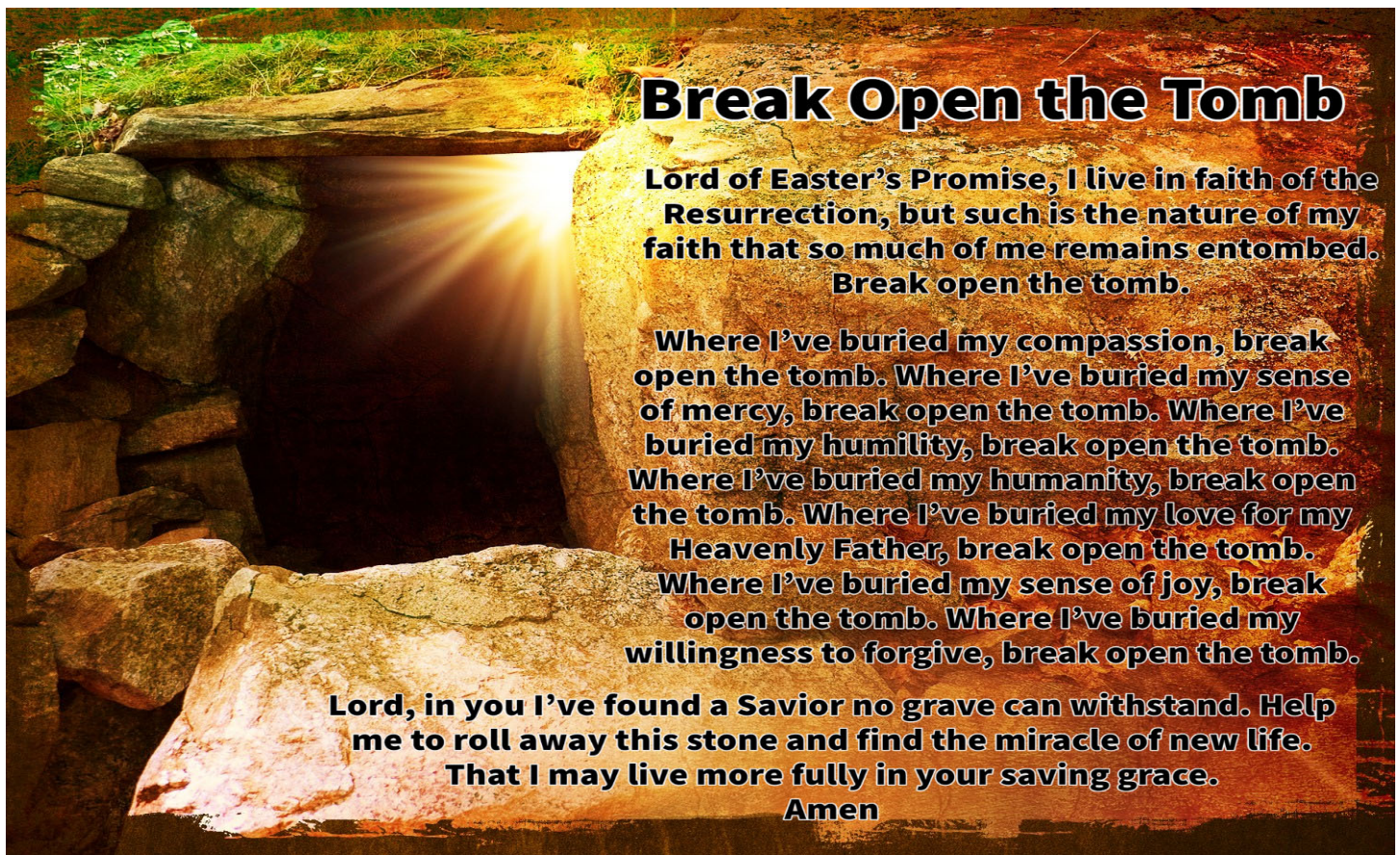
"What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind;...So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being," the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49).

The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday of Easter. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world.

The Paschal Candle is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

<https://catholiccurrent.org/bulletin-insert/bulletin-insert-april-4-2021/>





FR. ALAN PHILLIP, C.P.

DECEMBER 30, 1939 - MARCH 4, 2021



WAKE - APRIL 7, 2021; 7:30 P.M. (PT)

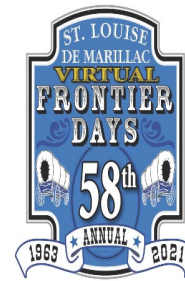
FUNERAL MASS - APRIL 8, 2021; 9:00 A.M. (PT)

Fr. Alan asked to be cremated.

