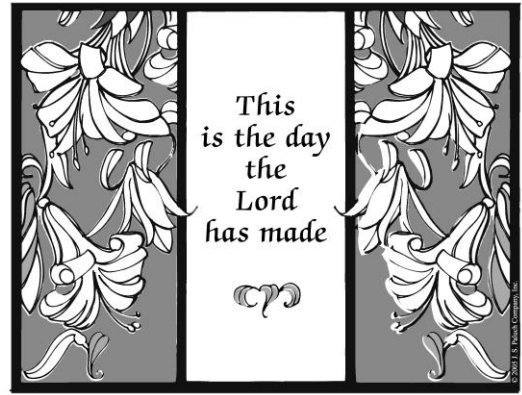


## EASTER SUNDAY



### MASS INTENTIONS April 18 to April 24

Monday 8:30 a.m.	+Peral & Peter Misersky & Steven Riddley – Miriam Jayasundera
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	+Steven Maloney – Regina Maloney
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Wojciech Nincevic – Family
Thursday 7:00 p.m.	+Grazyna Szymanowska – Bozena & Czeslaw Kowalonek
Friday 8:30 a.m.	+Angela Ianni – Carmela Garasto
Saturday 7:00 p.m.	+Andrzej Filipowicz – Orlovski Family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. <b>Livestream Mass</b>	Special Intention 11:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of our parish



### HOPE RESTORED

Today Christians around the world gather to celebrate the centrality of their faith—that the Lord Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the dead to bring new life to all who believe. What difference can Easter really make in our lives?

Any difference that Easter can bring can be summed up in one word: hope. Picture yourself as one of the followers of Jesus of Nazareth. The one for whom you had given up everything, the one in whom you had placed all your trust, the one who seemed to be the way to freedom from fear—this one had been put to death in the most horrifying way. He was nailed to a cross, and on that cross, it seemed that hope itself breathed its last. Have you ever felt that way—that hope had breathed its last? For many who lose a cherished job, a spouse to death or divorce, a child to drug abuse or disease, there just doesn't seem to be any hope remaining. This was the kind of despair that Peter, John, and Mary of Magdala must have been feeling on that first day of the week.

### EASTER: OUR OWN STORY

The gospel story today is, in a nutshell, the story of our very own lives. It is a story of restored hope. Like those disciples, we must always, when in despair, see and believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. When we place our belief in the power of God to raise Jesus from the dead, we also place our belief in the power of God to deliver us from the death of despair, malaise, and hopelessness. This is at the heart of why we come to church this day. We look to the empty tomb to find hope that was lost. It is for this that we raise heart and voice in an endless "Alleluia!"

*Today's Readings:*

*Acts 10:34a, 37–43*

*Psalms 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23*

*Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8.*

*John 20:1–18 or Luke 24:13–35*



### SAVE THE DATE APRIL 30 & MAY 1 COFFEE WEEKEND

On the weekend of April 30 & May 1, you are invited to our first coffee weekend since before the pandemic. Plan to attend – there will be a lot going on! You will have an opportunity to learn about various volunteer opportunities and parish groups in the parish. Parishioners will be available to answer all your questions about.

- **the music ministry** (choirs at the 9 and 11 Sunday Masses, funeral choir, serving as cantor at Mass)
- **the St. Vincent de Paul Society**
- **children's Liturgy of the Word** (at 9 and 11 Sunday Masses)
- **hospitality ministry** (parish coffee Sundays, funeral luncheons, ushers)
- **prayer shawl ministry**
- **Fabulous Faith Finders** (grades 5-8 youth group)
- **High School Youth Group** (grades 9-12)
- **Altar Servers**
- and, just for the ladies, you will be able to speak with members of the Catholic Women's League executive to learn about the **CWL's** mission and membership advantages.

Please prayerfully consider how you can share your time and talents with the parish. Many volunteer positions have a minimal time commitment. Volunteering is very rewarding and the satisfaction that you get from helping is well worth the effort! So, enjoy some refreshments and be open to the Spirit and the possibility of volunteering.



***Blessing for Easter Dinner***

*We have put on Christ, alleluia!  
 In Christ we have been baptized, alleluia!  
 This is the day the Lord has made.  
 Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
 Joyfully do we praise you,  
 Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the grave,  
 and give you thanks.  
 Remain here in our midst  
 as we share this Easter meal.  
 May we receive you as a guest  
 in all our brothers and sisters  
 and be welcomed by you  
 to share the feast of your Spirit,  
 for you live and reign for ever and ever.  
 Amen. Alleluia!*



**SHARE LENT – TOGETHER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE:** Your Share Lent donation can be made any time up to and including (extended to April 28). If you are not using parish offering envelopes, please use one of your own, marking it as **Share Lent**. To learn more about the important work of Development and Peace around the world please visit [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org).

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

This week let us pray for...

- Apr 18 Most. Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, V.G., E.V.
- Apr 19 Very Rev. Tim Uniac, C.R.
- Apr 20 Jesuit Fathers (S.J)
- Apr 21 **Rev. Rafal Tomon**
- Apr 22 Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.
- Apr 23 Rev. Chris Buda, C.R

**Prayer for Vocations...** God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.



Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, This pasted Sunday, Canadian Food for Children received a wonderful gift, bags and bags of powdered milk and rice for the poor in impoverished countries. Brad and Cecilia Caesar were so kind as to arrange to drop off your donations and we were thrilled to receive them. We loved that all your packages came in re-usable shopping bags which the poor will use in so many different ways. Rice and powdered milk are essential to the hungry and they provide much-needed nourishment. In the villages and isolated areas where Dr. Simone and his fellow workers travel, children and their parents are starving and without the necessary supplies to live a healthy life. You bring them new life. Thank you! The Volunteers at Herb Wittich Depot



**THE CHOSEN SEASON 1 STUDY GROUP:**

**The Chosen** is the first multi-season television series about the life of Christ, as witnessed through the eyes of those He impacted. Directed by Dallas Jenkins (The Resurrection of Gavin Stone) and distributed by VidAngel Studios. Join us at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish office, starting **Friday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.** Our study group will begin watching one episode per week of season 1 which will be followed by discussions and fellowship. For more information and or to register please send us an email: to [lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com) with your name and contact information.



**THE POPE'S APRIL INTENTIONS FOR 2022**

**Health Care Workers**

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.