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The Resurrection of the Lord
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Introduction to The Liturgy of the Word: As we observe a joyful Easter day, the response and the Psalm for today-Easter Sunday is from Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." The Apostle-Peter provides us with series of events about Jesus from his baptism until his resurrection. These events show that Jesus really died and rose from the dead on the third day and was seen by the Apostles who ate and drank with him (First reading). Since Jesus is risen and is alive, disciples of Christ are to set their hearts on heaven and lead a "risen" life (Colossians 3: 1-4-Second Reading). On the morning of the resurrection three people (Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John) come to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty. The first to find the tomb empty was Mary Magdalene who went and told Peter and the disciple Jesus loved. Peter entered the tomb first and saw it empty then the other disciple came along and also went in and saw it was empty (John 20: 1-9-Gospel Reading).

Undisputed and Personal Testimonies About the Resurrection of Jesus: The Head of the Apostles-Peter provides us with undisputed details about the resurrection of Jesus when in clear terms he makes mention of the news of the resurrection of Jesus from Nazareth which had spread across Judea. Peter relates how Jesus was baptized with the Baptism of John in Galilee, how Jesus accomplished many good works and healing among the Jews as well as in Jerusalem, how Jesus was put to death on the Cross but was raised on the third day, and how Jesus was seen by witnesses who eat and drank with him after He rose from the dead. Truths contained in the Holy Scriptures such as an empty tomb which neither the Romans or the Jewish leaders could deny, and Jesus's burial garments which were left behind are still proofs that Jesus had risen. The Apostles saw, ate, and drank with Jesus after He rose from the dead.

The Resurrection of Life and the Resurrection of Condemnation: From the words spoken by Jesus we clearly come to understand that there is the resurrection of life and the resurrection of condemnation: "Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation" (John 5: 28-29). St. Paul also peaks of two types of resurrection: "I have the same hope in God as they themselves have that there will be a resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous" (Acts 24: 15). Having been raised from our fallen state by the resurrection of Christ, all we need to do now is to continue to remain standing, walking and doing good works and never relapse back to our fallen state of sin or evil again. Our call now as those who have been raised by Christ and have become the children of the resurrection is to continue to undertake good deeds by working and walking towards resurrection to eternal life with God. We are provided with the ample opportunity now to go on living while doing good with our lives so as to behold God face to face.

How We Benefit From the Resurrection of Jesus: Since Jesus died in order to save us from our sins and by raising has also restored us our life, we for whom He died and rose from the dead participate in His own death especially His resurrection. First, we benefit from the resurrection of Jesus because through the resurrection of Christ we have obtained forgiveness for our sins. Jesus by his death on the cross paid for the sins of the entire world: "He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world" (I John 2: 2). If Jesus didn't die, our sins could not have been forgiven. If Jesus didn't rise, we will still be in our sins. Since Jesus died and rose from the dead we have been justified through the resurrection of Christ. Second, we also benefit from the resurrection of Jesus because through the resurrection of Jesus we have gained victory over death and have also been assured of our own raising to New life: "We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life" (Romans 6: 4). The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is therefore an assurance that God has the power to raise us from the dead. Christians have been guaranteed that like Christ who died and rose from the dead we who believe in Christ will also be raised to everlasting life: "Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11: 25-26). Through the resurrection of Jesus we can face the future with renewed faith, hope and love because through Christ we rise to everlasting life. Third, the resurrection of Jesus has given credence to our faith in the person of Jesus, to the power of Jesus, and to the works that Jesus did. We can now have reason to believe in Jesus as God-the Son, His preaching, miracles, call to conversion and repentance.

Closing Prayer: May our faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ be renewed everyday of our life and may we continue to live worthy lives until we are finally united with Jesus at the resurrection of life in heaven.