Both services will be streamed virtually.

More information on that to be followed.

Mater Dolorosa Passionist Community  
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We are happy to announce that "Virtual" Frontier Days will take place on

**June 4th, 5th 6th, 2021**

The Annual Frontier Days Carnival is St. Louise De Marillac's Parish and School's largest fundraiser. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Carnival last year due to Covid-19. With that said, we are proceeding with caution this year as we plan a virtual event that will look different this year yet depending on health and safety regulations will still be filled with lots of fun hybrid activities such as Grand Raffle, Silent Auction-online bidding, Car Bingo, Food Vendors from local restaurants and music. Activities will take place online and or on premises.

Together we can make this community building event a great success!

We hope that you please consider volunteering, there is something for everyone.

Contact us at: [frontierdays@stlouisedm.org](mailto:frontierdays@stlouisedm.org)



**Coming Soon!**

**Drive-Thru**

**Girl Scout Cookie Sale**

**Sunday, April 11th after  
all the Masses**

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Virtual Frontier Days Committee is in search of **Electricians and or Engineers** to help us with our event setup. If this is your area of expertise we would greatly appreciate your assistance. If you would like to help out in another area we can use your help as well.

Please contact us at: [frontierdays@stlouisedm.org](mailto:frontierdays@stlouisedm.org)

**Silent Auction Donations Needed**

We are working diligently to build up our **Silent Auction booth** but we need your help!

Here are some tax deductible ideas of donations and services we are looking for:

- Baskets
- Sports car rental
- Sporting event tix
- Amusement park tix
- TimeShare getaway
- Private Gourmet Chef
- Electronics
- Weekend Cabin
- Concert tix
- Sports Memorabilia
- Gift Cards

- Services- home cleaning, extermination, hair salon, nail salon, spa services etc.
- Lessons- music, dance karate, tumbling, Yoga classes etc.

Items can be either dropped off in the Parish Center or we can arrange for a pick up.

Please contact us at [frontierdays@stlouisedm.org](mailto:frontierdays@stlouisedm.org) for more information.

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## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT DURING THIS PANDEMIC

A second message from the St. Louise de Marillac Safeguard the Children Committee

This week, we continue to offer support for all our parishioners - children, teens, families, and adults of all ages. During the pandemic and other times, stresses and anxieties can impact any of us. Knowing you are not alone and that resources are available can be helpful. (Some links below overlap with those of last week.)

Included below are articles about suicide, a topic difficult to think about or broach. We acknowledge that among us there have been, and are, those who have suffered with such despair that they no longer want to be alive. We pray that these resources may be a source of help, understanding, and consolation.

Our committee keeps all of you in prayer.

- [Pandemic takes Mental Health Toll on US Youngsters](https://guardian.ng/news/pandemic-takes-mental-health-toll-on-us-youngsters/) <https://guardian.ng/news/pandemic-takes-mental-health-toll-on-us-youngsters/>
- [Timely Tips for Staying Mentally and Spiritually Healthy in COVID Times](https://www.ncregister.com/interview/timely-tips-for-staying-mentally-and-spiritually-healthy-in-covid-times) <https://www.ncregister.com/interview/timely-tips-for-staying-mentally-and-spiritually-healthy-in-covid-times>
- [Depression and Suicide — A Catholic Perspective](https://www.ncregister.com/commentaries/depression-and-suicide-a-catholic-perspective) <https://www.ncregister.com/commentaries/depression-and-suicide-a-catholic-perspective>
- [Help Guide - Suicide Prevention](https://www.helpguide.org/articles/suicide-prevention/suicide-prevention.htm) <https://www.helpguide.org/articles/suicide-prevention/suicide-prevention.htm>
- [Archdiocesan website](https://lacatholics.org/mental-health-and-suicide/) <https://lacatholics.org/mental-health-and-suicide/>
- [Find a Catholic therapist](https://www.catholictherapists.com/) - <https://www.catholictherapists.com/>

### Easter Blessings in a time of *hope and renewal*.

To continue lifesaving ministries and reopen our parish to the community, we depend on generous online donations from our church family. We prayerfully invite you to use eGiving from your computer, smartphone, or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

How eGiving benefits you and our church:

- ✓ **Consistency:** Your recurring support will allow us to better budget for our important ministries and programs.
- ✓ **Convenience:** You can support the parish contact-free, from your smartphone or computer, with no more checks or envelopes.
- ✓ **Cost-Effectiveness:** You'll help the parish save time by processing fewer cash and check donations, and save money by reducing our printing and mailing costs.



