



**Christ Has Risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday March 30th
8 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday March 31st
9 am + Fern Gosselin
11 am + Patricia Meaney



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10: 34a, 37~43

Psalms 118: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 5: 6b~8

Gospel: John 20: 1~18



Alleluia! Today is a day of renewed hope and new life for each and every one of us.

Easter, the single most important day in our liturgical year, celebrates the purpose for which Christ became man; to save us by His Dying and Rising so that we could have unending life with Him in Heaven.

On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene sees the burial cloth but no body. Her human mind makes sense of the situation the best way it knows how, she assumes the Lord has been taken. I'm sure I would have thought the same thing, in her position.

She cannot conceive, on her own, the reality that Christ has risen from the dead. It doesn't matter that he has told his disciples again and again that this will happen. They weren't ready to understand then.

In many ways, Easter is when the human race really achieved object permanence. But we still struggle with it, don't we? I certainly do. So often I can be heard accusing God: "You weren't there. Where were you? I couldn't find you." But I looked for him in the flesh. I looked for him in the stale yeast of the world — in money or success or affirmation or (worst of all) convenience and pleasure. Of course, I would not find him there, among the dead. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. — Colossians 3:2

ARCHDIOCESE
DAILY FAITH

Life is perhaps God's greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate.

On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world. Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your

relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn't take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you.

May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way.

HAPPY EASTER!

PARISH COMMUNITY
SACRAMENTS

Confirmation: The next class will be Wednesday April 3rd @ 4:30 pm in the hall.
First Holy Communion: The next class will be on Sunday April 7th after Mass. Please meet downstairs in the hall. *Please keep all our Candidates, Families and the Preparation Teams in our prayers as they are preparing to receive the Sacraments.*



Thank you to all those who made Holy Week and Easter such a prayerful experience for our community here at St. Joseph's. We are grateful for the beautiful music and the cantors. We appreciate the participation of the various

lectors, special ministers of the Eucharist and Children's Liturgy helpers and especially all the little children! We also thank those who participated in providing such a beautiful and prayerful environment in our beautiful church.

MASS INTENTIONS

** living or + deceased.

April	Time	Mass for
Tuesday 2 nd	6:00 pm	** Good health of Natty
Wed. 3 rd	6:00 pm	+ Reyes Family Souls
Thursday 4 th	9:15 am	** Doeden's Family
Friday 5 th	6:00 pm	** Good health of the Maier Family
Saturday 6 th	4:00 pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 7 th	9:00 am	+ Mary Lamanna
	11:00 am	+ Nick Bansbridge

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Jean Adams, Colleen Andrews, Janice Barry, Colette Bryson Irene Cantwell, , Barry Giblin, Donna Giblin, John Kearsley, Brock MacDonald, Ralph Slaney, Rosemary Thompros, Kathryn Werden, Marie Vandenberg & all the sick of the parish.

DONATIONS TO YOUR PARISH

Building	\$ 15.00
Flowers	95.00
ShareLife	300.00
Sunday Envelopes & Loose	1,323.50

Thank you for your kind & generous donation!