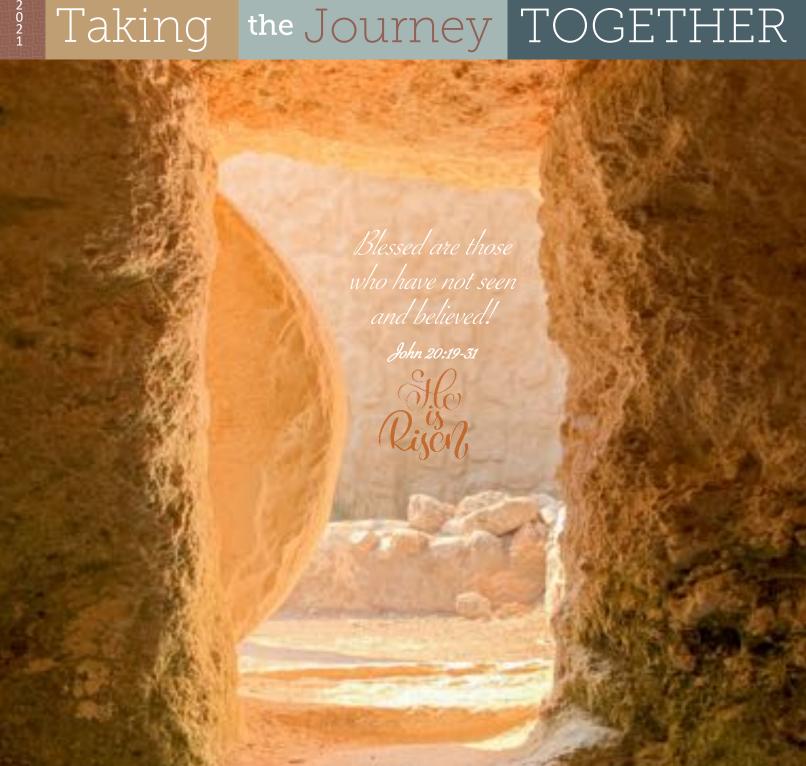
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# FROM FATHER MARK APR 4 2021

# GREETINGS.

Happy Easter. I know these are very unique times, but I hope you were at least able to have some celebration with family as we celebrate the Resurrection.

A couple of weeks ago, we heard the gospel passage in which Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus is brought back to life. We do not hear any more from Lazarus in the gospels, but we assume that he returned to his previous life.

The Resurrection of Jesus is so different from this. When Jesus rises, his closest friends do not even recognize him when they see him. Jesus does not return to his previous life among us. He has now risen to eternal life. This is the same promise we have all been given, the promise of eternal life.

As we saw at Easter, did we ask why was Jesus was not recognized by his closest friends after the resurrection? The answer is simple but important: He had changed. He was now different.

We can all ask ourselves, have I been changed by my faith? As we continue to deal with our present situation: the social distancing, the isolation, will I be different when it has all passed? When I can once again be with others, will I just go back to my previous ways, or will I have been changed? Will I have a deeper appreciation for my friends, my family, my neighbors? Will I have a deeper appreciation of just how important my daily interactions with others are? Will I make sure these people know how much they mean to me?

Some food for thought as we celebrate the greatest event in human history; how have I been changed by my faith? As we begin to now move towards "normal" once again, how will I proceed when it comes to the faith? Will I just go back to previous ways, or will I have been changed by the experience?

Have a Happy Easter season!

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# FROM THE CHURCH APR 4 2021









HAPPY EASTER! We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let's do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at church or at the parish office or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give



EASTER GIFT After all masses this Easter Weekend, Holy Trinity will be giving each family a book entitled <u>I Heard God Laugh</u> by Matthew Kelly. The book is a practical guide to life's essential daily habit and will help all of us grow closer in our relationship with God. This gift was made possible by donations from the Altar and Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus, members of the parish, as well as donations from individuals from other parishes.

