

EASTER SUNDAY

Pastor's Easter Greetings

"He is not here; for he has been raised," the angel tells the women. Good for Jesus! But what about me and you? Have I been raised? Am I alive? And what about those I love? Are they alive? I sometimes wonder if we make such a big deal out of Easter Sunday that we are no longer able to see that everyday life holds the miracle of resurrection. I am not minimizing the meaning and power of Jesus' resurrected life. Instead, I want it to be more expansive of all life, not just a one-time event that is celebrated once every year. So what if we tried something different? What if we did not say the usual Easter acclamation – "Alleluia. Christ is risen. Alleluia." – and instead, "**Good morning. Now go home and you'll see Jesus?**" What if that was my Easter message to you? "

"**Good morning. Now go home and you'll see Jesus.**" – is not original with me. I got it from Jesus in the Resurrection Gospel. "Greetings!" Jesus says to the women. "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." Jesus and his disciples are already in Jerusalem. They could have met there. What better place than the center of political and religious power? But Jesus didn't. Instead he offered greetings and then sent his disciples back to Galilee and said that they would see him there. Galilee was their hometown. Jesus is sending them home. He is sending them back to what is known and familiar, to the rhythms of everyday life. That, he says, is where we'll see him. Those are the places where his life intersects with and transforms our lives.

So on this Easter let me ask you this. Where do you expect to see Jesus? In your home? Among family and friends? In strangers, foreigners,? In suffering and death? In the joys and celebrations of life? In your marriage? In the challenges of parenting? Old age? In good conversation and laughter? Yes. The answer is yes. Those and a thousand other places are where resurrection is. If we cannot find and see Jesus in our ordinary everyday life we surely will not find him here today among the alleluias, lilies, hymns, icons, candles, white vestments, and beauty of the sanctuary. Those things are not intended to set this day apart from all other days. Instead, this day is intended to reveal the resurrection truth and reality of all other days. After all I have only one thing to say to you on this Easter. Maybe that should be our new Easter acclamation. "**Good morning. Now go home.**" and you say, "**And we'll see Jesus.**" **May you and your home have a most Blessed Easter.**



Divine Mercy Feast Day – Sunday, April 7th

Holy Mass celebrated at 2:00pm followed by Benediction and Adoration



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults 2024

It is with many prayers and obvious joy that the community of St. Martin of Tours welcomes those members fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Special thanks to Deacon Miguel Da Silva and the RCIA team for the great work they do for God.

Mighty Big Thanks!

Thank you to all the ministries who made our Holy Week so meaningful and memorable. Especially to our leaders and members of the Altar Guild, Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Choirs, Altar servers, the Prayer Group, and RCIA team. Special thanks to all who contributed to the altar flowers; to Luie D'Guerra for the beautiful and meaningful bulletins and thanks to Luis Gomes for looking after our website.

Thank you so much!

Come & Celebrate with us **Installation of Fr. Biju Felix Antony**

All parishioners are invited to attend the 5:00pm mass on Saturday, April 6 as Fr. Felix will be installed by Bishop Ivan Camilleri as Pastor of St. Martin of Tours Parish. Please join us in the Carmel Hall after mass for cake, coffee and congratulations!



Bundle up Sunday-April 6 & 7, 2024



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is collecting footwear, bedding, drapery/towels and clothing; all seasons (men, women and children) and new or nearly new toys to be given to those in need or to be sold to help support our Special Works in the community. Please bring your donation to the Society's truck on the weekend of April 6 & 7, 2024 and share with others in the community.

(Absolutely no Books, Construction Materials, Dishes, Furniture and Video/Audio Cassettes.)

Thank you for your continued support.

Catholic Women's League News

The Catholic Women's League will be selling religious items and articles for First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation. A display of a variety of rosaries, books and religious gift ideas will be available for you to purchase in our lobby after all Masses on April 6/7 and April 13/14, 2024.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st, 2024



Please Pray For All The Sick

Annie Hurley, Gregory Kelly, Fred Weber, Miyanna Figueroa, Brian Cabral, Mariana Weglinski, and Aissa Aro.

And we pray for those whose death anniversaries occur about this time that they may live in glory forever with God and all the Saints.



Masses For The Week

9:00 am Monday, April 1

For the repose of the soul of Tom Kenney;

Requested by Chris Fifield

For the repose of the soul of Victoria Czarnik;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Salvadore D'Souza;

Requested by the Family

8:30 am Tuesday, April 2

Birthday Blessings for Matthew Poopalapillai;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Ellyn Chiu;

Requested by Odyss & Lawina

For the repose of the soul of Rudolph Caesar;

Requested by the D'Cunha Family

8:30 am Wednesday, April 3

For the repose of the souls of Marianna, Suzanna & Felicia;

Requested by Elizabeth

For the repose of the soul of Johnny Pastway;

Requested by Liz & John

For the repose of the soul of Stefanie Van Nguyen;

Requested by the Family

8:30 am Thursday, April 4

For the repose of the soul of Efran Mendoza;

Requested by Marie Mendoza

8:30 am FIRST FRIDAY Friday, April 5

Birthday Blessings for Alice Phoenix;

Requested by the Couto Family

For the repose of the soul of Croce Robert Fatigati;

Requested by the Family

Special Intentions & Healing for John Marco;

Requested by the Family

9:00 am Saturday, April 6

For the repose of the souls of Ngoc Luu & Michael Choo;

Requested by the Choo Family

5:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of Francis Affonso;

Requested by the Fernandes & Affonso Family

Special Intentions for Carmen & Rudy;

Requested by Carmen Mendez

Special Intentions and Thanksgiving for the Hapuarachchi Family;
Requested by the Family

8:00 am Sunday, April 7

For the repose of the soul of Tiago Leite;

Requested by Maria Leite

For the repose of the soul of Florence Emma Travasso;

Requested by the D'Sousa Family

For the repose of the souls of Diana, Pereira & Kaz Kakosza;

Requested by the Family

10:00 am

For the Intentions of the Parishioners.

12:00 pm - Multiple Intentions

+ **Alda Maria Demenezes**

+ **Antonio Bizarao, Carlos Amaral, Maria Do Rosario**

+ **Paulina O'Polska**

+ **Margarida Rebelo**

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK

Monday, April 1

9:00 am Morning Mass

LINE DANCING CANCELLED

Tuesday, April 2

6:00 pm Altar Server Training –Church

7:00 pm Rise Choir Practice – Assisi Room

Wednesday, April 3

6:00 pm Altar Server Training-Church

Thursday, April 4

7:00 pm Choir Practice-Church

Friday, April 5

6:00 pm God's Family Choir Practice-Assisi Room

LINE DANCING CANCELLED



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Spring Dinner & Dance

REMINDER: The Parish Office, Chapel and Church will be closed on Monday, April 1st. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am on Monday, April 1st, 2024.



Thank you to everyone who generously donated to last week's offering.....\$7686.90