

# OLD ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

*The Paulist Fathers and Staff of Old St. Mary's wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter. May the Blessings of the Risen Lord be upon you.*

MARCH 31, 2024

LET US  
*rejoice*  
AND BE  
*glad.*

PSALM 118

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### Our Parish Mission

Founded in 1833, Old St. Mary's Parish is the first Catholic parish in the Chicago area. Guided for more than a century by the vision of the Paulist Fathers, we are a diverse and welcoming community dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of the Loop, South Loop and the greater Chicago area. As a unified Church and School community, Old St. Mary's Parish promotes the mission of the Paulist Fathers to welcome those who have been away from the church, to build bridges of respect and collaboration with people of diverse backgrounds and religions, and to promote justice and healing in our society.

### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

**Psalm:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)

**Second Reading:** If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

**Gospel:** For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20:9)

### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 - 8:00 PM  
All Newly Initiated

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 AM	Stacey Sheerin
10:00 AM	Chona Capalad & Family
12:00 PM	Ana Burian

MONDAY, APRIL 1 - 8:30 AM  
+ Carmen Maramento

TUESDAY, APRIL 2 - 8:30 AM  
All Souls in Need

Wednesday, April 3 - 8:30 AM  
+ Stephen Oleszkiewicz

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 - 8:30 AM  
+ Maria Asuncion Vergara

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 - 8:30 AM  
+ Jovita Montille

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**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

**Wednesday:** 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

**Friday:** 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

**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1); 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

**NO ADULT OR FAMILY OPEN GYM  
EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31**



**Parish Offices will  
be closed on  
Monday, April 1.  
There will be Mass  
at 8:30 AM**

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Did you know that Easter is all about surprise? Maybe not for us. In our culture it is a given the Jesus rises from the dead. Que the eggs, the bunnies, baskets, fancy clothes and everything else! Back to Jesus – here's the biggest surprise, that we must hold on to – NOBODY saw Jesus rise from the dead, NOBODY.

We are used to pictures of Jesus rising from the dead, but the bible says, "EMPTY TOMB!" None of the accounts of Jesus after his resurrection is a glorious impersonal levitation – they are all intimate personal encounters. He shows up for Mary Magdalene, to the disciples headed for Emmaus, the disciples in the locked room, seashore and mountaintop. Eventually he'll show up to Paul on his journey to Damascus.

But the empty tomb is meant to be a shocker. Death could not contain him. Death is still a stumbling block to non – believers. But to us believers (okay maybe grasping that Jesus rose from the tomb is still tough), our discovery that it was not a one-time occurrence – surprise! Shocker – Jesus rose from the dead, not a one-time occurrence but an ongoing reality! If you think it just happened once upon a couple of millennia ago – you miss the point, you miss the joy, you miss the profound message for each one of us.

That's why ALLELUIA is this explosive word that jumps from our heart and soul. It conveys a reality that allows us to enter into that space where Jesus is alive and with us – and we know him in that encounter. I pray you will have a blessed Easter Sunday, Easter Season, and ongoing experience of Easter in all your lives!

Remember: Christ is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ is Truly RISEN, Alleluia! ALLELUIA!!!

Fr. Brad Schoeberle, CSP – Pastor

**Thank you for joining us for our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations!**

**Some of you may remember Fr. Charlie Brunick, CSP who served at OSM in our last location as well as this one. He passed away a few short weeks ago. We will have a special memorial Mass for him at 8:30a.m. May 28 (which is Memorial Day as well) here in the church, followed by a potluck social. We hope you can come.**

**Also, some parishioners are raising funds to donate a memorial chalice to the parish with Fr. Charlie's name on the base. If you are interested in donating to that fund, send a check with "Fr. Charlie in the memo line, or go to the parish website and click on the GIVE BUTTON and when you reach donations, simply include his name in your contribution.**

**We are also still celebrating the Eucharistic Revival, and are having our monstrance and one of our ciboriums restored. The combined cost for both restorations will be near \$5,000. We have already raised almost \$2,000. If you wish to help us, simply include a note on your check or donation that says, "monstrance". Thanks for your help with these special memorial projects!**

**Blessings!**

We welcome the following new parishioners to the  
Old St. Mary's Parish Community.



