

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

Saint Mary–Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Francis de Sales Parishes

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Charlestown, MA 02129

March 31, 2024

## HE IS RISEN

*Hallelujah!*



*Then the other disciple also went in,  
the one who had arrived at the tomb  
first, and he saw and believed.*

John 20:8 (NAB)

### WELCOME

*To visitors to our parish, to those who have recently moved into the area,  
and to those who are comfortable and nourished here—**welcome to all!**  
Please introduce yourself to the priest, and register as a member of our parishes.*

### SAINT MARY - SAINT CATHERINE

Our Mission is to make active disciples of Jesus Christ by creating a welcoming community rich in spirituality and by moving people to share their God-given talents in the service of others and the care of creation.

We are an intentionally inclusive Roman Catholic parish that welcomes all those who make up our diverse community in a way that reflects God's love.

Nourished by the Gospel and the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we strive to build a vibrant parish that strengthens our faith and elevates our worship.

### SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

Led by the Holy Spirit, the Parish Family of Saint Francis de Sales seeks to know and celebrate Jesus through Mass, Prayer, Sacrament and Service.

Saint Francis de Sales Church is the oldest consecrated church in New England, the oldest in the city of Boston in continuous service, and the fourth oldest in America, built in 1859, on the top of Bunker Hill. Saint Francis is known affectionately as the Firefighter's church - The statue of St. Florian, patron saint, is located in the bell yard next to the church.

## Mass Schedule

Saturdays at 9 am, Holidays at 9 am

8:00 am Masses — Weekdays  
St. Catherine Chapel  
at St. Mary Church

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday

9 am St. Mary- St. Catherine  
4 pm St. Francis de Sales  
4 pm St. Mary - St. Catherine

#### Sunday

8 am St. Mary- St. Catherine  
9:30 am St. Francis de Sales  
11 am St. Mary - St. Catherine  
6 pm St. Mary - St. Catherine

#### Pastor

Fr. John Sheridan

#### Pastoral Associate

Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

Finance & Operations Manager  
James Santosuoso

Social Ministry Director  
Thomas J. MacDonald

Pastoral Assistant, Faith Formation  
Allison Buff

Confirmation Director  
Cynthia Markey

Director of Music  
John Anthony Volpe

Administrative Assistant  
Dianne Ludy

Hispanic Ministry  
Blanca Paz

## St Francis de Sales

Pastoral Assistant  
Joan C. Rae

Music Director  
Timothy Leahy

Parish Nurse Ministry Director  
Mrs. Maureen Collier, RN BSN

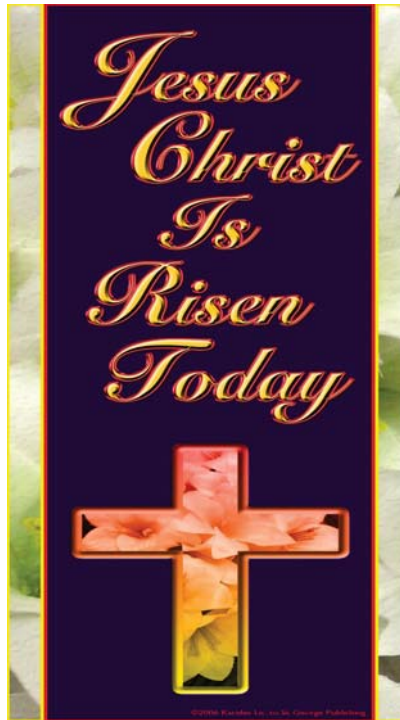
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## March 31 ~ Easter Sunday

"This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice!" Our readings remind us that the message of Easter is one of joy, hope and good news. It is a message that is not to be kept to ourselves. We need to be witnesses of all that Jesus has done for us. Take a moment during Easter brunch or Easter dinner, to speak of your love and gratitude for all Jesus has done for you. Doing so is just one of the ways we carry out Jesus' commission to preach and bear witness.



*After 40 days*  
of penance and  
preparation, we have  
finally reached our goal.  
Now is the time for  
**rejoicing.**

This is a day for family dinner and activities, to practice many already established traditions and to share the joy together with family and friends. The best of everything should be used today: flowers, china, silver and foods. There should be no holding back in the rejoicing!

