

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with a heavy heart that on account of the coronavirus spreading throughout our country that since Friday, March 20, all regularly scheduled public celebrations of the Catholic Mass and devotions have been 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, May 3	Filomena Cardoso
Monday, May 4	Kathi Mosher
Tuesday, May 5	Sr. Barbara Gregoire
Wednesday, May 6	Irene Dupuis
Thursday, May 7	Roger Gardner
Friday, May 8	Joseph Roche, for healing
Sunday, May 10	Jonathan Herz, by the Herz family

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.

MARY'S MONTH, THE MONTH OF MAY

It's been a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May. During this month of May, let us all rededicate ourselves and our parish to Mary, asking for her help and her protection. Along with Pope Francis I would encourage you as individuals and as a family to pray the Rosary. What better prayer, along with the Rosary, to speak to her daily during this month would be the one written by Saint Bernard, his famous 'Memorare'.

Remember, Oh most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, oh Virgin, of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful, oh Mother of the Word Incarnate. Despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.