

This Week in Our Parishes

Monday, April 21 Parish Office is CLOSED	
No Mass	
Tuesday, April 22	
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, April 23	
Adoration @ St. Anthony	5:00-6:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm
Thursday, April 24	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Friday, April 25	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Saturday, April 26	
Mass @ St. Agnes	5:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:30 pm
Sunday, April 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Anthony	10:30 am
Mass @ St. Agnes	12 Noon
Divine Mercy Prayers & Eucharistic Adoration @ St. Anthony Church (Fellowship to follow)	2 pm – 4 pm
Monday, April 28 No Mass	
Tuesday, April 29	
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, April 30	
Adoration @ St. Anthony	5:00-6:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm
Thursday, May 1	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
First Friday, May 2	
Adoration @ St. Agnes	6:00- 6:45 pm
Mass @ St. Agnes	7:00 pm
Saturday, May 3	
Mass @ St. Agnes	5:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:30 pm
Sunday, May 4	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9 am
Mass @ St. Anthony	10:30 am
Mass @ St. Agnes	12 Noon
First Holy Communion Celebration @ St. Agnes	



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A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE

April 19, 2025

Easter Message from our Pastor St. Agnes/St. Anthony

There is a famous movie called “World in Darkness”. It shows the tomb of Jesus Christ with an ancient dead body in it. The people who have seen it concluded that Jesus is not raised from the dead. There was a feeling like that of sun set. The Churches were closed. Priests & people left the church. Darkness spread everywhere. Missionaries stopped their missionary works, as they did not know what to say. There was no faith & no hope. The society became disoriented and lost the Goal of life.

At this time, from the death bed of a person there arose a cry: “Forgive me. I have cheated the world as I have stolen an Egyptian Mummy and placed it in the tomb of Christ.” Immediately, the churches were opened and people flowed to the churches and missionaries went back to their mission stations. The world is restored with its hope and life.

It speaks about the importance of resurrection in the life of the Church. The resurrection of Christ is the basis of our faith and the foundation of the existence of the Church. In his first letter to the Corinthians St. Paul says: “If Christ has not risen, your faith & our preaching would be useless.” (I Cor.15). The subject of the preaching of the apostles was the Risen Lord.

It is a surety that our life will not be finished with this world but it has to resurrect and become united with God. So the resurrection of Jesus gives us hope in life after death. The resurrection of Jesus has removed the situation of hopelessness & it removed the fear of the disciples. And it proves that God is faithful in His promises.

At the Easter Vigil we light candles as a symbol of Christ. In the Gospel of St. John the light has a deeper meaning. The light symbolizes Jesus Christ. The darkness symbolizes the king of evil, Satan. When we accept Jesus and His message and believe in Jesus, we enter into light. Jesus tells us “I am the light of the World and those who follow me will have the light of Life.” When we reject Jesus we accept the darkness and Satan. God has given us the freedom to choose either. By our decision we select our plight.

Alexander the Great went to Corinth to see the great philosopher, Diogenes of Sinope. Alexander was surprised to meet him and requested him to ask for any favour. Diogenes requested him, “Give me a little of immortality.”

Dear brothers and sisters man’s search for immortality is as old as the history of humanity. In the Biblical accounts of creation we read that the serpent tempted Eve with the promise that if she ate the fruit she would become like God. Eve could not resist that offer. She disobeyed God’s command with the desire to become like God.

But in Christ, God came among us to make us eternal – to make us children of God. The Feast of Easter invites us to walk always in the light of the Risen Christ.

God the father has raised Jesus, as he glorified the father by fulfilling the plan of God, that is, to suffer and die as a ransom for our sins to save us. When he died on the Cross, the plan of God was fulfilled and God the Father was glorified. God the Father has raised Jesus from the dead. He never allowed death and evil to overpower Him. Likewise, if we seek the will of God and work to realize it in our lives, God will never allow our lives to be finished by this earthly life.

Our celebration of Easter encourages us to take part in the resurrection of Christ. In our lives, often we are enslaved by sins. It is the time to seek them out in the light of Christ and root them out, so that we may experience the resurrection in our lives. Resurrection from sins that are enslaving us. It is the most meaningful way to celebrate Easter.

We are not in true freedom, as we are enslaved to sins and the things of this world. The resurrection of Jesus opens the horizons of freedom, as the risen Jesus is not conditioned and limited by this world. It is the true freedom of the Children of God. For them what is most important is to live always in the presence of God, praising & worshiping Him.

During his public ministry Jesus stated that “I am the life of the world & I am the resurrection & the life. Those who believe in me live forever. Those who eat my body and drink my blood live forever.” Jesus raised Lazarus after his death, raised the son of a widow at Naim. Today we need his help to rise from our human limitations and weaknesses. Hence, let us invite Jesus into our lives, to experience the resurrection in our lives.

Wishing you all the joy and peace of Easter,

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