## WHO ARE THE CATECHUMENS?

First, the name of the Trinity—the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit—is invoked upon the catechumen. Thus, from the outset, a synthesis of the journey of faith is provided. The God who called Abraham and wished to be called his God, the God who revealed his name to Moses, the God who, in giving us his Son, revealed fully the mystery of his Name, now bestows upon the baptized a new filial identity.” (Lumen Fidei, no. 42)

This Lent, you might have seen people preparing for baptism and initiation into the Church. These people, called Catechumens, are on a journey of spiritual growth. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the formal process that guides that journey, and during Lent, there are particular markers along that road.

On some of the Sundays of Lent, the catechumens were presented with the Lord’s Prayer and the Creed. They were also asked to publicly give witness to their desire for full communion with the Church, through rites that have the somewhat intimidating name of “Scrutinies.” These scrutinies usually happened at a Sunday mass, in front of the assembled congregation.

It may seem odd, but the catechumens are usually dismissed from the mass after the homily. Since they don’t yet participate in the celebration of the Eucharist, they are dismissed to study the word of God and to continue their preparation for baptism and initiation.

In most places, the catechumens will be received into the Church during the Easter Vigil. Because they are becoming Catholic as adults, they generally receive all of the sacraments of initiation at once: they are baptized, confirmed, and receive their first Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Congratulations to our RCIA Elect on receiving their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

They have received all three Sacraments of Initiation and are now members of the Church and our family of St Louise de Marillac.

Please continue to keep them in prayer as they begin a new part of their journey of faith.

Madeline Cho  
Alec Grigolla  
Phillip Cruz  
John Carroll  
Vinney Spennato

<https://catholiccurrent.org/fact-of-faith/who-are-the-catechumens/>

## FAQS ABOUT EASTER

### Why is Easter Celebrated?

Easter is the most important liturgical time for Catholics. It celebrates Jesus's victory of sin and death and salvation for mankind. It is God's greatest act of love to redeem mankind.

### How are the dates for Easter, Palm Sunday, and Ash Wednesday determined?

Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, which is the first full moon occurring either on or after the spring equinox (March 21). As a result, Easter will always fall between March 22 and April 25. To get the date for Palm Sunday, we go back one full week since it's the Sunday before Easter Sunday. To find the date for Ash Wednesday, we go back six weeks which leads to the First Sunday of Lent and four days before that is Ash Wednesday.

### Are there specific Easter Prayers?

Yes, during each Mass during the Easter Octave (the eight days following Easter Sunday) the Alleluia is sung at the conclusion of each Mass. There are other specified Easter prayers for the Mass and liturgical celebrations that can be found in the Roman Missal.

### Is Easter always celebrated on a Sunday?

Yes, Easter is always celebrated on a Sunday since Jesus rose from the dead on the first Sunday following the Jewish feast of Passover.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/easter#tab--are-there-specific-easter-prayers>

# Friday Adoration

Every Friday, we will  
have Adoration  
outside.

It will begin after the  
8:30 AM Mass and  
end at 10 AM.



## REJOICE AND BE GLAD

During the first three or four centuries of Christianity, if you asked a Christian to name the feast days of the church, your answer would have been a puzzled stare, for there was only one feast: the Resurrection of the Lord. Every Sunday was a feast celebrating the one great feast. Even though our calendar now has many beautiful and holy feasts, we must continually be called back to the fact that all these other feasts exist because of the feast of Christ's passover from death to life. The psalm today proclaims this message well: "This is the day." It is not one of many days, but it is the day of all days, the one that gives all the others their origin, purpose, meaning, and destiny. Listen carefully to Peter's speech in Acts with its recollection of the Passion, to the words of the apostle Paul, and to the account of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter finding the empty tomb, and you will hear the many wonderful works that God has done for us through Christ. Rejoice and be glad!

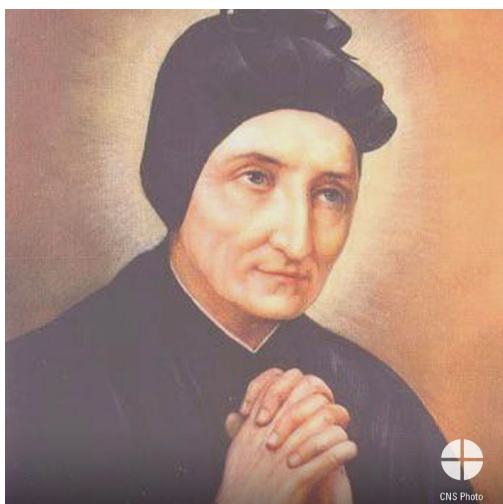
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## SAINT MAGDALEN OF CANOSSA (1774-1835)

April 10th

This foundress, born to a noble family in Verona, Italy, lost her father at age 5 and was abandoned by her mother when she remarried. Choosing religious life over an advantageous marriage, Magdalen first joined the Carmelites, but left when she saw that their strict rules of enclosure would prohibit her charitable works. She began a new community, the Canossian Daughters of Charity, in 1799 by bringing two poor girls into her own home. The institute spread throughout Italy, and Magdalen helped found an order of priests and a third order for laypeople. Canossians minister today in Italy, Latin America and the Philippines. Magdalen, who was canonized in 1988, famously said, "Those who love are never tired, since love knows no burden."

