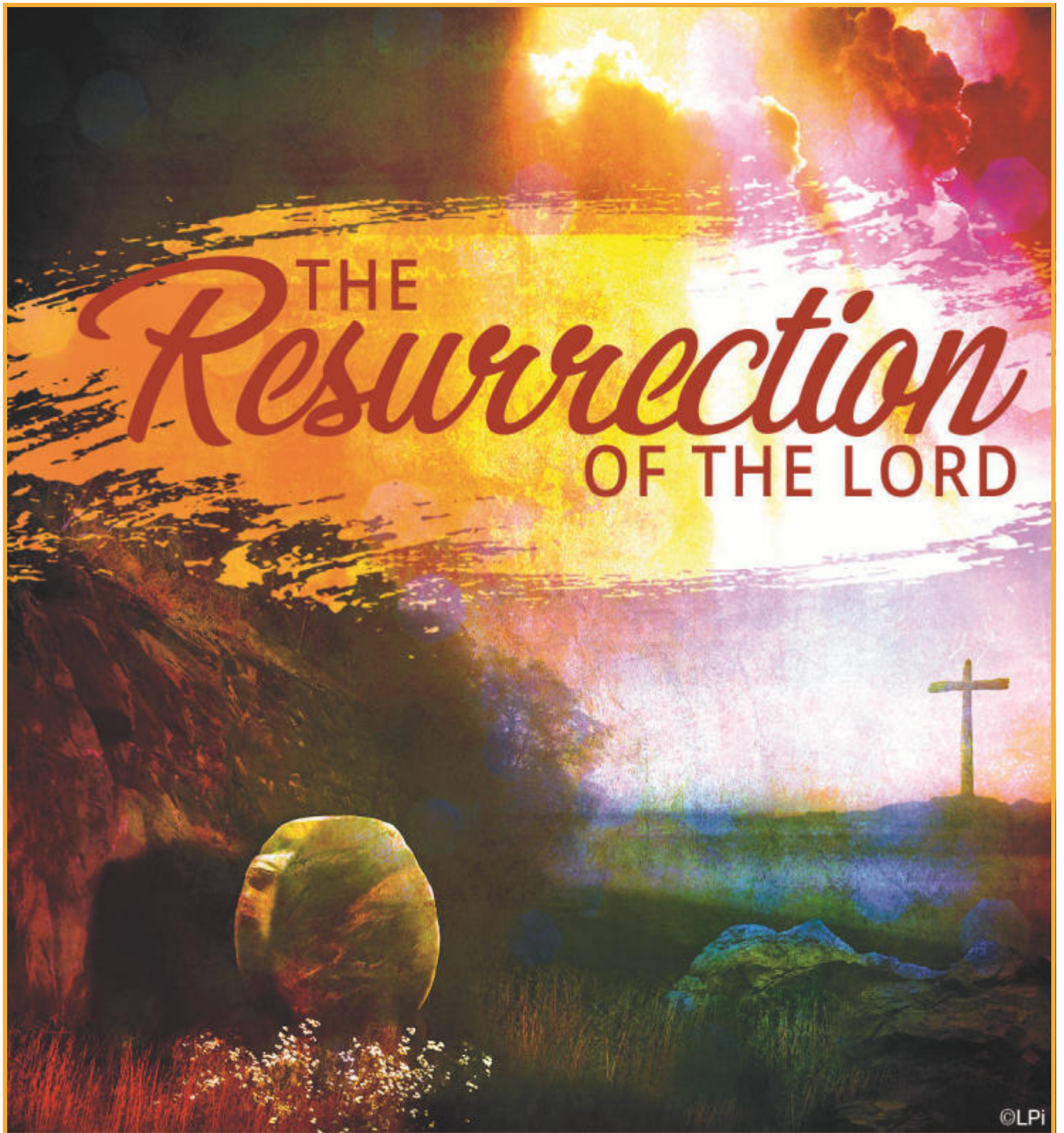




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April 12, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



