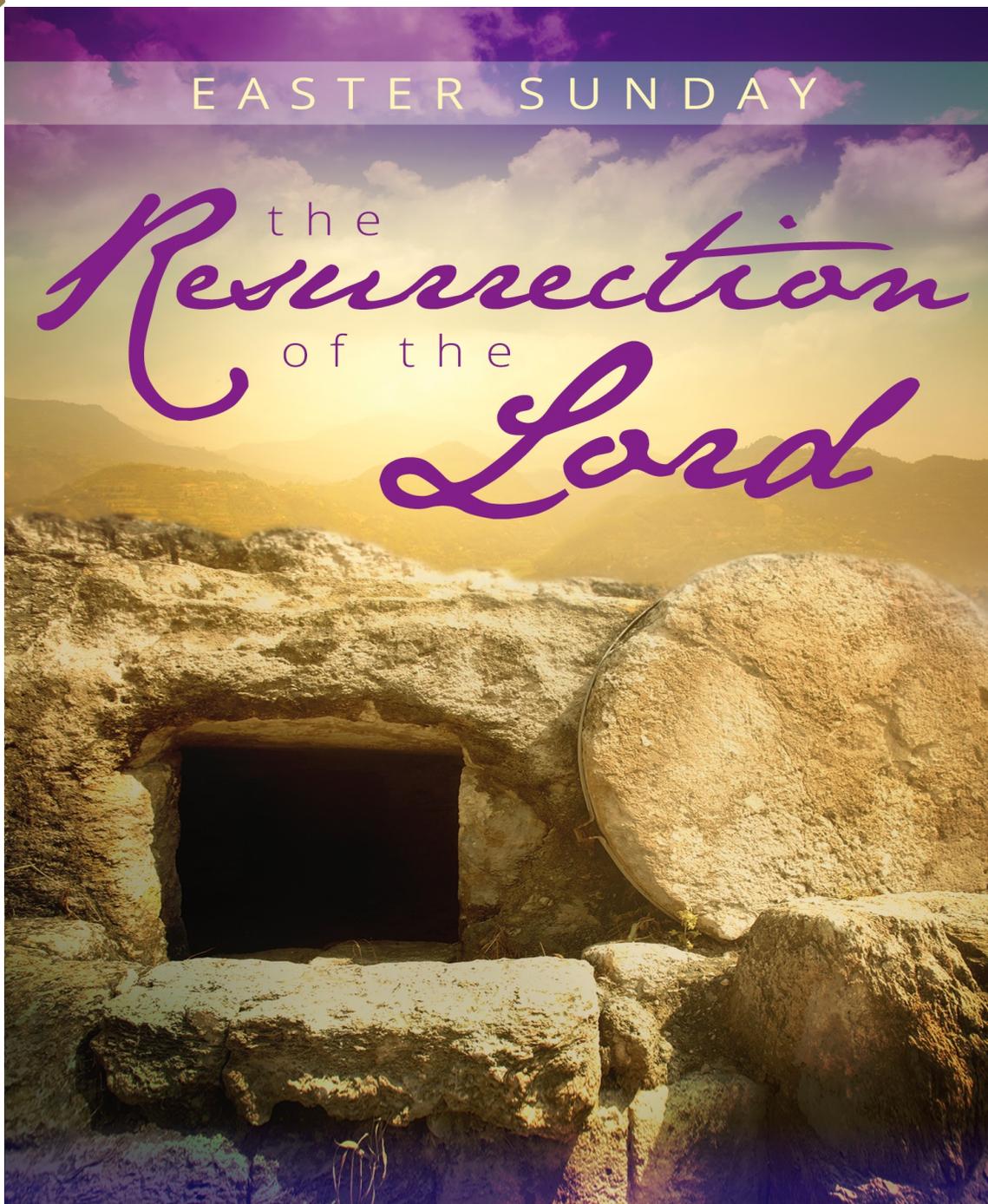


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FATHER MARK'S NOTES

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Happy Easter!!

Wow! We just completed our first, and I hope our last, virtual Holy Three Days! I am so grateful to all those in front of the camera and those behind the scenes who made it all possible. So, thanks to the staff who helped make Holy Week 2020 possible and as beautiful as it could ever be.

I've been celebrating the Sacred Triduum for a long time, but I never tire of it. There is absolutely nothing in my life that is more important than these Three Days -- nothing!! Like you, I will never forget this one. As we talked about throughout Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil, these three days are one Liturgy, one event spread over three days. Each part is essential. On Holy Thursday, Jesus gave Himself to us by flipping the social order, as Master and Lord washing our feet, and by giving Himself in the Eucharist -- take and eat, take and drink, this is My Body and Blood!! Then, on Good Friday, He continues to give of Himself by His passion and death on the Cross. Just imagine, Jesus gives Himself for us while we are literally responsible for hanging Him on a tree. It's the greatest act of love in all of Human History given by God and for us -- again, as He hammered the nails in His hands and feet. Because of this great love, through the Spirit, the Father raised Jesus from the dead. As a man, He has broken through; He has made a bridge between God and us that Adam and Eve closed long ago.

