

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with a heavy heart that on account of the present of the coronavirus spreading throughout our country that effective Friday, March 20, all regularly scheduled public celebrations of the Catholic Mass and devotions are suspended until further notice. I will continue to celebrate Mass privately for the intentions in our bulletin and of our community and the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 19	Br. Dominic Maria Morgan, OCSO
Monday, April 20	Lawrence Collins
Tuesday, April 21	Liam Dee
Wednesday, April 22	For the end of the coronavirus
Thursday, April 23	James Malone
Friday, April 24	Fr. Chris McHugh
Sunday, April 26	Frank Romano, by Paul & Bev Regan

Regina Coeli

*Regina coeli laetare, allelulia!
Quia quem meruisti portare, allelulia
Resurrexit sicut dixit, allelulia
Ora pro nobis Deum. Allelulia*

O Queen of heaven, rejoice,
For He whom you have merited to bear,
Is risen as He said,
Pray for us to God.

This brief prayer to the Blessed Mother is chanted throughout the Easter season, proclaiming the joy in heaven and on earth in the Resurrection of Christ. But why turn to the Blessed Mother when this feast celebrates the victory of Her Son? It is because Mary, as Mediatrix of all graces, united us to heaven in a unique and maternal way. She is the first of all people to believe in Jesus as the Messiah, and therefore Mother of all believers, making this a family celebration. Who wouldn't congratulate a mother on so great an achievement? Her joy links us to the joy of the angels and saints in heaven, making this a cosmic celebration, a feast for the Communion of Saints. The Feast of Easter is the center point of the Church's liturgical year. It is the turning point of all human history, for it gives us the knowledge that all does not end in death; through our sharing in the Lord's life through Baptism, we gain a share in His everlasting life.

A Prayer for Divine Mercy From the Diary of Saint Faustina

O Greatly merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy-to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out: Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this world's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You, anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your final Coming-that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: Through His merciful Heart as through an open gate we pass through to heaven.

STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.