

DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCHES
SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

AT THE MASS DURING THE DAY

WELCOME TO
DIVINE MERCY
PARISH



Divine Mercy Parish



**EASTER
EGG HUNT**

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

TODAY

after

9:00 am Mass at St. Philip the Apostle Church
10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church

Divine Mercy is a Welcoming
Community that Inspires
Disciples of Jesus to Share God's
Love and Transform the World.

WELCOME!
— THE THIRD DAY OF THE SACRED TRIDUUM —
THIS WORSHIP AID WILL ASSIST YOU IN ALL
RESPONSES AND MUSIC TEXTS FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION!

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY

Rejoice! This is the day that the Lord has made. God's love and mercy have been poured out for all and to all. By his sacrifice on the cross, Jesus has conquered sin and defeated death. No longer do sin and death have power over us. A new day dawns, for new life has dawned for all of us: a life in God's tender loving care that survives sin and overcomes death. Jesus has shown us the way to the Father. The crosses we carry—our fears and our struggles, our sorrows and our traumas—are united with the cross of our Lord, which did not end in pain and death but with joy and life. May the promise of the Resurrection fill us with hope, enliven our lives, and lead us to life eternal.

Alleluia!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

cf. Psalm 139(138):18, 5–6



Or The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

Luke 24:34; cf. Revelation 1:6

Graduale Romanum, Roman Missal, Third Edition

THE ORDER OF MASS

Please stand as the choir begins singing.

ENTRANCE HYMN

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal, as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him now his might confess, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
✠ and of the Holy Spirit. **R. Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

– or – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

– or – The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord Jesus, risen Son of God, you were anointed by God with the Holy Spirit and power: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Continued

Christ Jesus, risen Son of God, you are the paschal Lamb who redeems us: Christ, have mercy. **R. Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, risen Son of God, you will come again to judge the living and the dead: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

The Glory to God is sung.



After the Glory to God.

COLLECT

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Please be seated after the prayer.

GLORY TO GOD

Mass of St.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

The Apostle Peter was originally skeptical about preaching the Gospel to non-Jews. But one day, the Holy Spirit summoned him to preach to a Gentile — the pagan army officer Cornelius and his household. Today's passage is a portion of Peter's sermon, which summarizes the life and ministry of Jesus.



Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

The sheer, wholehearted rejoicing of this psalm reminds us that God is working in unexpected ways, for it is the stone rejected by the builders that God chooses as the cornerstone.

Colossians 3:1-4

The letter to the Colossians depicts Christ as the only mediator between God and the world. A previous passage of the letter presented baptism as the way we are united with Christ. The author will today remind us of the heights to which Christ has raised us, and then call upon us to live up to this.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He 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. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

A time of sacred silence gives us the opportunity to reflect on the words proclaimed in our presence. Our sacred silence is integral to full, conscious, active participation in the liturgy.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Bobby Fisher

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Final time only

Let us re-joyce and be glad!

Verses: Cantor

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| 1. This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad. | 3. The right hand of God has struck with power.
The right hand of God is exalted.
I shall not die, but I shall live
and proclaim the works of the Lord! |
| 2. Give thanks to the Lord!
Our God is good.
Whose love endures forever.
Let all the children of Israel say:
God's love endures forever. | 4. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the foundation of our house!
By the Lord has this been done.
How wonderful to behold! |

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SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

We observe a time of sacred silence to reflect on God's word.
The word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.

O FILII ET FILIAE



Music: Chant, Mode II; *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls*, 1623.

Verse sung by the music ministry.

(Christ), Our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us then feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia! **R.**
cf. 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

John 20:1-9

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A proclamation from the holy Gospel according to John
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord. **R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

TODAY'S READINGS

Easter Sunday crowns the Triduum celebration and begins a new period of time within the liturgical year. Easter Sunday is the pattern and purpose for all other Sunday celebrations of the year and begins a time of reflecting on how the followers of Jesus came to receive and understand his resurrection from the dead.

"The Lord is truly risen, alleluia," proclaims today's entrance antiphon. All three readings speak to this foundational confession. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter witnesses to the life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus and draws out its significance for us: "Everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name" (Acts 10:43).

Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, also expresses the meaning of Christ's death and resurrection for us. Since we have been raised with Christ, our focus should not be on things of this world, but we must "seek what is above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Col 3:1).

One figure central to all of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' resurrection is Mary Magdalene. The early Christians called her "the apostle to the apostles." She was the first to break the news to the disciples of the empty tomb and the first to witness the risen Lord.

In today's reading from John's Gospel, Mary, on discovering the tomb to be empty, tells this news to "Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved" (Jn 20:2). The two run to the tomb. The Beloved Disciple arrives first but, out of deference, allows Peter to enter the tomb before him. Peter sees the burial cloths lying there. When the Beloved Disciple enters, the narrator deliberately comments that "he saw and believed" (20:8). Until this time, they had failed to understand Jesus' teaching that "he had to rise from the dead" (20:9). The Beloved Disciple was the first to believe. Only through love does one come to grasp the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and God's love for us.

REFLECTION

Easter is filled with energy in our parish as we celebrate the removal of the rock from the haunting tomb. Christ has resurrected and new life flows abundantly. That new life is seen in the explosion of sacramental celebrations following the Lenten fast. The Easter Vigil starts it off with a triple play of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The sanctuary blossoms with life and fragrance.

The paschal candle has its proper place either by the ambo or by the altar and is lit at least in all the more solemn liturgical celebrations of the season until Pentecost Sunday, whether at Mass, or at Morning and Evening Prayer. After Easter Time the candle is kept with honor in the baptistery, so that in the celebration of Baptism the candles of the baptized may be lit from it. In the celebration of funerals the paschal candle is placed near the coffin to indicate that the death of a Christian is his or her own passover.

The celebration of Easter is prolonged throughout Easter Time. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated as one feast day, the "great Sunday".

This sacred period of fifty days concludes with Pentecost Sunday, when the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, the beginnings of the Church, and the start of her mission to all tongues and peoples and nations are commemorated.

The whole Church rejoices at the forgiveness of sins, which is not only for those who are reborn in holy Baptism, but also for those who have long been numbered among God's adopted children". By means of a more deeper spiritual effort, all who celebrate the Easter feasts will by the Lord's grace experience their effect in their daily lives.

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OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

**The earth trembled, and was still,
until God arose in judgment,
alleluia.**

Psalms 76(75):9, 10

Please stand.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Priest: Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

Priest: Do you renounce Satan? **R. I do.**

Priest: And all his works? **R. I do.**

Priest: And all his empty show? **R. I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? **R. I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? **R. I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? **R. I do.**

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. **R. Amen.**

The Assembly responds throughout.

Oh happy day,	R. Oh happy day.
Oh happy day,	R. Oh happy day.
When Jesus washed,	R. When Jesus washed,
Oh, when he washed,	R. When Jesus washed,
When Jesus washed,	R. When Jesus washed,
He washed my sins away.	R. Oh happy day.

**He taught me how to watch, fight and pray.
And live rejoicing ev'ry, ev'ry day.**

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

OUR OFFERINGS IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

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phone and the QR code as the
gifts are prepared to make
your offering today.



OFFERTORY SONG

SEE WHAT A MORNING

K. Getty & S. Townend

1. See what a morn - ing, glo - rious - ly bright, With the
 2. See Mar - y weep - ing, "Where is he laid?" As in
 3. One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, Through the

dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem;
 sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb.
 Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.

Fold - ed, the grave - clothes, tomb filled with light, As the
 Hears a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name; It's the
 Hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise, To the

an - gels an - nounce, "Christ is ris - en!"
 Mas - ter, the Lord, raised to life a - gain!
 King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty.

See God's sal - va - tion plan, Wrought in
 The voice that spans the years, Speak - ing
 And we are raised with him; Death is

love, borne in pain, Paid in sac - ri - fice,
 life, stir - ring hope, Bring - ing peace to us,
 dead, life has won, Christ has con - quered.

Ful - filled in Christ the Man, for he
 Will sound till he ap - pears, for he
 And we shall reign with him, for he

lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.
 live: Christ is ris - en from the dead.
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.

