



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Easter Sunday  
Resurrection of the Lord  
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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....	4:30 p.m.
Sunday .....	7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday .....	8:00 a.m.
Friday .....	8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month only .....	8:00 a.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday.....	3:30–4:15 p.m.
Tuesday thru Friday.....	7:40 a.m. or by appointment

## PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain .....	Pastor
Donna Badon.....	Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy .....	Bookkeeper
June Hebert .....	Director of Religious Education
Pedro Hernandez.....	Custodian
Layne Mire .....	Parish Secretary
Celeste Veillon .....	Music Director
Katie Roettger.....	Mothers' Day Out

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30 p.m.

## BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries – Call the Parish Office

## MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

## CARE OF THE SICK

Emergency calls answered immediately, if possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

## PRAYER LINE

Call the Parish Office

Dear Parishioners,

Father Charles Miller, C.M., (1929-2005) was a native of New Orleans ordained in 1956 for the Congregation of the Mission, better known as the Vincentians. He spent practically his entire priesthood teaching at St. John's Seminary in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and wrote many articles and books on the liturgy. One of his articles contained the following mention of Bishop James Edward Walsh, (1891-1981) the second priest ordained for the Maryknoll order and one of the first four sent by the society to China in 1918.

*On July 10, 1970, Communist China released Bishop James Walsh from prison, reportedly because of advanced age and ill health. The bishop had been arrested in 1958 and held incommunicado for almost two years before he was sentenced to twenty years in prison on charges of spying for the United States and the Vatican. When his brother was allowed to visit him in 1960, the bishop told him, "While no one likes to be confined, I am not unhappy here and I leave the future entirely in the hands of God." He had found that "four walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage."*

*During those long years in a small cell of a prison on the outskirts of Shanghai, Bishop Walsh did not enjoy freedom in the ordinary sense, but he did learn the meaning of the words of Jesus, "If you live according to my teaching, you are truly my disciples; then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."*

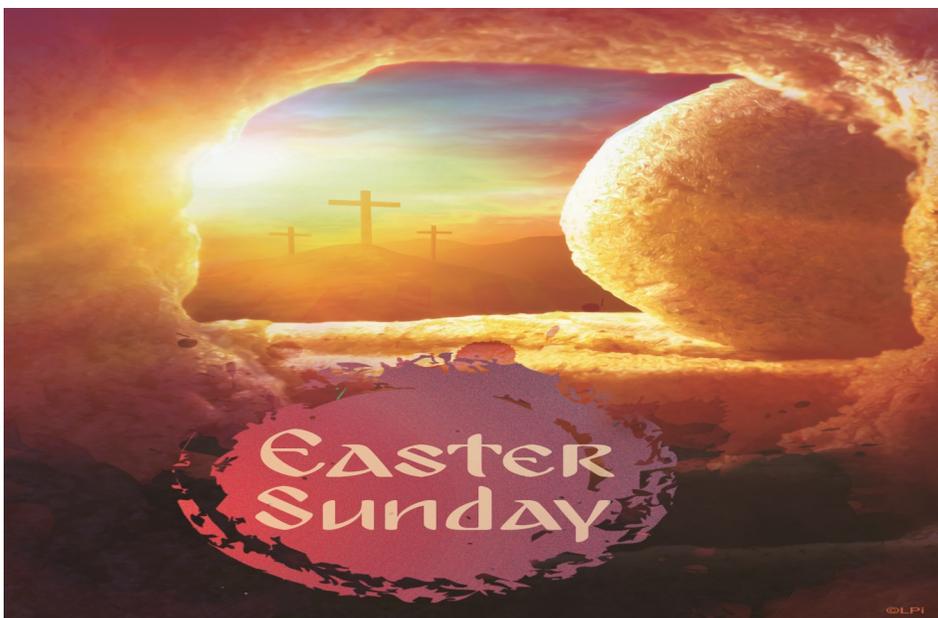
The Maryknoll archives record that: *On his return to the States Bishop Walsh stopped in Rome where he was received in an emotional audience by Pope Paul VI. The Pontiff told the veteran missionary: "You have been a witness, authentic and simple, in joy and in sorrow, then in suffering and humiliation, and finally in separation from the people you loved so much. For all of this we thank you on behalf of the entire Church of Christ."*

Bishop Walsh spent the last 11 years of his life at the Maryknoll Seminary in New York. Their archives state: *The evening of his life was one of personal dignity: the priest, the gentleman, a bother to no one, an inspiration to all.* His holiness was such that no one ever heard Bishop Walsh utter an unkind word about his captors.

