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7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM,
12:00 NOON PRINCIPAL LITURGY

WEEKDAYS &

FIRST FRIDAYS:

7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:00 NOON

SATURDAYS:

9:00AM, 5:30PM VIGIL

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:

BY APPOINTMENT.

PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER
OF THE PARISH STAFF
WELL IN ADVANCE.

SACRAMENT

OF RECONCILIATION:

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD
AT 5:00PM ON SATURDAYS
AND ANYTIME BY
APPOINTMENT.



THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: APRIL 4, 2010

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“Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life, which is a part of the person, is indeed answered. Through Jesus we do know ‘the room where exiled love lays down its victory.’ He himself is this place, and he calls us to be with him and in dependence on him. He calls us to keep this place open within the world so that he, the exiled love, may reappear over and over in the world ... God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed.” (*Pope Benedict XVI*)

TODAY’S READINGS ...

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

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

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Luke 24:1-12
(*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

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

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31


SATURDAY: EASTER VIGIL

8:00 PM ST. MONICA PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY: EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 **St. Monica Parishioners**

9:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

10:30 **St. Monica Parishioners**

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

MONDAY: OCTAVE OF EASTER

7:30 Mary Jane and Emil Russo

9:00 Rev. Thomas Mulvanerty

12:00 Peter Donahue

TUESDAY: OCTAVE OF EASTER

7:30 Dan Weisner

9:00 Blanca de Rosales

12:00 Rev. Thomas Mulvanerty

WEDNESDAY: OCTAVE OF EASTER

7:30 Timothy J. Buckley

9:00 Andalesia Bachiller

12:00 Marjorie and Charles Barrett

THURSDAY: OCTAVE OF EASTER

7:30 In Thanksgiving

9:00 Priests of St. Monica

12:00 Alvin, Yuklen, Gloria and Edward Dann

FRIDAY: OCTAVE OF EASTER

7:30 Andrea Saavedra

9:00 Walter Ferber

12:00 Mrs. Jean Vale

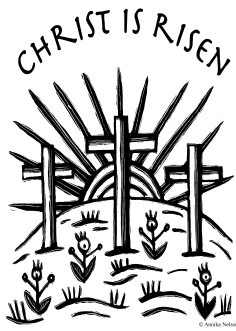
SATURDAY: OCTAVE OF EASTER

9:00 Rev. George Reinheimer

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED ...

We all know what to expect of Easter: lots of lilies around the altar, our “Alleluia” joyfully sung over and over, perhaps a tasty ham dinner later in the day, topped off by some chocolates from the Easter basket. But all of this began, as we hear in today’s Gospel, with the “unexpected” when Mary Magdalene found the tomb empty. Indeed, Peter’s speech from Acts in the first reading could insert the phrase “you might have expected” at a number of points . . . that Jesus would baptize John, not the other way around . . . that his healing and exorcising ministry would win him acclaim, not death . . . that his resurrection would place him in another dimension, not back at table with his followers. On a day like Easter, a day filled with traditions, customs, and expectations, we are called more than ever to keep looking for God’s will in unexpected places, people, and events. In this way we can continue to give witness, like Mary Magdalene and Peter, that Christ is truly risen from dead, and continues to live among us.

FROM OUR PASTOR ...



The priests of St. Monica's Parish join me in wishing each and every parishioner, friend and visitor to St. Monica's Church a very Blessed Easter!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU...

St. Monica's Parish is family; it is Jesus Christ's living body. Many, many **'THANKS'** to all of you who gave so freely and wholeheartedly of your time and

talents – the Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Cross Bearers, Thurifers, Lectors, Choir, Musicians, and Ushers – also to those who offer hospitality, and to all who scrubbed, polished, and helped to decorate our church for the Easter celebration.

YOUR EASTER DONATIONS ...

The Easter collection is an important part of St. Monica's income. We depend on your generosity to support the liturgies and the musical settings. The beauty of the Easter Altar is glorious to behold.

May God bless you for all that you do for our parish.

THE EASTER OCTAVE ...

Sunday, April 4 - Sunday, April 11, 2010

Easter time lasts fifty days: seven weeks of seven days (seven equals Biblical perfection) plus one day: perfection plus! Like an eight-day Jewish wedding, or a child who can't bear to let go of Christmas, birthdays, and school vacation, the Church celebrates the Easter Octave: *"the marriage of heaven and earth,"* as the Vigil calls Jesus' resurrection; our new members' baptismal rebirth; our renewal of baptismal vows; our hearts' *"divine vacation"* (Latin *vacare*, *"to be empty"*), newfound time and space for love of God and neighbor. Make home an Easter garden! Adorn the dining table with a pillar candle (your *"paschal candle"*), a bowl full of water (ideally, from the parish's baptismal font), a vase of flowers or bowl of sprouting grain with Easter eggs. Even non-singers can handle the three-fold Gospel Alleluia! Let that be your grace before meals, perhaps with a prayer recalling Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): *"Be known to us, Risen Lord Jesus, as you were to the first disciples, in your word, in the breaking of bread, and in everyone we meet."*

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WE REMEMBER YOU, O RISEN LORD ...

We remember you, O risen Lord, new Covenant at the feast of the cross.

Your resurrection dresses the table for the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Blessed are you!

