

A WORD FROM FR. MICHAEL

As I write this message, the full moon shines in all its glory outside my window. What a beautiful sight! As you may know, we mark the date for the celebration of Easter in this way: the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the Spring equinox. And here we are.

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY, HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!!!

His rising from the dead, of course, is not a matter confined to a date. It is always and everywhere. It is not simply an historical fact that He rose, but a present reality that exists for all eternity: He IS risen. He HAS destroyed the power of death. He FOREVER has vanquished the forces of evil. As I ended my message last week: Not even a pandemic has power over Him and the victory He has won for us.

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Of course we continue to slog it out, and most especially (and most painfully) experience the sad inability to gather as a family of faith during this Solemnity. It reminds us that the battle may be won – we know the end of this story – but the daily journey to the Kingdom is still fraught with danger. It reminds me of what Cardinal Collins used to tell us in the Seminary when we studied the Book of Revelation: the devil has had a mortal blow delivered, but in his death throes, the dragon’s tail still whips around in a flurry and can cause some distress. It is an image of what we often experience in this world in terms of our distress, but more importantly, it is a reminder that the mortal blow has, indeed, been delivered. The victory has been won.

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Once again, I am so grateful to hear many accounts of parishioners looking out for each other: The phone calls and electronic messages and the running of errands for those unable to get out, the ongoing prayers for those who are suffering, the encouragement given, the hope being shared. They are all powerful witnesses, in the nitty gritty details of our lives, of what we celebrate today. Even the darkest tomb cannot contain the hope of new life. That hope has been given to all of us.

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As always, I am posting this on Wednesday – just as we technically complete our Lenten journey and enter the sacred Triduum. For those who wish to be united, as a parish family, to the Liturgies I will pray in these days, I refer you to the times I published in last week’s bulletin. By now, you also have discovered the rich trove of online and televised resources that help support and sustain our spiritual lives. We are so fortunate, even in the midst of this trial, to have access to such sources. Still, we long for the physical presence that will come when we finally pass through this valley of darkness and once again are able to gather as a family of faith. Until that day, may our union be in heart, mind and soul. And may each of us rejoice in this most powerful truth:

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Peace to all of you. Fr. Michael.

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- CLOSED -

April 12, 2020
EASTER SUNDAY

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Parish Organist: Mariette Hickey

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:30 pm. St. John the Evangelist

Sunday 9:00 am. St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday 10:30 am. St. John the Evangelist

WEEKDAY MASSES

Cancelled

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30—4:00pm

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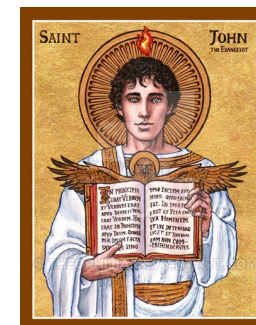
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(6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)



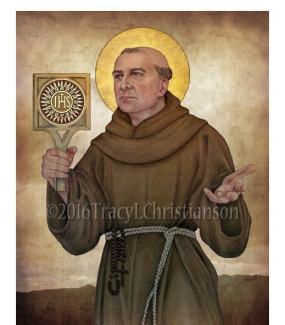
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Garson



St. Bernardine
Church - Skead



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWER DONATIONS

Donations were made in memory of the following people. Fr. Michael will offer the Easter Sunday Mass for them.

Pamela Astgen

Ken Farrell

Linda Billings (Hofbaur)

Charlene Grimes

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Margaret & Michael McCormick

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