EASTER FOODS AND THEIR MEANING

Candle(s)—Represents Christ as the Light of the World. These can be blessed and placed on your table during Easter Dinner.

Easter Bread—A round or long loaf topped with a cross, symbolic of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life.

Eggs (either colored eggs or decorated with symbols of Easter)—Indicates new life and Christ's Resurrection from the tomb. You may color your eggs red. The red egg symbolizes the Blood of Christ shed on the Cross. Its hard shell represents the sealed tomb and cracking it symbolizes the Resurrection.

Horseradish—an element of the ancient Passover, this bitter herb mixed with vinegar is symbolic of the Passion of Christ and the sour wine given to Jesus on the Cross.

Butter—Dairy products are included to celebrate the end of Lent and the richness of our salvation; reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things Butter is often shaped into a lamb or a cross. This reminds us that Christ is the true Paschal Lamb who takes away the sins of the world.

Salt—A reminder that Christians who glory in the Risen Christ are called to be "Salt for the Earth" and "Light for the world." (Pepper may also accompany salt as a condiment. Also symbolic of the Passion).

Sausage—whose round shape reminds us of unending life.

Easter Meats (ham, lamb or veal)—reminders of the abundant life God has called us to live.

Smoked Bacon—With its great fattiness, it is a symbol of the overabundance of God's mercy and generosity.

Cheese—Symbolic of the moderation Christians should have at all times.

Wine—A bottle of wine can be added to the contents of the basket in remembrance of the Blood given up by Jesus on the Cross.

Sweets—Fruits, candy, poppy seed and nut rolls, pastry items; to name a few, symbolizes the promise of eternal life or good things to come.

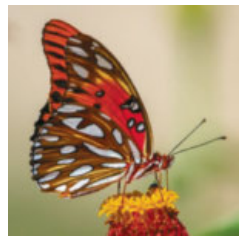
Holy Water—Used to bless the home, animals, fields and used in various rituals throughout the year. Take home bottles will be available after the Easter Vigil and all Sunday Masses on Easter Day.



LITURGY AND LIFE

EASTER SYMBOLS

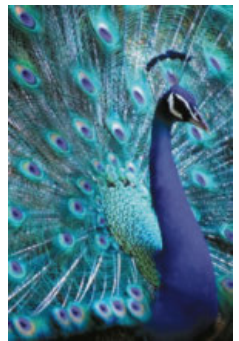
The fleur-de-lis, "lily" in French, is a popular Easter symbol of the resurrection. The three flourishing petals also symbolizes the Holy Trinity.



Butterflies are a powerful metaphor of the resurrection. Jesus Christ was buried in a dark tomb for three days, and then emerged, still

himself but changed and glorified. The parallel to a butterfly is striking; caterpillars "bury" themselves within a chrysalis, emerging as transformed butterflies.

In ancient time many held the belief that the peacock's flesh never decayed, even after it died. Early Christians adopted the bird as a symbol of the Resurrection. In medieval times, it was also thought that peacocks molt (shed their feathers) every year, and the new ones that grow are more beautiful than the old ones. Along with this idea, medieval legends included the theory that the gorgeous colors of a peacock's feathers came from a special diet: It was believed that peacocks could kill and eat poisonous serpents, ingesting the poison and transforming it into the colors of their feathers. This too contributed to their being an apt symbol of Christ's Resurrection, since Christ "became sin" [cf 2 Corinthians 5:21] for us on the Cross, but then rose from the dead with his glorified body and wounds having conquered the powers of evil.



INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In holy remembrance and with Easter joy we offer this great prayer of thanksgiving to the God who raised Jesus from the dead.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. *Please stand.*

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **R.** It is right and just.

PREFACE ACCLAMATION (HOLY)

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, ho - san - na in the
high-est. Ho - san-na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Please kneel after the acclamation.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion
un-til you come a - gain, un-til you come a - gain.

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DOXOLOGY AND GREAT AMEN



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LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, ... as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, peace I leave you, my peace I give you; ... Who live and reign for ever and ever.