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**GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGING  
THAT GOD GIVES US ALL, WE EACH WILLINGLY OFFER  
OUR UNIQUE GIFTS TO ONE ANOTHER  
AND ALL CREATION IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST.**

Saint Mary Church  
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Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel  
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St. Francis de Sales Church  
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Parish Center  
46 Winthrop St.  
617-242-4664

Social Ministry Office  
49 Vine Street 617-580-8305

Good Shepherd School  
20 Winthrop Street 617-242-8800

#### Handicapped Access

St. Mary's Church is handicapped-accessible on Soley Street.  
St. Catherine's Chapel is handicapped-accessible on Winthrop Street.

## *From our Pastor ...*

*Rooted in faith in the Eucharist and recognizing that all is gift from God, our Charlestown Catholic Collaborative will strive to build and foster an intentionally inclusive, trusting, diverse, and welcoming community that helps people to grow in faith and become disciples who serve the needs of one another and the greater community. We will unite in heart as one community, cooperating with people of good will across all faiths, to address the needs and challenges present in our local and global community today especially social and environmental justice.*

*- Draft Vision Statement*

My dear friends in Christ,

A year and a half ago, we began a bold new journey together to build the Charlestown Catholic family in an entirely new way, a challenge, yet at the same time a remarkable opportunity. Members of our staff and our parish councils have begun to meet to look and act on opportunities to work closer together, to share resources and talents and to evangelize, to share the Good News of Christ and the teachings of the Church we love and serve. There have been lots to look at, things to learn, and now we begin to move.

We start with this Vision Statement, a draft that was forged by a group of parishioners and staff from both parishes, of who we are and what we believe Christ is calling us to be, all the time recognizing the things that make each parish what it is- this will be developed by our Councils to become our keystone. From here, we will look for ways to express these words, share them, to attract more people to our parish families, and in Christ, to welcome the many people we know back home to our beloved faith, through our Masses, our community involvement, our ministries, our very selves. We'll look at our resources and find the strengths that keep us focused on the lofty goals we look to.

What will this involve? It is in our commitment to the Body of Christ within our parishes and collaborative. We already share so much and have accomplished so much. I see this every day as your pastor, in the close work we share to tend to the many parts of this enterprise. Our Pastoral and Finance Councils and staff will work closer together as we look up and ahead- helping us to set the course.

Will there be changes? There have been several since I arrived in November 2022- we share a pastor, and a finance and operations director, a faith formation program, and there will be more changes to come. It's important to note that both parishes are individual entities, with their own financial responsibilities and properties, and all they entail. Will there be a merger of the parishes? That is yet to be seen. I know that we will speak together with a united, loving, strong voice in our Town, our city, and throughout the Archdiocese.

What about the resources of our collaborative? It's key that as we take a long look at what we bring to the community and how each connect to our goal, the only one that matters, the service of Christ and His Church. We don't belong to the things of this world- we never did- we belong to Christ. All the decisions made by me in collaboration with the Councils and staff will be based on this. When we look down in fear or regret or linger in a time that is past, when we change the focus to the things of this passing world, we lose sight of Christ.

As we work together, it will take prayer, time and care, faith, hope and most of all, love. I'm often inspired these days by the life of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born saint, wife, mother, educator, and example of the Gospel. May she, under the guidance of our Blessed Mother, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Francis de Sales, keep us focused on what Christ calls us to be and challenge us to joyfully share the Gospel. Look up. Look ahead. There's so much to be thankful for. Let us rejoice in the Risen Christ! Have a blessed Easter!

*- Fr. John Sheridan*

## Charlestown Catholic Collaborative

The 11 am Sunday Mass is live on our Website and Facebook page and archived on Facebook

Saturday, March 30  
9 am Morning Prayer  
7 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31— *Happy Easter*  
8 am  
9:30 am  
11 am  
6 pm NO 6pm Mass

Monday, April 1  
8 am

Tuesday, April 2  
8 am

Wednesday, April 3  
8 am

Thursday, April 4  
8 am

Friday, April 5  
8 am

Saturday, April 6  
9 am  
4 pm + Donna Wrenn-Fortenot  
4 pm + Nora & Frank Butler

Sunday, April 7 Divine Mercy Sunday  
8 am  
9:30 am + Brenda M. Page  
11 am + Frank Gabbbianelli  
6 pm

# CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC



Thank you to those (pictured above with Fr. John) who helped to clean St. Mary's Church for Holy Week and Easter!