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10:38)

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

	<u>St. Anne</u>	St. Catherine	<u>St. Gabriel</u>	<u>St. Raphael</u>	
Needed Each Week:	\$2,242.45	\$2,548.08	\$508.62	\$800.60	
Needed Year-to-Date:	84,455.50	101,923.20	19,836.18	31,223.40	
Actual Year-to-Date:	73,034.19	101,766.10	21,226.77	31,896.03	
Date: April 10, 2022:	1,640.00	2,414.36	507.00	767.85	
Other Collections:	248.00	290.00	20.00	823.00	
Rice Bowl:	_	778.44	60.00	_	

This Week in our Parishes

Saturday, April 16, 2022

11:00am Blessing of Baskets at St. Anne's

- 3-4:00pm Divine Mercy Novena
- ~The Hour of Mercy~
- 9:00pm Easter Vigil at St. Anne's

Sunday, April 17, 2022

9:00am Easter Mass at St. Catherine (Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,

- St. Gabriel & St. Raphael)
- 11:00am Easter Mass at St. Anne (Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
- St. Gabriel & St. Raphael)
- 3-4:00pm Divine Mercy Novena

Monday, April 18, 2022

NO MASS TODAY *Both Office's closed* 3-4:00pm - Divine Mercy Novena

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

NO MASS TODAY

3-4:00pm - Divine Mercy Novena

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Special Intention for Stentoumis Family)
3-4:00pm - Divine Mercy Novena

Thursday, April 21, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Special Intention for all pregnant women)
3-4:00pm - Divine Mercy Novena

Friday, April 22, 2022 -

NO MASS TODAY

3-4:00pm - Divine Mercy Novena

Saturday, April 23, 2022

- 3-4:00pm Divine Mercy Novena
- 3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
- 4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
- 4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael

(For all sick parishioners)

- 6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
- 6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
- 6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel

(Special Intention for Jackie Price)

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (William Kramer)

11:00am Mass at St. Anne (Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,

St. Gabriel & St. Raphael)

Divine Mercy events are all at St. Catherine:

- 1:00-2: 00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 2: 30-3:30pm Divine Mercy Hour
- 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion Service

<u>OIVINE MERCY NOVENA</u> (THE HOUR OF MERCY):

Begins Good Friday, April 15 from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Continue for 9 days between 3:00 - 4:00 pm, *the hour of Mercy.* The Novena can be said in church or at home.

The Divine Mercy Devotion Service will be held at St. Catherine Church at 3:00 pm Sunday, April 24th, Divine Mercy Sunday.

EXPLANATION OF THE SYNOD OF SYNODALITY APRIL 24, 2022

April 24th, 2022 | After 11am Mass Maria Hall at St. Anne's

Breakfast will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. All are encouraged to join!! More information about Synodality is on the parish website at www.ResurrectionACGR.org.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- St. Gabriel Altar Society Meeting Tuesday, April 26 at 2:00pm
- **RICE BOWLS:** Please remember to return your Rice Bowl donations this week. Thank you for your continued generosity to those less fortunate.
- Volunteer Cleaners Needed! Volunteer Cleaners Needed for the months of June December!! St. Anne Parish is asking for volunteers to do "light" cleaning of our Church before Mass each weekend. Volunteers sign up for a month at a time. To help with this stewardship or for more information, please call the parish office at 724-6713. Thank you.
- Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on April 22-24, 2022. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$200 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.
- MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

EASTER SUNDAY:

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43, COL 3:1-4, JN 20:1-9

MONDAY:

ACTS 2:14, 22-33, MT 28:8-15

TUESDAY:

ACTS 2:36-41, JN 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY:

ACTS 3:1-10, LK 24:13-35

THURSDAY:

ACTS 3:11-26, LK 24:35-48

FRIDAY:

ACTS 4:1-12, JN 21:1-14

SATURDAY:

ACTS 4:13-21, MK 16:9-15



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday:

Rev. Benjamin Rexroat

Monday:

Rev. Mitchel Roman

Tuesday:

Vocations to the priesthood and all religious life

Wednesday:

Rev. Richard Schaeffer

Thursday:

Rev. Lawrence Sergott

Friday:

Rev. James Siler

Saturday:

All Seminarians

HAPPY EASTER 2022: MAY WE REIGN WITH CHRIST IN THE ETERNAL KINGDOM OF GOD



Dearly beloved parishioners, our belief is that all of us who are disciples of Jesus Christ will be blessed with the opportunity to reign in the kingdom of God the Father, with Jesus who, after His death came back to life. Our belief in the resurrection of Jesus is not only because of the words of Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live" (John 11: 25); or "From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised" (Matthew 16: 21); but we believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead because of the testimony of the followers of Jesus: "For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15: 3-6)

Since Jesus rose from the dead, we have the guarantee that like Jesus who died and rose from the dead, we who believe in Jesus Christ will also be raised to everlasting life with Christ. Hence, because Jesus has risen from the dead, He has made us "Children of the Resurrection," and an "Alleluia People." Having been raised from our fallen state by the resurrection of Christ, all we need to do now is to continue to stand with the Lord, to walk with the Lord, and to continue to carry out good works, so that we are able to behold God face to face at the resurrection of life. Let us therefore face the future with renewed faith, hope and love because through Christ we will be raised to everlasting life.

My prayerful good wish for you my beloved parishioners, all people of good will and the world at large is for everyone to enjoy a better, brighter, and hopeful future not just here on earth but especially with God in Heaven. As we approach summer 2022, may God come to our aid and help us say goodbye to Covid and all that came as a result of Covid and may peace reign wherever there is war. We continue to pray for God continue to heal and strengthen our sick. Happy Easter everyone and may we have a fruitful summer period and a successful journey together as Holy and Innocent children of God. Thank you all and God bless each and everyone.

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS AND FLOWERS IN HONOR OF:

St. Catherine - In Memory of:

- Jack & Fran Smith
- Mack Family
- Joyce Hnatuk
- Gary Frundel
- Marcella Kaylo
- Tyler Root
- Dolores Root
- Ted Howay
- Terry Howay
- Mark Howay
- Richard & Rose King
- James & Georgia LaBell
- Barbara LaBell
- Vicki King
- Joseph King
- John Rawls
- · Mary Ann Rawls
- James David Rawls
- Christine Rawls
- John & Eunice Krueger
- Joseph & Helen Souva
- Mr & Mrs. Fred Robbins
- Tom Robbins
- Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kroll
- Gene Kroll
- Roger Robbins
- Curtis Pleiness
- Mike & Florence Endres

St. Catherine In Honor of:

Saranen Family

St. Gabriel - In Memory of:

- Donald Bushey
- Jack & Joanne Cipriani
- Doris Miltz

2022 GAYLORD DCCW CONVENTION "FIFTY YEARS OF FAITH"

We hope you can join us to celebrate our 50th Anniversary of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH, | 9:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M., at Diocese of Gaylord Cooney Conference Center, 611 W North St., Gaylord. Offering: \$30/person (lunch included). Registration Deadline: April 25th. For additional information call Pauline at 989-736-3190.

BISHOP WALSH VIDEO SERIES: Bishop Walsh is excited to begin a new weekly video series, Checking In with Bishop Walsh (subject to change). Bishop Walsh hopes that these videos will be an opportunity to keep the faithful informed about the happenings in the diocese and hear his reflections based on his encounters as the bishop. For a better introduction to the intended purpose of these videos, you may wish to watch Bishop Walsh's first episode, which was published on the Diocese of Gaylord YouTube page yesterday and shared on the Diocese of Gaylord's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

DECLINE TO SIGN: UNLIMITED ABORTION PETITION CIRCULATING:

Individuals are currently collecting signatures across the state to change the Michigan Constitution to allow for unregulated abortions. This "Reproductive Freedom" petition is opposed by the Catholic bishops in Michigan. It would allow schools to help teens obtain abortions without their parents knowing. Parents: Do NOT sign away your rights. If approached for your signature, first review the text of the proposal. Say "no thank you" to the unlimited abortion petition where the description begins with "Constitutional Amendment to: establish new individual right to reproductive freedom..."

Find out more at www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org. and Citizens to Support MI Women and Children