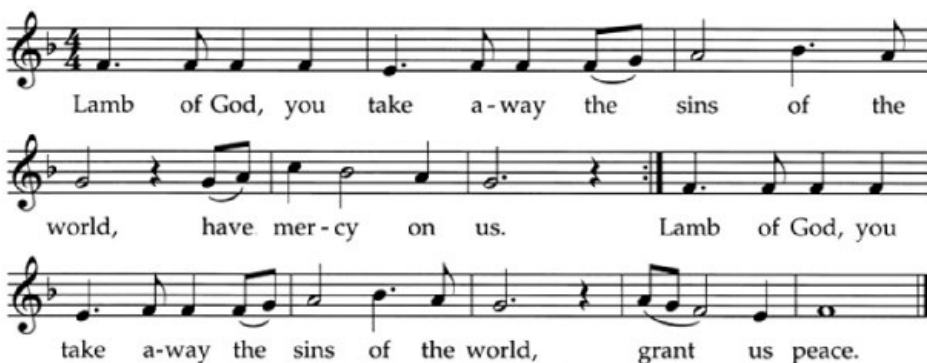
R. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with your always.

R. And with your spirit.

The Sign of Peace is a rite that calls us beyond sin and disunity to Christ's peace and communion. We are called as disciples to live this peace and communion that Christ gives us daily. This indeed becomes then a sign of hope for all peoples.

LAMB OF GOD



Please kneel after the acclamation.

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BLESSING FOR THE EASTER MEAL

You shower us with blessings, O God of love. In this season of joy, when we celebrate Christ's Death and Resurrection, you continue to bless and protect us. As we prepare to share this meal, keep us mindful of those who this night will die of hunger. As believers who have put on Christ in Baptism, make us bearers of gospel justice. Bless this food and the friendships we share. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER SYMBOLS

The Paschal Candle at the front of the church, represents Christ the Light of the World. The candle is made of pure beeswax representing the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of his mother. The wick signifies Jesus' humanity, the flame, his Divine Nature, both soul and body.

During last night's Easter Vigil, a new fire, symbolizing our eternal life in Christ, was made. The candle, is blessed by the priest who then inscribes in it a cross, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, (Alpha and Omega 'the beginning and the end') and the current year, as he says a prayer; then he inserts five grains of incense into the candle to form a cross. The incense recalls the aromatic spices used to prepare Jesus' body for the tomb, and the five wounds in his hands, feet, and side. Five "nails" are inserted into the candle to hold the incense in place. After lighting the candle from the fire, the deacon carries it in procession into the dark church proclaiming "Christ, our Light" as the assembly responds, "Thanks be to God". The Easter candle is lighted each day during Mass throughout the eight week Paschal Season, until Pentecost Sunday, the final Sunday of Easter Time.



RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

1. The Communion Procession begins with the Communion Song which all are encouraged to sing with the music ministry. The communion song is an integral part of the procession.
2. As the communion ministers leave the sanctuary, process to the front of the church in the procession while singing the communion song as best you can.
3. When standing before the clergy or extraordinary minister bow (from the waist) as the Host (the Real Presence of Christ) is held before you. Do not genuflect when in the procession.
4. Stand and extend your hands from the middle of your chest to receive the Host. Your dominant hand is placed under the other hand as support. In essence you are making a throne.
5. Say "Amen" as the minister says, "the Body of Christ".
6. Place the Host in your mouth and move away from the minister.
7. Additional devotion such as making the sign of the cross is not required but a decision of personal piety.
8. Return to your seat and participate in the communion song.
9. When the tabernacle is closed and the priest is seated, all may sit to participate communally in a time of reflection until the Prayer after Communion is prayed.



INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

During communion we sing psalms and other songs that express our praise of the Father, our spiritual union in Christ, and our fellowship in the Holy Spirit.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia. 1

Corinthians 5:7-8

After communion we spend some time in silent prayer and/or sing a psalm or song of praise.