<https://catholiccurrent.org/saints/saint-magdalen-of-canossa/>



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## FEAST OF FAITH

### The Eucharist: Food for Resurrection

How do we celebrate Easter, the greatest of our Christian feasts? By doing what we do every Sunday and every day: celebrating the Mass. On the first Easter, as the heartbroken disciples walked the road to Emmaus, the Lord was with them but they did not realize it. They only recognized him "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 22:35).

It is the same for us. In the Mass—the breaking of the bread—we meet the risen Lord together. We meet him in each other—for by our baptism into his death and resurrection, we have become members of one body, the Body of Christ. We meet him in his word—in the liturgy the scriptures are proclaimed to us, that they might take root and grow in us. And we meet him in a special way in the Eucharist, the sacrament of his Body and Blood, which is food for resurrection: "whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51). The Lord is risen indeed, and it is the Risen One who truly presides at this and every Eucharist.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalm** — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) **Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) **Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel** — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or

*Mark 16:1-7 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).*

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Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21;  
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Offertory information will be published the 2nd Sunday of each Month.

**We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song!**

*St. Augustine*

*He is Risen*



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, April 4th

**6:30 am** St. Louise Parish Families (SI)

**8:00 am:** St. Louise Parish Families (SI)

**9:30 am:** St. Louise Parish Families (SI)

**11:00 am** St. Louise Parish Families (SI)

**12:30 pm** St. Louise Parish Families (SI)

### Monday, April 5th

**8:30 am:** John Merthan (RIP); Susie Schallert (RIP);  
Louie Flores (RIP); Rev. Fr. Joseph Canna (RIP);  
Bayani Grasparil (RIP)

### Tuesday, April 6th

**8:30 am:** Fr. Emmanuel Francis (SI); Paolo Alejandrino (SI);  
Fixto Alejandrino (SI); Rita Spanier (RIP)

### Wednesday, April 7th

**8:30 am:** Isabella Lasmarias (SI); Rolando Mempo (RIP);  
Florence Cook (RIP); Janet Motyka (RIP);

### Thursday, April 8th

**8:30 am:** Cory Macias (SI); Anthony Kochis (RIP);  
Maria Teresa Saribay (RIP); Rosario Belmonte (RIP);

### Friday, April 9th

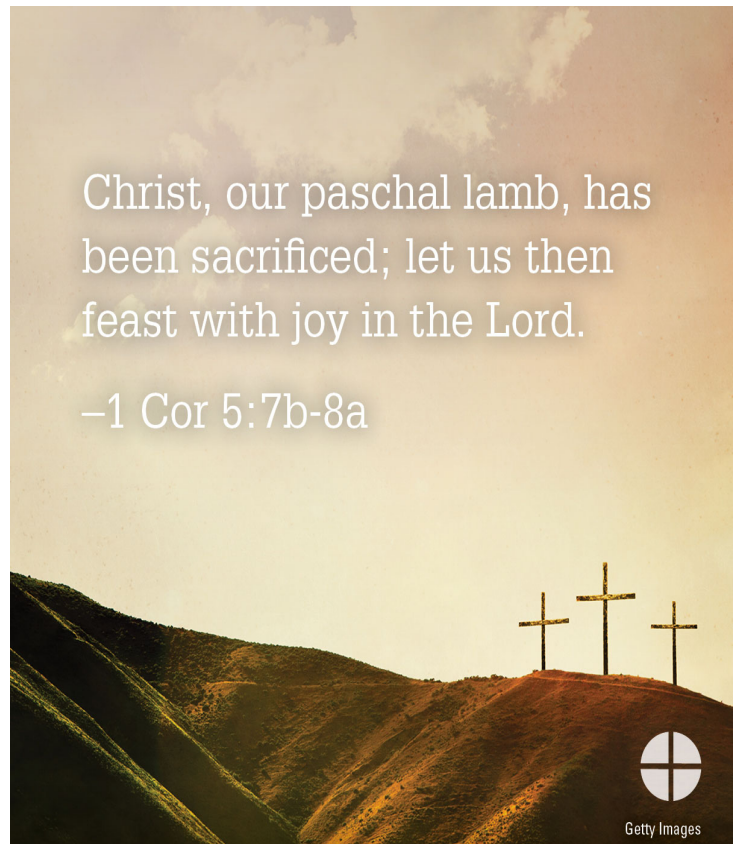
**8:30 am:** Luz Dia (RIP); Zenaida Dia (RIP);  
Art Azarco (RIP); Mirabelle Esparza (RIP);