And, let me add this: at Easter Jesus is raised from dead -- in His Body. Someone said to me once, and it struck me that if it didn't rise (whatever "it" might be), it's not redeemed. So, Jesus raising in His body is essential. Meaning, all of us are redeemed -- all of us -- including our wounded and sometimes sick body.

So, how do we enter this great event? How do we share in the Resurrection of Jesus? On Easter, Jesus is raised, what about us? We enter into this great event by our baptism. That's why on Easter, we renew our Baptismal promises. Our baptism is critical!! And, not just to be baptized, but to live out our baptism! Through our baptism, we, too, enter the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Yes, all of it. We must suffer and die to our selfish self, our false self so that we can rise in Christ into our selfless self, our true self, our Christ self. We become more and more like Christ, and now we begin in whole new ways to washing one another's feet. That's Easter, us, you and me, becoming more and more like Jesus.

FATHER MARK'S NOTES (continued)

What will life be like once we can safely come out of our quarantine and gather with one another once again? I don't know, but I do know this -- we will work it out! We will continue to be a community of faith, just like we are doing right now under quarantine. We will do what is necessary to be safe, we will continue to serve one another, we will continue to wash one another's feet, and we will be Christ's Church in 2020. And, I promise you that we, your staff here at OMOS and St. Michael's, will do everything in our power to make this new world we will be living in a beautiful one filled with the love of Christ welcoming all, igniting all to being intentional disciples of Jesus.

Now we have 50 days to make sense of everything that I just shared with you here. The final great mystery is Pentecost when Jesus sends His Spirit upon us, and we begin to live our baptism as disciples of Jesus -- more about that later. For now, Happy Easter!! He is risen!! The Easter Triduum for 2020 will be remembered for a long time to come. May we all rise with Him to a whole new life knowing Jesus personally in such a way that changes everything for you. May He give you living water, heal your blindness, and raise you to a new life!!

If you are a guest and have just begun to join us here at OMOS, Welcome!! We are so honored that you decided to come here for Easter. You are welcome to continue with us as we seek to penetrate these awesome mysteries and incorporate them into our lives as individuals and as a community.

Finally, it's an honor to celebrate all this with you. There is nowhere else in the world I would rather be!!

SMALL GROUPS

Congratulations on completing the 4th season of *Arise Together in Christ!* This season provided us with an opportunity to prepare ourselves during Lent for Easter. Easter is a time when we receive a New Heart and a New Spirit. I hope everyone embraced the message of forgiveness and repentance. Thank you to all our Hosts for continuing to open your hearts and homes to members of our community to experience the benefits of learning in a small group environment and sharing the Word of God.

So, what's next you may ask? We have several ideas for folks during this Easter season and period of quarantine. We have the option of joining a Virtual Book Club. Check your email from Our Mother of Sorrows today. Easter Sunday is the last day to sign up. There are two book options:

- ◆ *Let your Life Speak* by Parker Palmer
- ◆ *Why Christian?* By Douglas John Hall

Then, beginning in May, we will be doing a parish-wide message series. More details will be coming after Easter about this. Plan on getting your groups together for this month-long series.

Stay Safe and Stay Home so we can all join together and worship together one day

SCRIP CORNER

Any Scrip purchases may be made through email, mail, office phone message, or text message to Jeanne Pastorek. Scrip will be mailed out to you the same day. Payments can be made using credit cards, mailed check, or deposited in the drop box located outside the Parish Office. God Bless and Stay Safe!

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SUNDAY COLLECTION

April 5, 2020

Envelopes.....	\$ 17,804
Online (104)	10,310
Total.....	\$ 28,114

HIGH SCHOOL

Youth Alpha will resume virtually on April 19th. Contact Anthony at apioli43@gmail.com for more information.

Life Teen returns to its regularly scheduled night this week. See you Thursday, April 16th at 7 pm!!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 11, 2020—Easter Vigil

Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of all
OMOS & St. Michael's Parishioners

Sunday, April 12, 2020—Easter Sunday

Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of all
OMOS & St. Michael's Parishioners
& Patricia Kessler (Nancy Lill)

Monday, April 13, 2020

Dr. Paul Burns (M/M Richard Grady)
(Private Mass)

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Ronald Budash (Budash & Ray Families)
(Private Mass)

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Liz Danielli (Bill & Terri Ray)
(Private Mass)

Thursday, April 16, 2020

Edward Sr. & Marie Burkhard (Edward
Burkhard, Jr.)
(Private Mass)

Friday, April 17, 2020

William S. Dill (Family)
(Private Mass)

Saturday, April 18, 2020

Robert Krizner (wife, Marianne) &
Patricia Puchko (Stan & Marie Urbanik)

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Erma Visnovsky (Family) & Ray
Peterson (Helen Kittka-Wilson)

**Fr. Mark will celebrate a
private Mass each day and will
include the Mass intentions in
his prayers.**



OMOS WEBSITE

We have a page on our website devoted to *The latest updates of schedules and protocol* concerning the Coronavirus.

Find this page by clicking on the blue banner on our home page labeled: "[Click here for updated schedules and protocol of Our Mother of Sorrows Church.](#)" Here, you will find the updates on the Church's schedules. Please check this page frequently as updates come forward.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

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