COMMUNION SONG

SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD

VERSES



1. Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God who sits up - on the
2. And we the re - deemed shall be strong in pur - pose and



1. throne — and un - to — the Lamb, praise and glo - ry,
2. u - ni - ty, de - clar - ing a - loud



- 1.-2. wis - dom and thanks, hon - or — and pow - er — and — strength

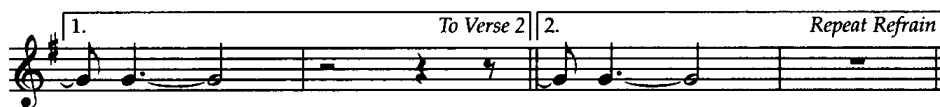
REFRAIN



Be to our God for - ev - er — and ev - er, be to our God for -



ev - er — and ev - er, be to our God for - ev - er — and ev - er. A -



1. — men! —

2. — men! —



— men! —

A - men. —

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Pour out on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this paschal Sacrament one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING

May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.

R. Amen.

And may he, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.

R. Amen.

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy. **R. Amen.**

DISMISSAL



SENDING HYMN

THIS IS THE FEAST OF VICTORY



2. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
 3. Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
 4. Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to
 5. For the Lamb who was slain has be-



hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion.
 God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
 gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

PASTOR'S "TO THE POINT"



On one level, the liturgical calendar is a bunch of numbers. It is composed of dates as well as the number of days for special seasons.

We've just traveled through the 40 days of Lent. Now we embark on the 50 days of the Easter season.

I like that the joy of Easter lasts longer than the penitence of Lent. Should it not be that way?

God's joy outruns the sorrows of this world. Easter joy fills us with gladness. We are saved and set free for real life, the life of grace, the life of friendship with God, the life of the kingdom - here, in this world and for eternity.

What's not to like about the significance of Easter? We sing "Alleluia!" We will do that for the next 50 days, and beyond.

Easter Blessings on you and your loved ones! May you spread the love of Easter far and wide with an alleluia on your lips and in your heart!

And for a little more joy in your heart, be sure to pick up the April issue of *Connections*, our parish newsletter, on your way out today!

Please keep our newly initiated Catholics in your prayers this Easter season:
 Miles and Marley Lyons.

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TRI-PARISH EVENT



**Signs, Superstitions and God's Plan:
The Human Quest for Meaning**

Thursday, May 4 7:00 p.m.

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April 20 / May 4 & May 18

Sacred Heart Parish Center, Winnetka

Questions? Contact Liz McGowen
Lmcgowen@divinemercynorthshore.org

Join Us for the Alpha Reunion!

Thursday, June 1st
6-9pm Parish Center
All Alpha Groups are invited!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday April 16, 2023 | 12:45 - 2 PM
Divine Mercy Parish
1077 Tower Rd., Winnetka

All are welcome to pray for peace on Divine Mercy Sunday | Confession available

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April 15, 2023

5:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Presider: Fr. John Kartje

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Deb Kubasiak

EM: Dan Kubasiak

Song Leader: Katilynn Meine

April 16, 2023

8:00 a.m.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

Sacristan: Rima Abraham

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Chris Kaiser

EM: Dcn. Bob Puhala

Song Leader: Kelsea Webb

10:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Kathy Janega

EM: Dcn. Gerry Keenan

Song Leader: Kelsea Webb

4:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Bob Heinz

Sacristan: Minister Needed

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Minister Needed

EM: Minister Needed

Song Leader: Miranda Farmer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

New ministers are always welcome to serve as weekday and weekend sacristans, servers, and lectors.

Please consider any of these ministries for your regular Mass attendance. If available please Ron Vanasdlen via email at: rvasdlen@divinemercynorthshore.org Ask him about the "Family Plan." **Training provided.**

RECENT HAPPENINGS AROUND THE PARISH



PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office reopens from the Easter Break on Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Open Monday - Friday .9am to 4pm

Office Address: Divine Mercy Parish

1077 Tower Rd. Winnetka, IL 60093

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PARISH CALENDAR

April 9, Sunday

Easter Sunday

- NO 4:30 p.m. Mass – Sacred Heart

April 10, Monday

*Solemnity of Monday
within the Octave of Easter*

- 8 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- Parish Offices Closed
- 6:45 p.m. Tower Players Rehearsal - Parish Center