### Saturday, April 10th

**8:30 am:** Sammelman Family (SI); Anthony Kochis (RIP);  
**4:30 pm:** Connie Ramos (RIP); Lourdes Lasmarias (RIP)

Christ, our paschal lamb, has  
been sacrificed; let us then  
feast with joy in the Lord.

—1 Cor 5:7b-8a



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**Saturday / 9am - 2pm**  
**Sunday / 9am - 2pm**

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for those listed below:

Tom Abbot	Nancy LaMascus
Francis Bonus	Anthony Lopez
Tracy Brady	Hugo Lopez
Lesla Brown	Maria Cruz Lopez
Bill Burger	Susan Mabida
James Caudillo	Shawn Mailo
Lupita Cerna	Carolyn Matone
Maria de la Torre	Mary Ann McGee
Jim Dinisi, Jr.	Rolando Mempin
Don Dominic	Julie Moore
Iluminosa Domingo	Tracie Neria
Mary H. Dubrowa	Sandra Nila
Dolores Ericson	Tulio Norori
Joe Escalera, Sr. & Jr.	C. J. Oddo
Aileen Fallis	Dolores Narvez Olivas
David Flaherty	Gregory Olmos
Fr. Peter Foran	Catalina Ortiz
Elaina Fossum	Maggie Perez
Martin Fuentes	Virginia "Rusty" Petty
Carolina Gil	Helen Pratt
Carlos Gomez	Gus Ramos
Wendy Joyner Gomez	Bladimiro Ramirez
Elva Gonzales	Martha Sandoval
Carmen Gonzalez	Susan Schmaltz
David Gonzalez	Jennifer Sennett
Richard Guichi	Ryan Soldridge
Sheila Guitche	Robert Tessier
Suzanne Hanson	Consuelo Valadez
Rita Hayes	Steve Valbuena
Eric Hernandez	Leonardo Victoria Jr.
Alana Hook	Sharon Wiessler
Mary Klante	Chris Williams
Jazzelle Kakuk	Judy Williams
Teddy Kakuk	

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### "United Together in Prayer" Novena

In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month this April, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites you to join us in transforming awareness into action by participating in a special nine-day Novena for Protecting and Healing from Abuse, April 22-30. For more information and to join the Novena on April 22, please visit <https://lacatholics.org/united-together/>.

For more information on other ways to keep kids safe, contact Linda Filkins, the Parish Safeguard Committee Chairperson at (626) 214-7846 or the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office at (213) 637-7227. For particular help, call the Victims Assistance Office at (213) 637-7650.



# APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



## The Effects of ABUSE

When a child is abused, the effects are grave and can last a lifetime. Some of the most common effects of abuse include:

- Loss of faith and trust in God.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder, psychological distress, and other indirect signs of trauma, such as anxiety, trouble sleeping, chronic stomach pain, and headaches.
- A greater risk of developing behavioral problems, substance abuse, and suicide.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place.

## Steps to Prevent ABUSE

### *Communicate with Your Children*

It is extremely important to communicate openly with your children. Let them know that they can talk to you about anything that bothers them. This will help you identify warning signs and grooming behaviors perpetrated by offenders before they escalate to abuse.

### *Educate Yourself and Your Children on Abuse*

Learning how to identify, prevent, and report abuse is key. Parents and guardians should empower their children to protect themselves from harm and to report abuse. Ask your diocesan safe environment coordinator or parish delegate about opportunities for safe environment training.

### *Identify and Report Warning Signs of Child Abusers*

Grooming behaviors are the actions abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, while others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling. Abusers also often try to isolate their victims from family or friends and encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other caring adults.

## Holding Offenders ACCOUNTABLE

To help hold offenders accountable, report all suspected abuse to local public authorities. You can also contact your local diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused.

In accordance with diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be removed permanently from ministry.



“Let it be clear that before these abominations the Church will spare no effort to do all that is necessary to bring to justice whosoever has committed such crimes . . . To those who abuse minors I would say this: convert and hand yourself over to human justice, and prepare for divine justice.”

—Pope Francis, Dec. 21, 2018





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