



HAPPY EASTER FROM ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

APRIL 4, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Weekend Masses Saturday Sunday	4:00pm 9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Masses	
Tuesday Wednesday & Thu	7:00pm rsday 8:00am
Holy Day Masses	As Announced
<b>Confession</b> Tuesday	5:30pm
<b>Rosary</b> Tuesday	6:00pm

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9:00am—1:00pm & 4:30pm—8:00pm

**Tuesday** 2:00pm—8:00pm

Saturday 3:00pm—5:00pm

Sunday 10:00am—12:30pm

### PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, April 5, 2021 Parish Office Closed

#### Tuesday, April 6, 2021

5:30pm Confession 6:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass

### Wednesday, April 7, 2021

8:00am Mass 9:30am Needlecrafters

### Thursday, April 8, 2021

8:00am Mass9:00am Swiffers Team #46:00pm K of C Officers Mtg.6:30pm K of C General Mtg.

Friday, April 9, 2021 Parish Office Closed

Saturday, April 10, 2021 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, April 11, 2021 9:00am Mass 11:30am Mass

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Fr. Tony Sulkowski Pastor FrTony@sjfparish.org Ext. 102

On behalf of the parish staff of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, I wish you, your family, and your friends a most joyous and blessed Easter. When you gather with your loved

ones this year, may you give thanks to God for all the people who, in their own ways, enrich and enhance your life.

I also wish to welcome all those who have come from places near and far to be with family and celebrate Easter. I pray that your time with your family and friends is memorable. When the time comes for you to return to your own homes, may your trip be a safe one.

Easter is a joyous time: the snow is gone, new life is all around, the flowers are in bloom, and the nice weather will soon be upon us. It's also a time in which the words that Jesus spoke to his disciples are fulfilled. The Son of Man will be put to death but will rise in three days. He has Risen, as He said.

There is a story about a priest who gave the shortest homily one Easter Sunday. On Easter morning, parishioners were gathered in the Church, children were dressed in their Sunday clothes, and the day was sunny and warm. The priest read the Gospel for the Easter Mass. Then he kissed the Book of the Gospels, descended the steps, cleared his throat, and spoke to the congregation.

"I am going to give you the shortest homily you have ever heard," he said. "As we celebrate the Great Feast of Easter, either you believe that Christ has Risen from the tomb or you don't. The choice is yours." And with that said, he continued with the Mass.

Indeed, Christ has risen from the tomb as He told his disciples He would. Sometimes, the easiest choices are the most challenging ones. For forty days of Lent, we have been preparing to celebrate this day. We are like Peter and John, who, after being told by the women that the tomb was empty, went to the tomb, peered in, and saw for themselves that it was empty. They saw and believed.

As we go about our work and leisure, may we take the time to see the many ways in which God reveals the Risen Christ to us. Happy Easter, Wesslego Alleluja, Pasque Felice, Feliz Pascua.

**Bon mot:** "The future belongs to the believers and not to skeptics and doubters. The future belongs to those who love, not to those who hate."

-Pope Pius XII, Address to the College of Cardinals, June 2, 1947

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony

### **PARISH NEWS**

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Laurie Hall Pastoral Associate Ext. 104

# **EASTER SUNDAY:** LHall@sifparish.org THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Adapted from catholiccurrent.org.

What is Easter? The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils." Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday of Easter to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian "Alleluia!"

All faith flows from faith in the Resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith" (1 Cor 15:14). "What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind [...] So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body."

"If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written: 'The first man, Adam, became a living being,' the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one" (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49).

The Octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first Sunday of Easter to the Second Sunday of Easter. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "east." The sun that rises in the east, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and is lit for all liturgical celebrations.

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Saturday Apr. 10, 2021	Sunday Apr. 11, 2021
<i>4:00pm</i> John Czarski	<i>9:00am</i> Chris Darner
	<i>11:30am</i> Ronald Mobley
	John Czarski

## SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF APRIL 4, 2021

#### Sunday

Easter Sunday Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-15

#### Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 Jn 20:11-18

#### Wednesdav

Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:13-35

Thursday Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:35-48

Fridav Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a Jn 21:1-14

Saturday Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 Mk 16:9-15

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31



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### OFFERTORY INFORMATION MARCH 22, 2021

Registered Families:	1,386
Envelopes Returned:	163
Amount Offered:	\$6,813.00
Loose Offering:	\$501.00
Online Giving Contributors:	113
Contributions:	\$3,872.00
Total Offerings:	\$11,186.00
2020 Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Actual Offertory:	\$11,186.00
Difference:	—\$600.00

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Today is Easter Sunday, and we rejoice in the risen Lord! Looking back, it's hard to believe that it has been almost two years since we celebrated Holy Week and Easter in Church as we normally do. That is almost

unthinkable! But still we were able to worship in our own ways, at home with family. Life goes on and we've made it through.

Meanwhile, God has given us some beautiful spring weather, the likes of which we haven't seen in a long time—actually a real honest-to-goodness spring! It is almost as if He knows we need it. When I see the crocuses and daffodils blooming, the hyacinths peeking out of the ground, and the buds sprouting on my lilac bushes, it is a constant reminder of God's presence.

One of my favorite Easter songs comes to mind—an old one from my choir days as a teenager at St. Rita's in Detroit, *Night is Over* by Carey Landry:

Night is over, day is at hand, Christ our Light is risen;

Night is over, day is at hand, darkness has been overcome, forever! (Refrain) And lo, the winter is past, rains are over and gone, flowers appear on the earth;

And lo, the winter is past, rains are over and gone, glad songs, glad songs are heard!