NCYC 2021 IS ON! The National Catholic Youth Conference will be held this year from Nov 18-20 in Indianapolis. It's open to all who will be freshman-senior students in the 2021-22 school year. The theme is Ablaze! NCYC is the largest gathering of Catholic youth in the country—it's a biennial three-day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. Teens and their group leaders enjoy speakers, workshops, live music, rousing sessions, reconciliation and a beautiful closing liturgy. Best of all, teens are part of an enormous community of peers who love Jesus, their Catholic faith, and aren't afraid to show it. Teens and youth leaders then bring the experience back to their parishes. Only 10,000 tickets will be sold! We are hosting an information night on Tues, March 30th at 7PM for both parents and teens in the social room. Cost, hotel information, COVID mitigation, questions and cancellation policy will be discussed. We need a final count of who wants to go from our parish no LATER than APRIL 15! Feel free to bring a friend. Please come and to learn more--you don't want to miss out.

-iNCYC

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ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED We can have 2 Altar Servers at Weekend Masses. Eligible servers are students already trained with Parental Permission. Parents—email carolynr@holytrinitydm.org with student's name and Mass time availability. We could really use more Altar servers to rotate and support each other. Thank you!

# FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF MAR 28 2021

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Can you help us with our **Community Vegetable & Fruit** Garden? It would be a place for students to see first-hand where healthy fresh produce comes from and for families and parishioners to grow together. We are just starting the process and NEED YOUR HELP to find out what you think! Please fill out this very quick 3-minute **SURVEY LINK** so we can use your input to make this a place for everyone in the community to enjoy now and for years to come.

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# COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER



# TUITION BUCKS GALA BIDDING BUCKS \$25 PER TICKET

Whatever we raise, we split with you – toward '22 HT Tuition or '22 Gala Auction Bucks. You pick which you would rather win in our 2021 fundraising raffle. #RaiseMoreWinMore

\$25 per ticket to enter for a chance to win. The more you enter—the better the odds!

This 50/50 Fundraiser will start on Friday April 23. We will post on Facebook where we are in our efforts to encourage you to Raise More, Win More! We will announce the winners LIVE on Facebook.

Click HERE to view the Raffle website

# TICKET BUYING INFO COMING SOON

- The first 150 who buy \$50 worth of tickets get a FREE pair of Holy Trinity custom socks (be ready to hit the ground running for next year's Gala!)
- The first 50 who buy \$100 worth of tickets get a FREE Holy Trinity custom Peace Pole Sleeve (Share your Love of Holy Trinity with the whole neighborhood!)

# Rules and Regs:

Amount awarded is based on amount raised split in half. The more raised, the more that can be won.

- '22 HT Tuition Giveaway is credited in increments of \$1000 to your FACTS account.
- '22 Gala Auction Bucks is offered in increments of \$500 credit in Greater Giving for 22 Gala Auction use.
- Gift items are limited and pick up at Holy Trinity only—NO Shipping.
- Winnings subject to tax



# NOTES ON THE MASS APR 4 2021

## SPIRITUALITY OF THE READING

## Listen

The power of story. Will we come to attention when the story of the last supper is read? What about the Passion reading of Good Friday? Or are they just a test of our endurance? There will be no problem as long as we get caught up in God's great story.

Like this: It was the night Jesus died. He took some normal, coarse bread. He blessed it, broke off pieces and gave them to his disciples. The words he said have been remembered and retold throughout history. Eat this, he said, it is my flesh. I am going to give up everything I have and am so that you can live. And this wine, it is my blood. I will shed it because I love you. Drink deep.

He picked up a pail of water—smelly because it came up from a well. He took a rough cleaning cloth and did what nobody would have ever foreseen or even wanted in a million years. He washed their feet.

Peter takes our part: "Lord you will never wash my feet! Stop it!" Actually, Peter does understand that Jesus is the Christ of God (Messiah), but this does not help to explain the menial footwashing that only a servant would do.

In the desert the devil had tempted Jesus in a fashion not too far removed from this one. The temptations said, in effect, "You are equal to God, act like it!" And remember, Peter had tried previously to stop Jesus' humility, and Jesus answered with, "Get behind me, you Satan!" Now Jesus warns Peter again, this time at the supper, "If I do not wash you, you will have no part in me," and then goes ahead and washes Peter's feet.