*Nancy Sebastian & Sylvantious Jayaraman*  
*Alan McCormick & Amy Myers*

### Prayer of Blessing

Dear Lord,

Pour your blessings upon us today, we who trust in your name and call upon you. Send us your Spirit, enlighten our hearts, fill our lives with your abundance. Amen. ©LPi



## Easter Flower Donations



In memory of Betty Silverman and Bill Baxter  
*by Lynda Bartlett*

In memory of John & Emily White  
*by Cozette Buckney*

In memory of Priscilla Serrano, Restituto Serrano,  
Serafin Chua, Sr., Faustina Dyaucu Chua and  
Carmen Maramento *by Serafin & Mertlyn Chua*

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Karen Midula *by Mr. & Mrs. John Hughes*

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*by Carmen Sanchez-Bass*

In memory of deceased members of  
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*by Vanessa Vergara and Joseph Seliga*

In memory of Carol Sheerin, Timothy Ganze,  
deceased members of Sheerin family,  
Ganze family and Stamm family *by Patrick Sheerin*

In memory of Mr. Jan Kolat and  
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Ms. Sharon Sinkevicz, and Mr. Larry Sinkevicz  
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In memory of Rosario Lee Abrigo  
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In memory of Pat & Bill Burnett *by Maria Thomas*

In memory of Angelico Tiongco,  
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Nora Tiongco *by Myrna Tiongco*

In memory of Rosita Navaro & Family,  
David E. Alcorn, and Fr. Charles Brunick, CSP  
*by Marisa Alcorn*

In memory of Olga Seiler,  
Robert & Mary Ellen Zakoff, Joseph M. Zakoff,  
Joseph & Margaret Mihula  
*by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Seiler*

In memory of Marcos & Nena Fogata  
*by Grace Fogata*

In memory of Eleanor Hood-Wynn,  
Glenda Goode and Aaron Trotter *by Unknown*

In memory of William & Sophie Sowa,  
Harry Sowa, Ann Smagaj and Walt Martens  
*by Mary Trailov*

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Gilberto Valdez  
*by Unknown*

In memory of Eduvigio & Anatlia Tudtud  
*by Sally Tudtud*

### Donations for flowers also received from:

Mr. & Mrs. Nana Adu	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Apel	Mr. & Mrs. Ruelito Benjam
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Thank you for your donations in memory and honor of loved ones. Please excuse any typographical errors.

**TESTIMONY OF ONE OF OUR RCIA CATECHUMENS**



**I** am joining the Catholic Church to pursue truth and deepen my faith.

*Zackary Queijo*



We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need.

**Please turn in your CRS Rice Bowl next Weekend, April 6/7.**

*Because our bank doesn't accept coins, please convert your donation to cash, or a check made payable to Old St. Mary's and write Rice Bowl in the memo line.*

Thank you.

**WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**  
**Spiritual Communion**

**Question:**

What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

**Answer:**

The practice of making a “spiritual communion” dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way. ©LPI

**EASTER**



**CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN**

**Question:** Which two items can be consumed without officially breaking the Eucharistic fast?

**Answer:** Medicine and water.

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.

**MASS TIMES**

MASSSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

**SATURDAY:**  
5:00 pm

**SUNDAY:**  
8:00 am, 11:00 am & 4:00 pm

**DAILY MASS:**  
8:30 am

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

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[www.oldstmarys.com](http://www.oldstmarys.com)

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**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISMS:**

PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) FOR BAPTISM. YOU WILL BE CONTACTED.

**CONFESSIONS:**

4 PM SATURDAY AND BY APPOINTMENT



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Fridays from 9 AM to Noon.

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**BUDGET SCORECARD - FY 2024**

thru 2/29/2024

<b>Weekly Budget Amount</b>		<b>19,158.00</b>
Fiscal YTD Budget		\$ 632,214.00
	Receipts	
Sunday/Christmas Collection	\$ 280,481.28	
Online Giving	\$ 272,685.81	
Faith Formation Tuition	\$ 17,529.00	
Bank Acct Interest	\$ 342.01	
Candle boxes, Mass Intentions, Baptism,	\$ 21,321.05	
Wedding, etc		
Total Received	\$ 592,359.15	
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (39,854.85)	

Through February, our parish took in \$39,854.85 less than we needed to break even.

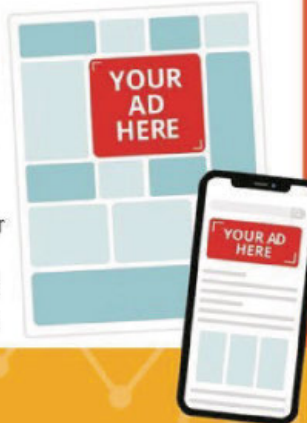


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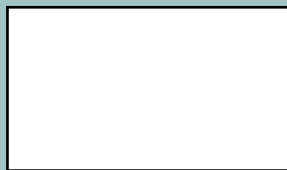


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