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Mass Schedule Diocesan Bishop Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. **Pastor** Fr. Greg Schmidt frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com Saturday 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Sunday Deacons Deacon George Newman 11:00 a.m. **Deacon Brian Jeynes** Confessions **Director of Music** Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours Administration Christine Buckley Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Wood



# April 9, 2023 The Resurrection of the Lord

The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.



Our first reading, from Acts, gives instruction on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord, "commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all God has done? We do so through how we live our ordinary lives — through the intentional use of our time, talent, and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love — the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad and let's make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace!

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

#### Parish Calendar

#### Monday, April 10

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Gilbert LeBel †
Yvonne DeRozario †

#### Tuesday, April 11

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Jessie Marshall †

#### Wednesday, April 12

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Władysława Szymski †
Special Intention

10:30 a.m. - Easter Mass at St. Peter School

Thursday, April 13 - No Mass

#### Friday, April 14

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Rita Markle †

#### Saturday, April 15—Coffee Social

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Eugene Muratori † Maria Szeideman Sr. † | Suganth Satyanadhan † Special Intentions

Sunday, April 16—Coffee Social 9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People 11:00 a.m. - Vittoria Passero † | Patricia Schmahl †

#### **Are You Being Called?**

"Christ indeed from death is risen..."

Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

#### **Faith Formation & Catechesis**



We welcome you to join our RCIA session

"Reflecting on the Easter Vigil"

at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 11th in our Divinity Hall.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of April



For a culture of peace and non violence, we pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Faith tells me that no matter what lies ahead of me, God is already there.



## CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!



## Catholic Women's League Corner: April 8th & 9th

- General meeting of the membership Wednesday, April 12 at 1 pm
- Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: Wednesday, April 19 at 2 pm
- Feast of Our Lady of Good Council Celebration: Wednesday, April 26 with Mass at 11:30 am followed by our Pin Presentation Ceremony and Lunch
- Eyeglass collection for Wells of Hope continues until April 23. Thank-you to all who have donated so that others might see.



March 31, 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ has Risen. He has Risen indeed!

The Road to Emmaus is a powerful account of what happened when two disciples met the Risen Lord for the first time. It was a process that involved observation, education, and transformation.

When the two disciples encountered Jesus, we are told that "their eyes were kept from recognizing him". They considered him to be a stranger. This was not a chance meeting because Jesus was looking for these disciples. He observed their sadness and wanted to change it to joy. They experienced the goodness of the Lord.

Jesus then begins to educate them in the truth. He states, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared." As they continued on the road, Jesus began to teach these confused disciples. We are told that "he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures." They discovered what was true.

Finally, as they approach the village of Emmaus, the disciples ask Jesus to stay with them since it is almost evening. When they were at the table, "he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them". We are told that at this moment their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus. They could see the beauty of the Lord.

It is my hope and prayer that during this Easter Season, the Risen Lord Jesus will help you to experience what is good and true and beautiful. May he open your hearts and give you the grace to proclaim the good news that he has Risen indeed!

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.

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