### Our Stewardship Prayer

Heavenly Father, instill in our hearts a spirit of love and compassion. May we foster a welcoming parish community with acceptance and respect for all. Inspire us to make a difference by being generous with our time and talents. Please send your Holy Spirit among us to remind us to follow Jesus and his teachings in all aspects of our lives. As we end this Mass, may we go forth and spread goodwill among our neighbors, friends, and fellow parishioners. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

### *FOR OUR PARISHIONERS*

*If you are planning a Wedding, planning a Baptism, if you are interested in becoming Catholic or have not yet received Confirmation, if you are homebound and would like to receive the Sacraments, interested in the choir, Religious Education, or becoming a volunteer in a Ministry or wish to register in our parishes, contact us at the Parish office at 617.242.4664 or email*

[info@charlestowncatholic.org](mailto:info@charlestowncatholic.org)

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at 3:15 pm on Saturdays before Mass at both Parishes.*

*If you would like to pray the rosary with us on Saturday mornings -*

*Please email Donna at:*  
[donna.lecam@gmail.com](mailto:donna.lecam@gmail.com)



**DON'T FORGET THE POOR** The work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society continues in our parish.

The Society helps a number of individuals and families in Charlestown.

Please remember the good work with a gift to the Poor boxes in the church.

*Happy Easter*



**REMINDER: NO 6:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday**

*St. MC Attendance 3/23 & 3/24*

Sat. @ 4 pm	61
Sun @ 8 am	63
11 am	193
6 pm	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>407</b>



*We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and those who are new to our parishes. If you're new to St. Mary—St. Catherine of Siena Parish or St. Francis de Sales Parish, please visit our website for events and resources. Please register online at: [charlestowncatholic.org](http://charlestowncatholic.org)*

*St. F Attendance—3/23 & 3/24*

Sat. @ 4 pm	57
Sun @ 9:30 am	86
<b>Total</b>	<b>143</b>

**St. Mary - St Catherine of Siena  
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

Mar 31 Clergy Benefit  
April 21 Monthly  
May 5 Insurance

**St. Francis de Sales  
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

Mar 31 Clergy Benefit  
April 7 Capital Improvement  
May 5 Capital Improvement

**COMMUNITY NEWS & INFO**



*Father John and Frank Runyeon*

*Frank Runyeon was at St Mary Church on Thursday and Friday night with a special presentation of the Gospel of John and the Sermon on the Mount as well as a talk on Hollywood vs Faith. It was well attended!*

*We are so grateful to Frank for the time and electrifying talents he shared with us. Thanks also to James, Shawn, Oscar and John for sharing their talents in putting together an unforgettable experience.*

*We are looking forward to more activities, events, and prayer experiences in the coming months. What's next? Stay tuned!*

**St. Francis de Sales Easter  
Flowers have been  
donated in memory of**

*Ann Agri*  
*Joe Agri*  
*LCPL Joseph J Agri USMC*  
*The Bartorelli Family*  
*Mary V. & Francis A. Beaton*  
*The Brassil Family*  
*The Campbell Family*  
*Roland & Mary Cantin*  
*The Caracino Family*  
*Elizabeth Clifford*  
*Ruth Clifford*  
*The Collier Family*  
*Francis Collins*  
*Rita Collins*  
*Florence & Eugene Connors*  
*The Connors Family*  
*The Crawford Family*  
*Collen Devlin*  
*Eddie Devlin*  
*John Devlin*  
*Kathleen Devlin*  
*Mary Devlin*  
*Michael Devlin*  
*Rose Devlin*  
*The Devlin Family*  
*Gerard Doherty*  
*The Doherty Family*  
*Christian G. Donovan*  
*Linda Gallagher*  
*Beverly Gibbons*  
*Gillen Family*  
*Br. Francis Gillen*