Why? And why do we memorialize it on Holy Thursday? Because the entire relation of human beings to God is to receive love and give back love, no matter what the cost. If Peter will not allow Jesus to care for him in this very earthy way, he will be refusing the gift of God's labor on his behalf. "You can't love us in that way," he would be saying. Jesus' replies with an action. "I do not want to be Godly in the way you imagine. I want to show you that only humility can love and be loved. I want to show you that death is the most humble act of all."

On Good Friday he washes us again, but this time in the humble flow of his own blood.

Will we listen to this story?

To that extent we will receive and will be stilled. We will be emptied as he was and as his followers were.

# **Soft Light**

Night's dark soul awakens. Chirps of life tug at its ear. Just the smallest candle full of light peeks through its shadows. Dawn tiptoes in. It is the balance-point of all time. Easter.

Friday tempted us to guilt—about his wounds, thinking that our sins caused them. About his arms, still marked with shrill hurts. And maybe that is why he can hold us, enfold us so well. Maybe the wounds know somehow the shape of our small selves. Mothering Christ.

The cantor at Easter Vigil sings these words:

Oh, truly necessary sin of Adam, blotted out by the death of Christ! O blessed fault, which has merited such a Redeemer, so great a Redeemer.

Isn't the cantor singing in praise of the sin of Adam and Eve? Even if Christ's death has taken their sin away, could it be a "necessary" fault? Is it right to rejoice about sin being necessary? Original sin does not really seem like a good, or blessed event. Nor does our selfish penchant for misdeed.

Yet without such a sin, would such a Savior have had reason to come? Now Christ's wounded arms can sweep us up, comfort and absolve and hold us. We are blessed beyond words.

Sins always carry, in their revolt, the pledge of forgiveness. Night always carries in its midst the promise of light.

O truly blessed night, in whom earth is wedded to heaven, and humans to God!

Several rows of the people might have their candles lit. Over there, a lot more. Soon half the church could awaken to the gentle light. And, quickly, the rest. Morning has eased their faces into daylight, into the soft, humble glow.

Jesus became the night. Jesus is the light. We can see him for who he has been all along. The Christ of God. The essence of love. The modest flame who softly lights the world.

John Foley, SJ

# BRING THE GOSPEL HOME APR 4 2021

READING I: ACTS 10:34-43

PSALM: 118:1-2; 16-17; 22-23

READING II: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

Question for Children: What sacrifices do you

make for those whom you love?

**Question for Youth:** Even the disciples had a hard time understanding Jesus' Resurrection — it is that surprising. What does Resurrection mean to you? What does Easter mean to you?

**Question for Adults:** In what ways has Goc called you to die in Christ? How is this expressed in your own life?

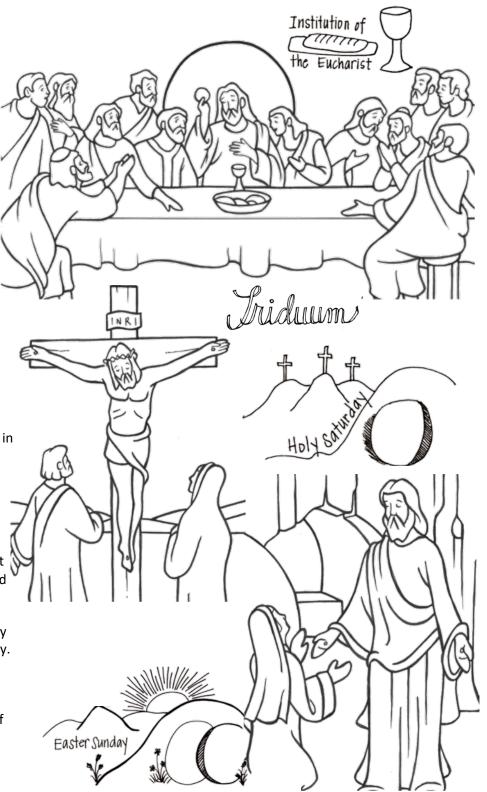
# SAINT OF THE WEEK

# Bernadette, Virgin

The oldest child of a family living in extreme poverty in Lourdes, France, Bernadette was born in January, 1844. Never healthy in her lifetime, she suffered asthma and other maladies during her childhood that stunted her growth and kept her from attending school. The result, and Bernadette's inability to read, meant that she could not receive her First Communion until she was about fourteen. It was at about this time that Bernadette experienced her visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. These visions continued for some time, and in the end, many people believed because of her. The city of Lourdes remains a holy place and a pilgrimage destination for many today.