April 11, Tuesday

*Solemnity of Tuesday
within the Octave of Easter*

- 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary — St. Philip
- 9:30 a.m. Crafty Ladies - JPIL Room
- 6:30 p.m. ALPHA - Parish Center

April 12, Wednesday

*Solemnity of Wednesday
within the Octave of Easter*

- 8:30 a.m. Mass – Sacred Heart
- 2 - 3 p.m. Adoration - Sacred Heart
- 3 - 4:30 p.m. Confessions - St. Philip
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Fr. Kartje - Parish Center

April 13, Thursday

*Solemnity of Thursday
within the Octave of Easter*

- 8 a.m. Mass – Sacred Heart
- 9 - 10 a.m. Parent/Tot Playgroup - SPA JPIL Room

April 14, Friday

*Solemnity of Friday
within the Octave of Easter*

- 8 a.m. Mass – St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Adoration & Rosary - St. Philip

April 15 Saturday

*Solemnity of Saturday
within the Octave of Easter*

- 9 a.m. Confessions - Sacred Heart
- 9 a.m. Tower Players Rehearsal - Parish Center

April 16, Sunday

*Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday (Parish Feast Day)*

- 11 a.m. A Just Harvest Food Service
- 1 p.m. Divine Mercy Prayer Service - Sacred Heart Church
- 5:15 p.m. Family Faith/ALPHA - Parish Center

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 a.m. (SPA) – Miles & Marley Lyons
9:00 a.m. (SH) - Miles & Marley Lyons and Parishioners of Divine Mercy
10:30 a.m. (SH) - The Mayer & Lerner Families

MONDAY, APRIL 10 (SH)

8:00 a.m. – Andy Perez †

TUESDAY, APRIL 11 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. – Rev. John Kilgallen, SJ †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 (SH)

8:30 a.m. – Mario Iturino †

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 (SPA)

6:30 p.m. – Thomas Forte †

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 (SPA)

3:00 p.m. – Maureen Mazur †

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 (SH)

8:00 p.m. – Frank & Teresa D'Astici †

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 a.m. (SPA) – Rev. John Foley, SJ †
10:00 a.m. (SH) – John O'Brien †
4:30 p.m. (SH) – Mary W. Coleman †

MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the parish office 847-446-0856 or megan@divinemercynorthshore.org

This week, the Sanctuary Candles at Sacred Heart and St. Philip are in thanksgiving for Miles and Marley Lyons.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of and thanksgiving for Divine Mercy Parishioners (SH) and in memory of the deceased members of the Berning, Dietz, Meade and Carol families (SPA).

The gifts of bread and wine are given in thanksgiving for the Mayer and Lerner Families (SH) and in thanksgiving for all Divine Mercy Parishioners (SPA).

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

The following people suffer from illness or chronic conditions. They have asked for the prayers of our parish family. Please remember them to the Lord.

Mark Agnew, Jeannie Ambrose, Michael Anderson, Loretto Berghoff, Paul Berghoff, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Ronald Braun, Wendy Braun, Robert Conte, Jr., John Coyne, Rich Danstrom, James Farney, Mary Beth Fellingner, Lisa Marie Franke, Ermin Garcia, Jr., Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Sarah Hyde, Emily Jatis, Rick Kehrer, Ryan Kelly, Patti Kotscharjan, Donna LaCaze, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Joseph Lee, Susan Lodge, John Madden, Griffin Maks, Rosaleen Mazur, Teresa McNamara, Mike McNulty, Beth O'Brien, Joan O'Donnell, Lynn Pattison, Brad Raguse, Judy Rasfeld, Kathy Sarch, Violet Vanselow, Larry White, and those written in our parish book of prayer.

If you or your loved one needs a Minister of Care or is seriously ill or near death, and in need of the Sacrament of the Sick/Last Rites, please contact the parish office at 847-446-0856.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

May the souls of faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, especially **Rita Bela**.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacred Heart Church:

Saturdays 9 - 9:30 a.m.

St. Philip the Apostle Church:

Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
with Rev. Gerald Cole.

ADORATION

Sacred Heart Church:

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St. Philip the Apostle Church:

Fridays from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

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