This past season of Lent has been unlike any that we have ever experienced, and the upcoming season of Easter will likewise be different than usual. As Bishop Walsh stated, "no one likes to be confined." But we have to admit that our confinement is of a lesser order than his imprisonment, and we still have much to be grateful for even during this temporary hardship. I pray that our faith will help us to follow his example of holiness and place "the future entirely in the hands of God."

Happy Easter to everyone and be assured of my daily prayers.

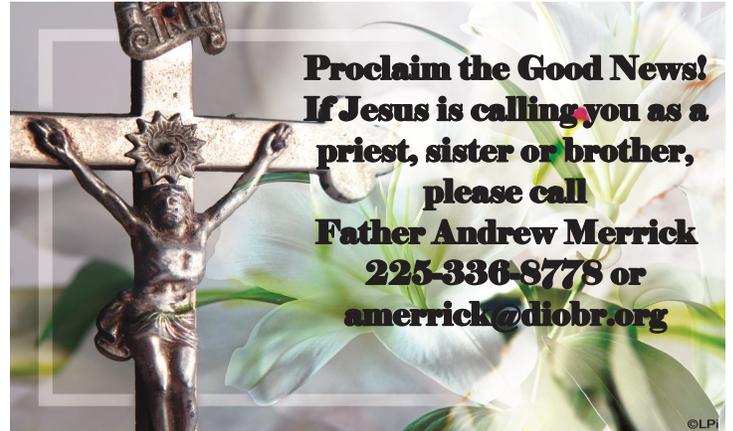
In Christ,  
Father Matt



**PLEASE CELEBRATE MASS ON  
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH  
WITH BISHOP MICHAEL DUCA  
CATHOLIC TELEVISION  
COX CABLE CHANNEL 15  
10:30 AM**

**CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS  
THROUGH APRIL 30TH  
IN OUR CHURCH PARISH**

- **All Christian Formation Classes are canceled.**
- **Mothers Day Out Program is canceled.**
- **Friday & Sunday Homebound Communion is suspended during this time.**
- **Bereavement Meals are suspended during this time.**
- **NO DONATIONS will be accepted by the Zippers and their shop will remain closed during this time.**
- **There will be NO Daily or Weekend Masses during this time.**
- **The CHURCH OFFICE will be closed during this time.**
- **First Communion & Retreat for April 18th & 19th is postponed.**
- **Brusly Lions Club Card Party on April 27th is canceled.**



**Stewardship of Finances  
April 5, 2020  
83 Identified \$8,040.50**

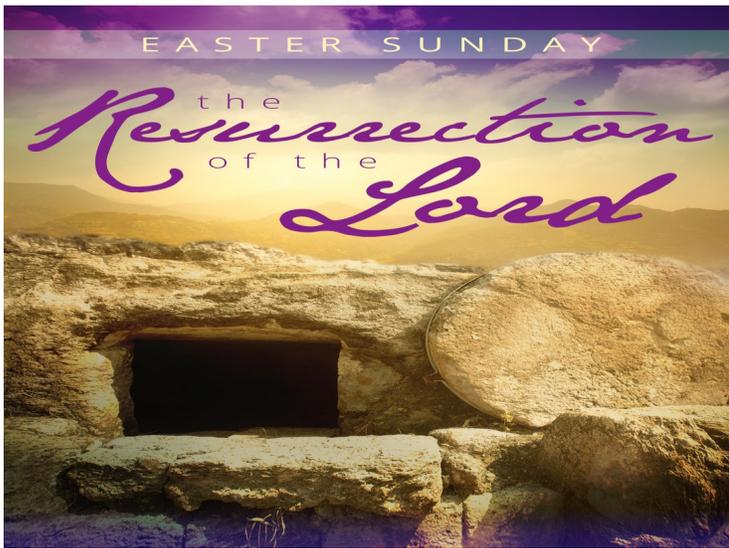
**THANKS to ALL of you for using the automatic bank draft and to those mailing in your donations!!**



***Prayer to Combat Coronavirus  
Most merciful and triune God,  
We come to You in our weakness.  
We come to You in our fear.  
We come to You with trust.  
For You alone are our hope.  
We place before You the disease present in  
our world. We turn to You in our time of  
need.  
Bring wisdom to Doctors.  
Give understanding to scientists.  
Endow caregivers with compassion and  
generosity.  
Bring healing to those who are ill.  
Protect those who are most at risk.  
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved  
one.  
Stabilize our communities.  
Unite us in our compassion.  
Remove all fear from our hearts.  
Fill us with confidence in Your care.  
Jesus, I trust in You.  
Amen.***

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2019-2020**

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**“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.”**  
**Mt 28:5b-7**

**Readings for the week of April 12, 2020**

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10  
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