

April 12, 2020—EASTER SUNDAY—The Resurrection of the Lord



## SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE

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**EASTER**  
**SUNDAY MASS**

10:30AM CST



**Celebrate Easter Mass with us**  
**Sunday, April 12th**  
**at 10:30am CST**

**You can follow the Mass Live on**  
**our church website:**

<https://www.saintmarys.org/mass.html>

**On Facebook:**

[https://www.facebook.com/  
SaintMaryOfTheLake](https://www.facebook.com/SaintMaryOfTheLake)

**or on YouTube:**

<https://bit.ly/349Knww>

## From Our Pastor



Friends,

This Sunday will mark 30 days since we closed our church doors for public worship following the directives of our Archbishop and civil authorities. While I recognize that this was a very difficult decision for the Cardinal to make, I also fully support him. As Catholic Christians we value God's gift of life and we must do everything to protect such gift. However, it is not easy to live through 30 days without seeing all of you. Our beautiful church building is less beautiful because you are not here.

While the Church doors have been closed, the mission entrusted to us continues. On this holiest of days we proclaim to the world that our Lord Jesus conquered death itself and it is our duty as His followers to continue to proclaim His message of salvation, of peace and of love to all whom we meet. The church, our church, cannot fall asleep in the sofa waiting for the pandemic to end. Our Risen Lord invites us to move from fear to faith and more than ever to trust that He is with us.

This week I invite you to be a witness to His resurrection in your own context. In simple small actions of love to the ones who surround you, to the cashier at the grocery store, to the garbage collector, to the neighbor next door, to the delivery person, to the police officer; to the often unseen but essential workers that care for us. I pray that we may soon be together again, but in the meantime let us not lose hope. God is with us.

One of my favorite songs is a Mexican waltz written by Macedonio Alcalá in 1868 called "*Dios nunca muere*"—God never dies. As we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord today, the lyrics come to mind (translation is my own):

*The sun dies in the mountains, with the agonizing light.  
While life in its hurry, leads us to death.  
But it doesn't matter to know that I will have the same end;  
Because I am left with the consolation that God will never die.  
I will leave the things that I loved; the ideal land that saw me be born  
I know that later I will enjoy the bliss and the peace that in God I will find.  
I know that life begins, where most think that it actually end.  
I know that God never dies, and that He is moved by whoever seeks His Beatitude.*

Our God never dies, and He strengthens us during this time. May the Risen Lord bless you and your family this Easter!

In the Risen Lord,  
*Fr. Manny*

PRAY

This Week Join us for our Live-stream masses and reflections:

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[https://www.facebook.com/  
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YouTube

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### Weekday Mass

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays**

**Live-stream at 12pm CST**

**Interactive Biblical Reflections with Fr. Manny and Fr. Tony**

**Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays**

**Live-stream at 12pm CST**

SEND US YOUR PRAYER INTENTIONS



You can send us your prayer intentions via a Private Message in our Facebook Page or by emailing Fr. Manny here: [mdorantes@saintmarys.org](mailto:mdorantes@saintmarys.org)

Lord, we are ennobled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus' Name.  
AMEN.



**From Our Parish Resident:  
Fr. Anthony Gittins, CSSp**



**A Reflection for Easter 2020**

Hindsight is always twenty-twenty vision; we can look back with greater clarity than we had when we were living through some experience. But what can we say about foresight? T.S. Eliot encourages people to challenge themselves to do both: “urg[ing] the mind to aftersight and foresight.” In recent weeks the world has changed, and our perception and understanding of it too. We human beings need to interpret the recent events in the context of what has already happened and what might yet happen.

Chronologically (‘clock time’), the “recent weeks” are the days we are living through in 2020. But liturgically (‘church time’), the “recent weeks” are the days of Lent. How we interpret past and present depends on context: who is speaking, and about what.

Liturgically speaking, Holy Week marks the time between Palm Sunday’s triumph and Good Friday’s disaster. Sadly, many Christians seem to think the week ends on Good Friday, the end, or at least the summation of Jesus’ life, “given for us.” But Holy Week does not end with the crucifixion; it ‘ends’ with an entirely new beginning, a new script so unexpected that it changed forever the mentality of the disciples, and provided an entirely new way for people to continue their lives.

We are supposed to be a “Resurrection People,” though we sometimes give the impression that we are a people stuck, paralyzed, confused, and perhaps on the edge of despair. But we do not only live in “liturgical time”; we live in chronological time too. That means we live in the here and now, in today’s reality.

With the Coronavirus still rampant, it may feel like Good Friday, and we may be running away like the disciples – from other people or from facing our own future -- because we are afraid and powerless. But because we live in Liturgical time, and because we know the outcome of that dreadful day of crucifixion, we can now come back into the light, convinced of the living presence of the Risen One, and actually do something about it.

We are passing through a life-changing experience. Whatever we do, we can choose to be changed by the events of 2020, and we can also choose, before it’s too late, to be changed by the most life-changing event in history: Jesus is alive; he lives among his followers; and he commissioned them and us, to go forth from our enclosure and our fears, to encounter him in the sisters and brothers we already know, and those we have yet to meet, because the Resurrection is giving us new, unexpected, and undeserved hope, and we must ‘contaminate’ the world with the hope of the One who rose from death, who lives among us, and who still has work for us to do, now, and urgently. [Next week we will look back on the Easter Experience of 2020]

SERVE

Do you need assistance during  
the Coronavirus Pandemic?

*just* ask!

- Ordering groceries, soap, or supplies
- Pickup or delivery of groceries
- Obtaining prescriptions
- Well-being checks via phone!

Saint Mary of the Lake offers you trusted volunteers ready to help those who are shut in with limited mobility and/or limited internet skills.



We serve the whole neighborhood.  
All are welcome!

Call 773-280-7700 for assistance.

If you are in need of assistance or if you would like to volunteer please call us or fill out the form  
online:

<https://www.saintmarys.org/covidsupport.html>

**You are not alone, we are in this together!**

## GIVE

### Weekly Offerings:

#### March 14-15, 2020

Mailed	\$ 900.00
E-giving	335.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,235.00</b>

#### March 21—22, 2020

Mailed	\$ 1,340.00
E-giving	435.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,775 .00</b>

#### March 28—29, 2020

Mailed	\$ 1,805.00
E-giving	2,777.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 4,582.00</b>
<b>Weekly need:</b>	<b>\$ 10,561.00</b>

**April 5-11, 200– Matching Gift up to \$50,000**



*Dear Parishioners—*

*Since the cancellation of all in-person liturgical celebrations, we have received donations via mail or online giving over the weeks. Before the stay-at-home mandate, we almost reached 70% of our weekly need. Currently, our weekly need is not being met—but our bills remain.*

*Saint Mary's has been blessed with a parish donor who will match every dollar up to \$50,000 through Easter Sunday to keep the doors of Saint Mary's open.*

*If you are able to continue with your donations, either mail the donations or consider online giving.*

#### To donate online

To donate directly from your bank account at no cost to you and no cost to our parish please use Zelle Quick Pay.

Send your donation to [donate@saintmarys.org](mailto:donate@saintmarys.org)

To donate using a Credit Card please visit our website or sign up at <https://abundant.co/stmaryofthelake/give>

KEEPING THE DOORS OPEN

**\$38,342**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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