THE  
*Resurrection*  
OF THE LORD

## Readings for the Week of April 12, 2020

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10  
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



## From Father Duane's Desk

### Alleluia! He is Risen! Happy Easter!

*Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. We celebrate Easter this year with a whole different perspective. We couldn't gather to receive palms and begin our Holy Week, we couldn't go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we couldn't attend the beautiful liturgy of the Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil. Still we celebrate Easter. Why? Because the mystery, the reality of the Resurrection never ends. War, famine, insurrection, disease, or plague cannot interfere with it. Why? Because death has no power over us. That is the mystery and the glory of what Jesus the Christ did for us by his suffering and death. He conquered death forever and nothing, not even this horrible coronavirus, can overcome the gift of the Resurrection.*

*We might say this Easter, although we did not gather for Holy Week and the Triduum, we did not communally read the Passion of the Lord, **we lived it.** We, as a society, have been "cruising" along with seemingly not a care in the world. Our shelves and refrigerators were stocked. Our portfolios were satisfied. We could come and go as we wanted, some even took God for granted. We were living as if it were a perpetual Palm Sunday. Hosanna! God was in his Heaven, and all's right with the world. If we wanted to engage in petty squabbles, political or religious, it didn't really matter. We weren't personally effected by it. But then came the passion, the suffering caused by an invisible enemy that seems to put all things in perspective.*

*Like the Apostles who had to prepare the upper room for the Last Supper, we now have to struggle to go shopping, hoping we can find not what we want but what we need, and have to struggle with the anxiety of going into a store, gloved and masked. We feel the pain of standing at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday when we are helpless to reach out to our friends and relatives due to social distancing or hearing that someone we know has contracted the virus or, perhaps, has died from it. When we hear of the thousands around the world whose lives were cut short due to it, we stand at the foot of the Cross!*

*This Holy Week seems so different. But maybe it was more real. This year, we didn't just remember it, we lived it. Hopefully, we will remember this week with its pain, suffering, and dying for years to come so that when Easter Sunday arrives, we can truly appreciate the glory of the mystery of the Resurrection. Christ has conquered sin, suffering, and death. He has invited us to share his suffering so that we can share in his glory.*

*I truly believe this is the message of Easter 2020. **We shall rise again!** Death has no power over us. We hope in the Lord that this too shall pass. As our sacred Passover (pasch) is celebrated, we are reminded of a different way and a quieter way to be ever vigilant, ever appreciative, ever watchful of the mysteries that we celebrate and hold in our Catholic faith. In the end, Faith is all that matters. This world may come and go, but your Lord remains forever. This is our Hope, this is our belief, this is our Faith. And so in the midst of these different days, we can still cry out, "Happy Easter, the Lord is Risen! He is risen indeed!"*

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### Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord

When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying "so what" or "alleluia"? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it

is just another day of "so what." Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.

Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don't sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and "find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The "so what" response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn't important to me securing my next raise.

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn't impress us or matter all that much. It's all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant "tomorrow" that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking "so what?" or "alleluia"?

There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn't need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!




**From Father Duane's Desk (cont'd)**  
**Alleluia! He is Risen! Happy Easter!**

*In order to raise these thoughts and these prayers on behalf of the St. Matthew Community and in union with the whole Church, I will celebrate a **private** Easter Mass at 10 a.m. this Easter Sunday with specific intentions for the well-being of St. Matthew parishioners that we will deepen our faith and love in the Lord during these difficult times, that our spirituality will not go dry, that we will long for the day when we can be together again, and for the whole world that through the pandemic we will remain healthy and our souls be kept safe from the disease of sin!*

*Know of my love, for you, my desire to celebrate with you, my prayers for your health and well being.*

*And may Almighty God bless you  
in the Name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (+)*

**Happy Easter, Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Father Duane**



*Easter Flower Offerings  
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Dave Galka	Little Meryn Hodges
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lissidmore	

*Due to the suspension of the Easter liturgies, there were no Easter flowers displayed on the altar. Nevertheless, there is much appreciation for those who made these donations in memory of their loved ones. Thank you!*



**A Family Perspective** by **Bud Ozar**

Today's Gospel instructs us Jesus "had to rise from the dead." The dying we experience with unmet expectations in marriage and parenting is normal to family life. Families must rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.

**CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ**



**Easter** - Easter is a time of great joy, when we are reminded that the Lord walks beside us on our journey of faith.


We witness Christ's living presence in many ways, such as through our support of our local communion of faith through the Catholic Services Appeal. Our annual CSA supports the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, which brings new members into full communion during the Easter Vigil. The CSA enables us to reveal Christ's presence not only to our sisters and brothers with whom we share the Eucharist, but also to those who do not know Christ.

Gifts to the CSA show that Christ is present and active in our world. Indeed, He is risen today. Alleluia! For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [www.aod.org](http://www.aod.org).

**CRS Rice Bowl ~ "For Lent for Life"**

**Remember** - those we encountered through our Lenten almsgiving, the Rice Bowl, and all members of our one human family, we pray that they do not go hungry, and always have the proper nutrition giving them the opportunity to build their dreams and a brighter future.

THE DATE FOR COLLECTION OF YOUR RICE BOWLS  
WILL BE DETERMINED AT A LATER TIME.



*Break Open the Tomb  
Lord of Easter's promise,  
I live in faith  
of the Resurrection,  
but such is the nature of  
my faith that so much of me  
remains entombed.  
Break open the tomb.*

*Where I've buried my compassion,  
Break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my sense of mercy,  
Break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my humility,  
Break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my humanity,  
Break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly Father,  
Break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my sense of joy,  
Break open the tomb.  
Where I've buried my willingness to forgive,  
Break open the tomb.*

*Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can withstand.  
Help me to roll away this stone  
And find the miracle of new life  
That I may live more fully in your saving grace. Amen.*



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### WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation	By Appointment
Holydays	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

**In your prayers...**

*Please remember those in our parish and in our families who are sick or in need of our prayers.*

Chuck Schuster	Michelle Harter
Lolita Dorado	Jo Marie Nardi
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Nenette Ferreria	Kelly Kranson
Anthony Mastronardi	Herb and Jeanne Damman
Eduardo Fajardo	John Reinhardt
Kathy Bush	Mike and Theresa Elrick
Glenda Johnson	Doreen Redman
Stephanie Smith	Dennis Corbett
Janet Law	
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	

## Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

To all Ministers:

The regular schedule with respect to your ministry will resume when public Masses resume. Please watch for updates.

## Mass Schedule

The Mass Intentions scheduled for the days and times effected by the suspension of public Mass will be moved forward to future dates when public Masses are resumed.

## Prayers of the Faithful ~ Easter Sunday

For Church leaders, may they be fortified by the risen Lord's word working in them.

Let us pray to the Lord

For our communities, that we do not deny the reality of COVID-19 on our most vulnerable brothers and sisters and implore the Lord to relieve their suffering.

Let us pray to the Lord

For our elected leaders, that God's wisdom may guide them in their decisions to hasten the end of this COVID-19 pandemic.

Let us pray to the Lord

For our faith community, may the Holy Spirit continue to increase in us the virtues of faith, hope, and love.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For all the sick of the parish, those who are suffering in the current outbreak of the coronavirus, especially Theresa and Mike Elrick, and those whom we love, especially Herb and Jeanne Damman, Steve Czapski, Jr., Doreen Redman, and Father Duane Novelly. May they experience the healing presence of Christ through his Church.

Let us pray to the Lord

For those who have died marked with the sign of faith, especially Father Richard Welsh, those who have died from the coronavirus pandemic, and all our deceased loved ones, may the mercy of God cleanse them so they may enjoy the fullness of his kingdom.

Let us pray to the Lord

Mary of Magdala  
went and announced  
to the disciples,

**“I HAVE SEEN  
THE LORD.”**

JOHN 20:18

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