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSP, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p.163

STEWARDSHIP ...

To adopt a practice of sacrificial giving, follow these steps:

First, agree to return to the Lord in gratitude a portion of everything he has given you, whether through inheritance, paychecks, investments, unexpected windfalls, an allowance, or a Social Security check.

Second, your return to the Lord must have a certain bite to it. Sacrificial giving means making a sacrifice.

Third, get very specific about the size of your donation. Many consider the biblical norm called a "tithe" (10 percent of one's gross income), meaning the initial 10 pennies of every \$1 earned or received. Of that 10 percent, half will go to the parish Sunday collection and the other half to the people in need. The latter category includes Catholic school tuition, diocesan collections, the missions, local appeals for the needy and our own private pet charities. That second portion can be set aside and used as the situation dictates or as requests arise.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS ...

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of over 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a religious service without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world.

If you have food, clothes on your back, a roof overhead, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the people in the world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in the dish some place, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over 2 billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Work like you don't need the money, love like you've never been hurt, dance like nobody is watching, sing like no one is listening, live like it is Heaven on Earth and ...

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!

PLEASE REMEMBER...

Both in life and in death, we belong to the Lord.

- Romans 14

Please remember St. Monica's Church in your will.

The Burning of the Sanctuary Light
during the month of **APRIL**
for the intentions of Elden Butzbaugh (living)
has been donated by Tara Butzbaugh

The Bread and Wine for the
Celebration of the Eucharist
during the month of **APRIL**
has been donated by
the generosity of a parishioner



The monthly Sanctuary Light and the monthly Bread and Wine used for the Celebration of the Eucharist may be reserved for your special intentions in memory of a deceased loved one, in thanksgiving for a favor received, or for any other special need. The memorials will be noted in the bulletin each month. The monthly offering:

\$35.00 for the Sanctuary Light
\$35.00 for the Bread and Wine

Please call the rectory at (212) 288-6251 to make your reservation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

NEW YORK YANKEE BASEBALL BONANZA ...

All registered parishioners have received 2 raffle tickets for 3 New York Yankee Games at the New Yankee Stadium.

The drawing will be held **on Sunday, April 18th, 2010 at St. Monica's Church, after the 12:00 Noon Mass.**

Additional tickets can be purchased at the rectory, Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 7:45pm.

Please remember to send in your tickets - *'take a chance.'*

BLOOD DRIVE ...

We will be hosting our *'Sixth Annual Blood Drive'* at the Church of Saint Monica on **Sunday, April 25th, 2010 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**



You **CANNOT** get AIDS or any other disease by giving blood. The materials used for your donation, including the needle, are new, sterile, disposable, and used only once by you for your donation. **SAVE THE DATE** and give us **ONE** hour of your time for such a worthy cause.

Photo ID is required. Please call the parish office (212) 288-6251 to sign up for this worthy cause and help make this a successful community event!

VOLUNTEERING ...

Pregnancy Help, Inc. is seeking volunteers to staff its Center at 233 West 14th Street. They need people who are willing to be trained as counselors and support staff for this important work. The joy of knowing you are saving a life and helping a woman in crisis will be your compensation. For further information, please call (212) 243-0970.

GRACES OF RESURRECTION ...

Jesus says of his death: *"I go away, and I will come to you."* It is by going away that he comes. His going ushers in a completely new and greater way of being present. By dying he enters into the love of the Father. His dying is an act of love. Love, however, is immortal. Therefore, his going away is transformed into a new coming, into a force, a form of presence which reaches deeper and does not come to an end...Jesus, who is now totally transformed through the act of love, is free from barriers and limits. He is able not only to pass through closed doors in the outside world, as the Gospels recount (see Jn 20:19), He can pass through the interior door separating the "I" from the "you," the closed door between yesterday and today, between the past and the future... Now he can even surmount the wall of otherness that separates the "I" from the "you." This happened with Paul, who describes the process of his conversion and his baptism in these words: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." (Gal 2:20). Through the coming of the Risen One, Paul obtained a new identity. His closed "I" was opened. Now he lives in communion with Jesus Christ, in the great "I" of believers who have become – as he puts it – "one in Christ" (Gal 3:28)...Believers are never totally cut off from one another. We are in communion because of our deepest identity: Christ within. Thus faith is a force for peace and reconciliation in the world: distances between people are overcome, in the Lord we have become close (see Eph 2:13)...The Lord has granted us the light of truth. This light is also fire, a powerful force coming from God, a force that does not destroy, but seeks to transform our hearts, so that we truly become men of God, and so that his peace can become active in this world... At this hour, let us thank the Lord, because through the power of his word and of the holy Sacraments, he points us in the right direction and draws our hearts upwards. Let us pray to him in these words: *"Yes, Lord make us Easter people, men and women of light, filled with the fire of your love"*. (Pope Benedict XVI)

CHRIST IS HERE ...

Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here. —*St. Augustine*

ALLELUIA...

The *Alleluia*, which has been silent for forty days, will now be heard in praise and thanksgiving for the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter.

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Weekdays after the Noon Mass and Saturdays after the 9:00am Mass

Holy Hour: First Friday of each month after the Noon Mass

Devotions: Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass

HAPPY EASTER



LOVE, JOSEPH

From Joseph, (age 4)
St. Monica's Parishioner