God has raised up Jesus; His splendor shines forth throughout the earth. God has raised up Jesus; the heavens declare His triumph o'er death forever! Christ our Light is risen; we are His faithful witnesses;

Christ our Light is risen; let us rejoice, oh let us rejoice forever!

If the Refrain looks familiar, that's because it probably is: legendary sports broadcaster Ernie Harwell traditionally recited those words (from Song of Songs 2:11, 12) at the beginning of each Tigers baseball season. I guess it never hurts for the home team to get a little help from above!

On behalf of the music ministry of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, I want to wish you and yours a very happy and blessed Easter season!

## **ST. MAGDALEN OF CANOSSA**

Adapted from catholiccurrent.org. Feast Day: April 10.

This foundress, born to a noble family in Verona, Italy, lost her father at age five and was abandoned by her mother when she remarried.

Choosing religious life over an advantageous marriage, Magdalen first joined the Carmelites, but left when she saw that their strict rules of enclosure would prohibit her charitable works. She began a new community, the Canossian Daughters of Charity, in 1799 by bringing two poor girls into her own home.



The institute spread throughout Italy, and Magdalen helped found an order of priests and a third order for laypeople. Canossians minister today in Italy, Latin America, and the Philippines. Magdalen, who was canonized in 1988, famously said, "Those who love are never tired, since love knows no burden."



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"He is risen!" "Alleluia, He is risen, indeed!" I have read that these sentences, or some version of them, were used in some of the earliest Christian communities as a call and

response to tell who among the populace were followers if Jesus. I have also heard that the nonchalant drawing of a curved line like this, \_\_\_\_\_, made with one's toe or walking stick, opened the invitation for a fellow believer to come and casually finish the shape: \_\_\_\_\_\_. This would indicate that they were a fellow believer in the teachings of Jesus, and that it was okay to follow them to a safe place to speak of these teachings free of possible persecution and imprisonment. Regardless of the truth to these stories, one has to admit that it would be a wonderful way to introduce yourself to fellow believers.

We live in a society where many Church teachings are thought of as archaic, unchanging, oppressive, and limiting to personal freedoms. On the contrary, when one looks (with as much of an unbiased mind as one can muster) into why the Church teaches the way that She does, one can begin to see a bigger picture of the human race—of our place in the world and what we must do to further not just our relationship with God, but with our neighbors, and their relationships with God, as well.

Our Church is almost two millennia old. In that time, kingdoms and different societies have come and gone, governments have risen up and been toppled, wars have raged, and power has shifted from one human to another—but the Church has sustained. She has shifted Her position on a few things with care and thought, but She is still around, loyal and faithful to the teachings of Jesus, the Christ. Humans shift allegiances back and forth, yet the Church stands firm, speaking the truth and holding us accountable to each other, and more importantly, to God. The Church holds a wide variety of views and understandings, and more often than not, She straddles the middle of the road to help unite us as people of God.

We celebrate Easter this week. The Good News, the Gospel, is of Jesus conquering death—not for himself, but for every single one of us, children, adults, Jews, Gentiles, Christians, non-Christians, even atheists—*everyone*! This is our belief. This is the Grace that God has freely given to us. We cannot earn the right to this, nor can we do enough good to offset the bad that we have perpetrated.

We have thumbed our noses at God and Jesus time and time again, yet we are forgiven these offenses when we simply ask for mercy. Our response to God's Grace needs to be that of changing ourselves to be more like Jesus. Paul writes of this in one of the choices for this week's second reading, in his letter to the Colossians (3:1-4):

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.

He is risen! Alleluia, He is risen indeed! Happy Easter and happy travels on this road of Christianity!

# With Deepest Sympathy

The community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal extends support and prayers to the family and friends of:

### Raymond M. Vesnaugh

Beloved husband of Bernadette. Father of Brian, Lori, and Julie. Brother of Patrick, Jerry, and the late Thomas.

### Ferdinanda Lanni

Beloved wife of the late Giovanni. Loving mother of Antonio, Rita, Giorgio, and the late Elena. Predeceased by her dear siblings: Maddalena, Giovanni, Nicola, and Pietro.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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Names added to the Prayer List remain for a period of four weeks. Please call the Parish Office to request additional prayers. Thank you!

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"Nourished by God's Word & the Eucharist, we strive to be a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 5, 2021 No Mass

	Tuesday, Apr 7:00pm	<b>il 6, 2021</b> Dec. Rose Deagle (Tom & Phyllis Harris) Liv. Valentin Vacaj (Dad, Nua) Dec. Evie Noechel (Richard & Delphine Skowron)
	Wednesday, April 7, 2021 8:00am Dec. Lazzaro & Angela Gasperoni (Rose Maiani	
	Thursday, Ap 8:00am	r <b>il 8, 2021</b> Dec. Carol Korte (Guzi Family) Liv. Brian Guzi (Guzi Family)
	Friday, April 9, 2021 No Mass	
	Saturday, April 10, 2021	
	4:00pm	Dec. Loraine Felisiak (Ed & Sandy Kempa) Dec. Dorothy Kotulis (Judy Kotulis) Dec. Sam Castelli (O'Connor Family) Dec. Mitch Roszko (O'Connor Family)
	Sunday, April 11, 2021	
	9:00am	Dec. Richard Volpe (Nancy Volpe)
st	11:30am	For the Parishioners Dec. Frank & Mary Skonieczny (Pat Mandziuk) Liv. Pepaj Family (Joe Pepaj) Dec. Alicja Koziarz (Linda Franczyk) Dec. Fredrick Zirotte, Jr. (Linda Franczyk)

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