*Helene Humora Gillen*  
*Mary Gillen*  
*Commander Robert L. Gillen*  
*Joan & Jim Godding*  
*Cissy Greatorex*  
*The Greatorex Family*  
*The Hagerty Family*  
*The Hally Family*  
*John Hurley*  
*Carl W. Johnson II*  
*Megan & Jillian Johnson*  
*Paul Johnson*  
*Jake Keady*  
*The Kelly Family*  
*Frank & Barbara Kelly*  
*Sharon M. King*  
*James J. Langan*  
*Joseph P. Langan Sr.*  
*Karen A. Langan*  
*Mary P. Langan*  
*Lawler Family*  
*Edward Leahy*  
*Mary Leahy*  
*Sally Leahy*  
*The Locke Family*  
*Mary A. Lydon*  
*The Madigan Family*  
*Fr. Mahoney Family*  
*Joseph Mahoney*  
*Joseph "Joe" Mahoney*  
*Mary Mahoney*  
*The Manzelli Family*  
*Noreen E. Mullins*  
*Agnes O'Connell*  
*Bill O'Connell*

*John O'Leary*  
*Sarah Rabbit*  
*Joan Rae*  
*William & Rita Rae*  
*John & June Reilly*  
*Claire Rooney*  
*James Rooney & Catherine Rooney*  
*James Rooney*  
*Richard Rooney*  
*John & Elizabeth Sheehan*  
*The Sheridan Family*  
*Helen Sullivan*  
*Jackie Sullivan*  
*Patricia Sullivan*  
*William Sullivan*  
*The Sullivan Family*  
*George Swales*  
*James Swales*  
*Rita Swales*  
*The Taylor Family*  
*Marie Tucker*  
*The Walsh Family*  
*Julia Walsh*  
*The Woods Family*  
*Nettie Vandropol*  
*Rowan Joseph Yandle*  
*Members, Benefactors*  
*& Friends of the Parish*  
*Souls enrolled in the*  
*Building Memorial Fund*  
*Peace in the World*  
*Vocations*  
*Health for Kerri Martell*  
*CSJ*

**THE EASTER VIGIL**

The liturgy is divided into four parts: the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Baptism, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Service of Light begins with the blessing of the new fire and the lighting of the Paschal candle. Colors are white or gold.

**Easter Fire**

The fire, made of dry wood, begins the liturgy of the Easter Vigil. It represents Christ's resurrection. While the fire is being blessed, the priest says, "Let us pray. Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Make this new fire holy, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration, and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord." To which the people answer, "Amen."

**Paschal candle,**

it is the largest candle in the worship space. In most cases today the candle will display several common symbols:

*The cross*, which is the most prominent symbol and most clearly identifies it as the Paschal candle

*The Greek letters alpha and omega*, which symbolize that God is the beginning and the end (from the Book of Revelation)

*The year when the particular candle is being used*, which represents God amidst the present congregation

*Five grains of incense*, which are embedded in the candle during the Easter Vigil to represent the five wounds of Jesus:

**The Exsultet,**

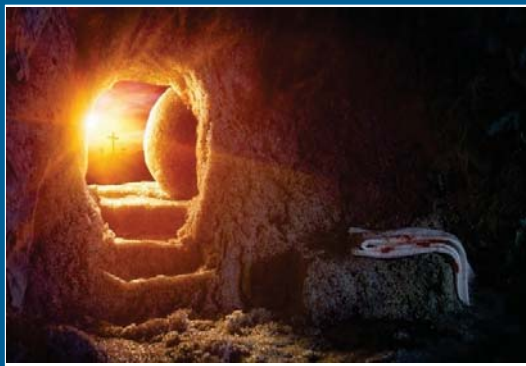
also known as the Easter Proclamation (Latin: Praeconium Paschale), is a lengthy sung proclamation delivered before the paschal candle during the Easter Vigil. It is sung after a procession with the paschal candle before the beginning of the Liturgy of the Word.

