

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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He is Risen!
Alleluia, Alleluia

Meditate on God's Word



... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Apr	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
21 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
22 Tues, 9am	Pedro & Encarnacion Villaluz +	Ducusin Family
23 Wed, 9am	Ernie Centeno +	Monica Sigue
24 Thurs, 9am	Ethel Paciente Gasis +	Ninfa Gasis
25 Fri 9am	Resty Foronda +	Foronda Family
26 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Angelo Nunno + Thanksgiving – Manuel & Teresita Garcia Patricia Greaves + Teresa Nunno & Family Manuel & Teresita Garcia Greaves Children & extended Family Ybarola Family
5pm	Ruben Hernandez +	
27 9am	Ronald Jacinto +	Nerissa Jacinto
11 am	Thanksgiving – Pamela Lobo	D'Souza Family

Sunday Gospel Reflection
Easter Sunday
Gospel: John 20.1-18++ – The Resurrection of Jesus

The Paradox of the Cross
Alleluia, He is Risen! Today is the Sunday of Sundays, the Solemnity of Solemnities. Today is the day Christ broke through the chains of sin and death and triumphantly rose from the dead, winning for us our salvation. As Christians, we are an Easter people and we are called to live in the joy and peace of the Risen Christ. Let us take a moment to reflect on how Easter can profoundly impact our daily lives.

By human standards, the crucifixion was an utter humiliating defeat. It was the end of the story for the person of Jesus and His followers. Jesus would just be remembered as the influential and charismatic preacher that went too far by claiming to be God. All hope was seemingly lost. Yet, this is the paradox of the cross. The cross, the weapon of torture and death, becomes the very means of life and salvation. It was the necessary step in order for the resurrection. There simply is no Easter Sunday without a Good Friday.

This is the beautiful truth of our faith. The famous Portuguese proverb says that "God writes straight with crooked lines." When all seems lost and broken, God can use these situations to bring about great blessings. As stewards, let us not be discouraged when we face crosses and trials in life or our ministry. If God was able to bring about the resurrection out of the crucifixion, just imagine the great deeds He will bring through our crosses. So let us rejoice on this Easter Sunday and thank God for the gift of His resurrection.

Summary

The beautiful truth of our faith is that God was able to bring about the greatest good of the resurrection through the seemingly utter defeat of the crucifixion. The famous Portuguese proverb says that "God writes straight with crooked lines." As stewards, let us not be discouraged when we face crosses and trials but instead trust that God will transform these difficulties into many little Easter mornings.

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Tuesday to Friday after the 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.** in the Church **except on holidays.**

Let us pray for the sick



We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the "forgotten members" in our community.

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*



April 27

**DIVINE
MERCY**

**LEGION OF MARY
OUR LADY OF THE HOLY
CROSS PRAESIDIUM**

Please join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena starting on Good Friday Apr 18 and ending on Sunday

Apr 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday.

SCHEDULE OF PRAYER TIMES

Apr 18 Fri 4pm	Apr 21 Mon 3pm	Apr 26 Sat 3pm
Apr 19 Sat 6pm	Apr 22 Tue 12pm	Apr 27 Sun 3pm
Apr 20 Sun 12pm	Apr 23 Wed to 25 Fri 10am	



KNOW YOUR FAITH:

The BOOK OF REVELATION is a very intriguing Book in the New Testament. Come and join us as we continue to unveil the deeper reality behind the symbols and meaning of this inspiring Book. We will be meeting in the hall for 4 Tuesday evenings from 7 – 9 p.m. on MAY 13, 20, 27 + JUNE 3rd. Everyone is welcome!



To everyone who contributed to making our Soup Night a memorable and successful event.

To the organizers, for your time, energy, planning and efforts to ensure the event ran smoothly and created a

warm, welcoming atmosphere for all.

To the participants, for bringing your enthusiasm and camaraderie. Whether you shared a delicious soup, lent a helping hand, or simply joined us in fellowship, your presence added to the sense of community that made the evening special.

It is through teamwork and shared kindness that we can create moments like these, which bring us closer together. May the joy and connection we shared on Soup Night continue to inspire us in all we do.

Our pastor, Fr. Godofredo "Freddie" Claudio, is scheduled to undergo eye surgery on April 24. We kindly ask for your prayers for a successful procedure and a smooth recovery without complications. May God guide the hands of the medical team and bless Fr. Freddie with strength and healing during this time. In his absence, we are grateful to Fr. Nabine Djore, who has graciously agreed to celebrate the Masses (Apr 24 to May 8) with us.

Special Devotion Candles Apr 15 to 22



Thanksgiving – Joanne Zdebiak

Requested by: Joanne Zdebiak

"For the love and support of our family and friends."



Jesus is risen. Alleluia! This is the Good News. Jesus is alive. God is indeed ALIVE forever.

Easter is a celebration of LOVE and LIFE. with Jesus risen from the dead, the Easter message is that Jesus is LOVE. He offered Himself because He loves YOU and me. He loves us ALL. With His love, Jesus said YES to the will of God the Father to serve and to save us. Out of His great love, Jesus gave up His own life on the Cross for our redemption.

And with the glorious resurrection of Jesus, love triumphs against hatred and violence. Love is victorious over sin and selfishness and pride. Easter is an assurance of the gift of eternal life.

With the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, the Easter message is that Jesus lives. Jesus reigns. Jesus lives in us. With His resurrection, Jesus conquers death. Jesus overcomes pain and bereavement. And now eternal life is assured to us.

Easter is also an affirmation that Jesus is truly our GOD. He is not just an ordinary man but indeed our mighty Savior, our merciful Lord. With His resurrection, He opened Heaven for us. Today, Easter Sunday, let us together journey towards Heaven, following Jesus our God and Savior. Together with Jesus, we shall rise with Him and enjoy the love and life He had given us. As our beloved Archbishop said in his Easter message to us: "By His glorious Resurrection, we today are given a new life, a new beginning, new freedom, new opportunities." May our lives then be a manifestation of the message of Easter: "That Jesus, our Lord is Alive "today, among us, in our midst, in our hearts, in the sacraments, in his Word and in the Church." (Cardinal Frank Leo's Easter message 2025).

Happy Easter to all!

Special Devotion Candles Apr 15 to 22



Prayers for S. Guiseppe

Requested by: Incoronata Ambrosini

"Seeking peace in our hearts and minds."



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