**Bernadette's message today:** All of us have been given gifts by God, even those who are suffering. We are meant to use these gifts for the benefit of those around us.

How are you using those gifts that you have been given by God?



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# DIACONATE ORDINATION OF ALEX KRAMER

All parishioners of Holy Trinity are invited to join me in Rome for my diaconate ordination at St. Peter's Basilica on Thursday September 30th, 2021. A pilgrimage group has been organized to help facilitate travel to and from the ordination. If you would like to travel with the pilgrimage group, please visit the following website for more info and in order to register for the pilgrimage (https://www.traveltymepilgrimages.com/diaconateordination-of-alex-c-kramer). Please note that there is no deposit required for registration and the maximum group size is 28 with the final decision being mid-June as to whether the pilgrimage will be able to occur. You are also free to travel to Rome on your own, I simply ask that you contact me (akramer@pnac.org) so that I can arrange tickets for the ordination. Please pray for me as I prepare of diaconate ordination and be assured of my continued prayers for your all! In Christ, Alex Kramer



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Saturday, May 8 anytime between 9:30-11:30am



Diocesan Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11th at Christ the King Catholic Church Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 p.m. Mass at 3:30 p.m.

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# PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF APR 4 2021

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	SUNDAY 4/4	MONDAY 4/5	TUESDAY 4/6	WEDNESDAY 4/7	THURSDAY 4/8	FRIDAY 4/9	SATURDAY 4/10		
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL	Enrolling NOW for 21-22 School Year Sign up today!	NO SCHOOL NO KC Easter Monday							
FAITH FORMATION	NEXT SUNDAY APR 11 First Eucharist 1PM Bethel + Faith Formation			Faith Formation via Zoom <b>6:30PM</b>			First Eucharist  1PM Kuhlers + Faith Formation		
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM	No Communion Service	School Mass <b>8:30AM</b> Grades K-2	School Mass 8:30AM Hosted by 3D	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary	School Mass <b>8:30AM</b> Hosted by 6TH	Divine Mercy Vigil Mass 4:30PM Sunday Reading Grp MEN'S 7:30AM SR WOMEN'S 8:30AM CH		
AND MORE		Parish Office CLOSED Easter Monday			PTO Meeting 6PM BOE Meeting 7PM		Boy Scout Troop 77 Can Drive <b>9-11AM</b>		

CH: Church 101-106: Classrooms DC: Day Chapel K: Kitchen MC: Media Center PO: Parish Office SR: Social Room

# MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday	Apr 4	Easter	Sunday
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8:30 AM Mass Jim & Ruth Wright 10:30 AM Mass Evelyn Bisanti

Monday Apr 5 NO Communion Service

**Tuesday Apr 6** 

8:30 AM Mass Frank & Agnes Gear and Family

Wednesday Apr 7

8:30 AM Mass For the Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday Apr 8** 

8 AM Mass Jim Cooney
2-9 PM Adoration
4:15 PM Rosary

Friday Apr 9

8:30 AM Mass Gertrude Percy

Saturday Apr 10 Divine Mercy Vigil

3-4 PM NO Reconciliation 4:30 PM Mass Ron Dittmer

**Sunday Apr 11 Divine Mercy** 

8:30 AM Mass For the Parish 10:30 AM Mass Tomas Cloma Jr

NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday Apr 10 4:30 PM Divine Mercy Vigil

Altar Server Ella Kiernan & Volunteer
Lectors Olivia Kiernan & Matt Kiernan

EMHC Team 1
Musical Coordinator Tom Quiner

Sunday Apr 11 8:30 AM Divine Mercy

Altar Server Cody Heikes & Volunteer Lectors Wayne Johnson & Ben Klaus

EMHC Team 3

Children's Liturgy No Children's Liturgy

Musical Coordinator Tom Quiner

Sunday Apr 11 10:30 AM Divine Mercy

Altar Server Max Fahnlander & Volunteer Lectors Terry Smith & Mark Amadeo

EMHC Team 2

Children's Liturgy No Children's Liturgy Musical Coordinator Dr. Kevin Allemagne

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