**St Mary—St Catherine Siena  
Easter Flowers have been  
donated in memory of:**

Frank Abate  
Mary & Bob Alix  
Family of Thomas Annaratone  
Mary E. & Michael T. Bird  
Robbie Brady  
Meaghan Brady  
Robert H. Brady  
Mary Breslin  
Kathleen J. Broderick  
The Burton Family  
Frank & Nora Butler  
Paul & Laura Calia  
Rev. James B. Canniff  
Anne Castro  
Judy Castro  
John D. Carven, Jr.  
Chisholm Family  
Minnie Citro  
Tranquillino Citro  
Vincent Citro  
Tracy Coen  
Mary Coffey  
Sr. Stephanie Collins, RGS  
The Considine Family  
The Costello Family  
Katerine Cullen  
Michael J. Curran  
The Dacey Family  
Thomas Deeley  
Devlin Family  
Gerard Doherty  
The Dolan Family  
The Donnelly Family  
Bridget & Anthony Dooher  
Duane Family  
The Ducharme Family  
Mary Duggan  
Charles Farmer  
Sarah Farmer - Williams  
The Frawley Family  
Frank Gabbianelli  
Fr. Henry M. Gallagher  
George Glines  
Ruth Gorman  
The Hafey Family  
Hammons Family  
Hennessy Family  
Kay & Bill Howard  
Frances Jarnagin

Robert Jarnagin  
William & Catherine Keane  
Michael Keighney  
John Landrigan  
Anne Latino  
Joseph Latino  
David Latta Jr  
Fabio Laudadio  
The Lecam Family  
The Lombard Family  
Audrey Levy  
Lombard Family  
The MacDougal Family  
Frank & Rose Manganelli  
Arthur Mari  
Joseph Mari  
Ria Martin  
The Mauet Family  
Elaine McCarthy  
Michael J. McDermott  
Gene McFadgen  
Anne McGonagle  
Mary McGowan  
McKillop Family  
Billy McKillop  
McPartland Family  
John W. McNamara  
William & Winifred McNamara  
Patricia Rossetti Megna  
Henry T. Meneely, Jr.  
Linda Miele  
Mary & Ralph Mills  
Minichello Family  
Thomas, Mitzi & Michelle Moles  
John R. & Irene B. Moore  
John S. Moore  
Michael D. Moore  
Muldoon Family  
The Mulvaney Family  
Catherine Murphy  
Michael Murphy  
Betty O'Leary  
Jess O'Neill  
Elizabeth Pelosi  
Barbara Pollack  
Philip & Theresa Pollack  
Catherine Potter  
William Potter  
Anthony Puccino  
Reffi Family  
Regan Family  
Jack Rice

Alfred & Frances Ridings  
Ridings Family  
The Rinaldi Family  
Ring Family  
The Rizzo Family  
Ronan Family  
Robert & Patricia Rooney  
Bobby Rooney, Jr.  
John Rooney  
Capt. John Rooney  
Helen & Mary Rossetti  
James & Michael Rowsey  
Arthur & Nancy Russell  
Christina M. Ryan  
Mary F. Ryan  
Michael & Eleanor Santosouso  
Fred & Gertrude Santosouso  
Feorge Saulnier  
Michael Saulnier  
Antonetta & Mickey Screnci, Sr.  
Marylou Screnci  
Rosa & Henry Shackford  
The Shea Family  
Frank Sheehan  
Jack Sheehan  
Paul Sheehan  
Wanda Sheehan  
Mary Sheehy  
The Sheridan Family  
Joseph & Frances Smith  
William Spinney  
Kevin M. Taylor  
Paul & Rena Tripp  
Cameron Van Riper  
The Venezia Family  
The Verna Family  
Katrina Vernitsky  
Alfred & Mary Voboril  
Robert W. Waller, Jr.  
Edward, Margaret Walsh  
William & Mildred Walsh  
Francis Webber  
John A. Whelan  
Sue Ellen Whelan  
Sara White  
John "Buster" Woods  
John J. Woods III  
Woods Family  
Paul & Margaret Yorganjian  
Sisters of Notre Dame deManur  
Sisters of St Joseph Prison Ministry  
St Vincent de Paul Members



Pascua es la fiesta del gozo y de la alegría. Y nuestra religión cristiana es una religión de alegría. Cada uno de nosotros es un mensajero de esa alegría cristiana. Sí, Cristo nos ha hecho depositarios de su gozo y alegría pascuales. Pero, ¿qué hemos hecho nosotros con ese gozo? Me parece que ha encontrado sólo escaso eco en nuestros corazones, corazones demasiado indiferentes y duros. Somos bastante rebeldes a la alegría y la felicidad de Pascua. Frecuentemente, a partir de Pascua, nuestra vida religiosa se toma unas vacaciones - unas vacaciones de Pascua, podríamos decir. ¡Cristo ha resucitado! Se ha retirado a los cielos. Y entonces nos desinteresamos porque creemos que ya nada podemos hacer por Él. Ya que para Jesús ha pasado la hora de sufrir, no vemos cuál ha de ser el papel que

nos toca ahora hacer a su lado.

Seguiremos viviendo y sufriendo aquí abajo, mientras que Él está en su gloria... Sin embargo, resulta extraño afligirse por un amigo mientras lo está pasando mal - y no querer gozar con él cuando está disfrutando. Abandonarlo precisamente en el momento en que podemos ofrecerle el mejor testimonio de amistad: asociarnos a su gozo, compartir su alegría. Pienso que en la tristeza muchas veces nos buscamos y encontramos ante todo a nosotros mismos. Sentimos piedad de nosotros mismos cuando parece que nos compadecemos de los demás. Pero compartir la alegría de los otros, eso supone un desinterés y una delicadeza de corazón que quizá supera nuestras fuerzas. Y entonces - con todas nuestras preocupaciones, angustias y desilusiones -, nos parece difícil y hasta imposible creer que todavía podemos renovarnos, que podemos volver a empezar nuestra vida y encontrar una nueva felicidad.

Pero lo que es imposible para el hombre, no lo es para Dios. Es precisamente Dios el que tiene que hacer esa cosa imposible: hacernos felices. Y en la medida en que nos cerramos a la alegría, nos estamos cerrando también a Dios. Todas esas zonas de nuestra alma en las que no hemos dejado entrar la alegría, son zonas de las que estamos excluyendo a Dios. Es necesario, por eso, aceptar esa cosa imposible: que la alegría y el gozo inunden nuestras almas y así Dios pueda volver a ser Dios en nosotros. Esto es precisamente lo que debería suceder esta Pascua. Esto es lo que hemos estado preparando durante estas largas semanas de Cuaresma y estos días oscuros de la Semana Santa. Se nos ha revelado hasta qué punto quiere Dios ocupar un lugar en nuestra existencia. Y si ese amor de Dios era tan grande como hemos visto, no tenemos más remedio que dejarle que ocupe en nosotros todo el espacio posible y que obre en nosotros una renovación total. Eso es lo que la Pasión nos ha enseñando: que Dios nos ama, que su amor apasionado quiere transformarnos y salvarnos.

La resurrección de Cristo es promesa de resurrección para cada hombre. Pascua significa que existe también para nosotros una resurrección y que cada uno de nosotros es capaz de experimentarlo y de ser testigo de ello. Lo importante no es que Cristo resucitara en aquel entonces, sino que ahora esté resucitado, que ahora viva. Lo importante es que Cristo sea ahora resurrección. Poco me importa que Cristo resucitara hace más de 2000 años, si no resucita ahora en mí. Poco me importa que saliera vivo de la tumba, si no emerge en las tinieblas de mi alma. Poco me importa que se apareciera a los apóstoles, si no se me manifiesta a mí. Sólo así cada uno puede ser testigo de la Resurrección del Señor. Sólo así cada uno puede ser reflejo del Resucitado: un hombre nuevo, un hombre pascual. Ese es el testimonio que el mundo espera de nosotros. Porque no hay más que una prueba evidente de que Cristo ha resucitado: que Él vive. Y no existe más que una prueba de que Él vive: que su amor sigue vivo en nosotros, que existen personas y comunidades que se alimentan de su vida y que se aman con su amor. El único rostro que Cristo puede mostrar hoy a nuestros contemporáneos para convencerlos y convertirlos, es el nuestro, el de nuestras comunidades fraternas. Somos nosotros los que debemos demostrar la resurrección del Señor: somos los testigos de que Cristo verdaderamente ha resucitado. Queridos hermanos, ojalá nuestro mundo encuentre en nosotros las pruebas indudables de su presencia viva: un corazón abierto, unas manos tendidas, una acogida indulgente y afectuosa, un rostro lleno de alegría y gozo. Y entonces cualquiera que nos vea, no podrá explicarlo más que admitiendo que Jesús ha resucitado realmente en nosotros y en medio de nosotros.



### Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday), is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. This feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina.



# An Easter Dinner prayer

*Good and gracious God, we welcome your presence among us  
as we gather together to share our Easter meal.*

*We thank you for the many blessings you bestow on us each day,  
especially for the gift of Your Son, Jesus.*

*His resurrection assures us of your love for us  
and stirs up hope within us, for we trust in Jesus' promise  
to be with us always.*

*He sustains us each day throughout the ebb and flow of life.  
May He fill us with His love, shape us into faithful disciples,  
and guide us on our life's journey.*

*Please bless this gathering and the food we are about to share.  
May the gift of this day and the love that we share fill our hearts  
with gratitude and compel us to reach out to those in need  
as we live the grace of Easter each day. Amen.*

## ONLINE GIVING

Many have asked us how to contribute through online banking so that when they are not in the parish, they can continue to make their offertory collection and second collection donations.

This can be done easily by logging into your online banking account and entering St. Francis de Sales or St. Mary—St. Catherine as vendor/payee.

**For St. Francis, please use 303 Bunker Hill St for the address.**

**For St. Mary – St. Catherine, please use 46 Winthrop Street.**

If you have any questions, please contact James Santosuosso at the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## TRUE or FALSE ?

1. The apostle Andrew spoke to the people.
2. God shows no partiality.
3. God raised Jesus on the second day.
4. The risen Jesus was visible to the witnesses chosen by God in advance.
5. The chosen witnesses ate and drank with Jesus after he rose from the dead.
6. Mary Magdalen came to the tomb late one evening.
7. She saw that the stone was still in place.
8. Three disciples ran quickly to the tomb.
9. Simon Peter went into the tomb first.
10. The burial cloths were there.

ANSWERS  
1 false, 2 true, 3 false, 4 true, 5 true, 6 false, 7 false, 8 false, 9 true, 10 true.

## CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

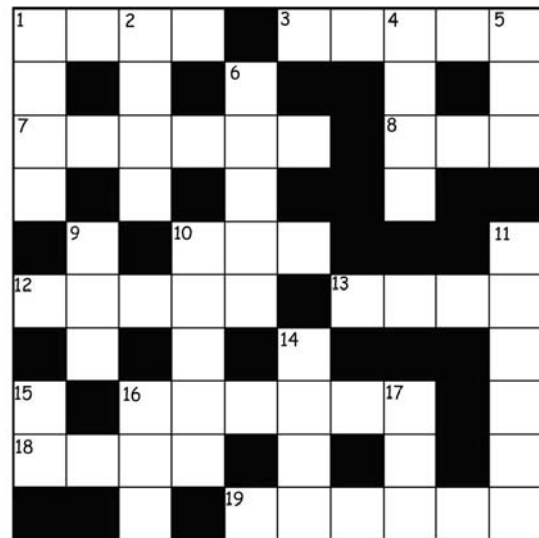
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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Without light
3. Go inside
7. The main Christian feast
8. Male human
10. An Israelite
12. Force; strength
13. Every separate one
16. Ran more quickly than
18. Offences against God
19. The Holy \_\_\_\_\_ is God

### CLUES DOWN



2. Was raised up
4. Resting place for a dead body
5. Moved very quickly
6. Chief apostle
9. We worship Him
10. Our Savior
11. Title of our Savior
14. A powerful hold
15. Like 'we'
16. A single thing
17. Like 'neither'



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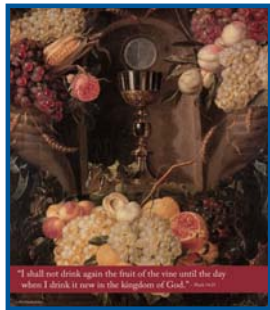
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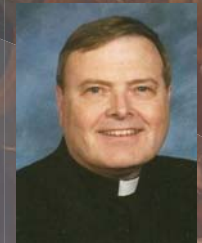
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