

This Week in Our Parishes

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| <u>Monday, April 10</u> Parish Office is <i>CLOSED</i> | |
| No Mass | |
| <u>Tuesday, April 11</u> | |
| Mass @ St. Anthony | 7:00 pm |
| <u>Wednesday, April 12</u> | |
| Adoration @ St. Anthony | 5:00-6:00 pm |
| Mass @ St. Anthony | 6:15 pm |
| <u>Thursday, April 13</u> | |
| Mass @ St. Agnes | 9:00 am |
| <u>Friday, April 14</u> | |
| Mass @ St. Agnes | 9:00 am |
| <u>Saturday, April 15</u> | |
| Mass @ St. Agnes | 5:00 pm |
| Mass @ St. Anthony | 7:30 pm |
| <u>Sunday, April 16 – Divine Mercy Sunday</u> | |
| Mass @ St. Agnes | 9:00 am |
| Mass @ St. Anthony | 10:30 am |
| Mass @ St. Agnes | 12 Noon |
| First Holy Communion Celebration @ St. Agnes | |
| Divine Mercy Prayers & Eucharistic Adoration @ St. Agnes Church | 2 – 4 pm |
| <u>Monday, April 17</u> No Mass | |
| <u>Tuesday, April 18</u> | |
| Mass @ St. Anthony | 7:00 pm |
| <u>Wednesday, April 19</u> | |
| Adoration @ St. Anthony | 5:00-6:00 pm |
| Mass @ St. Anthony | 6:15 pm |
| <u>Thursday, April 20</u> | |
| Mass @ St. Agnes | 9:00 am |
| <u>Friday, April 21</u> | |
| Mass @ St. Agnes | 9:00 am |
| <u>Saturday, April 22</u> | |
| Mass @ St. Agnes | 5:00 pm |
| Mass @ St. Anthony | 7:30 pm |
| <u>Sunday, April 23</u> | |
| Mass @ St. Agnes | 9 am |
| Mass @ St. Anthony | 10:30 am |
| Mass @ St. Agnes | 12 Noon |



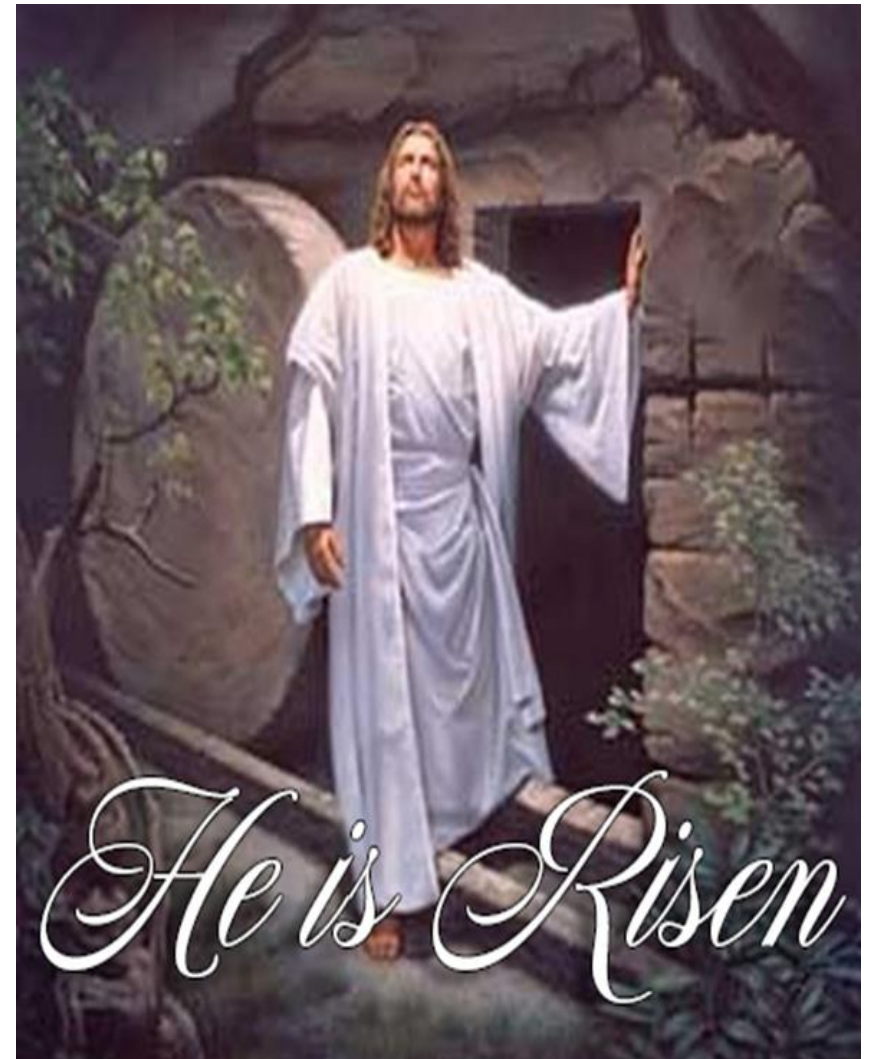
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A BLESSED HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE

April 9, 2022

Easter Message from our Pastor St. Agnes/St. Anthony

The resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian faith. In his first letter to the Corinthians St. Paul says: If Christ has not risen, your faith & our perching would be useless. (**I Cor.15**). The subject of the perching of the apostles was the Risen Lord.

Easter gives us the assurance that our life will not be ended with this world, but it has to rise with the coming of Christ and get united with God. The resurrection of Jesus gives us the hope in the life after death. The resurrection of Jesus has removed the situation of hopelessness & fear of the disciples. It proves that God is ever faithful in His promises.

During the Easter Vigil we light the candle, as the symbol of Christ. In the Gospel of St. John the light has a deeper meaning. The light symbolizes Jesus Christ. The darkness symbolizes the king of evil, Satan. When we accept Jesus and His message and believe in Jesus we enter into His light. Jesus says: I am the light of the World and those who follow me will have the light of Life. When we reject Jesus, we accept the powers of darkness. God has given us the freedom to choose death or life. By our decision we choose our plight.

Alexander the great went to Corinth to see the great philosopher, Diogenes of Sinope. Alexander was so surprised to meet him and requested him to ask for a favor. Diogenes asked him, "Give me a little of immortality". Alexander the Great remained helpless.

Man's search for immortality is as old as the history of the humanity. In the Biblical accounts of creation we read: Satan, tempted Eve with the promise: if she eat the fruit of the prohibited tree, she would become like God. Eve could not resist that offer. She conveniently has forgotten God's commandment in her desire to become like God. But Christ came among us to make us eternal – to make us children of God. The Feast of Easter invites us to walk always in the light of Risen Christ.

God the Father has glorified Jesus by His resurrection. When Jesus suffered and died on the Cross, the saving plan of God was fulfilled and God the father was glorified by the Son by his total obedience to the Father. As the result, God the Father has raised Jesus from the dead. God never allowed death to overpower His son. Likewise, if we seek the will of God and try to realize it in our lives, God will never allow our lives to be ended by this earthly life & will grant us eternal life.

Our celebration of Easter should encourage us, to take part in the resurrection of Christ. In our life, we are often enslaved by sins. It is the time to find them out in the light of Christ and root them out, so that we may experience the resurrection & liberation in our lives. It is the most meaningful way of celebrating of Easter.

During his public ministry Jesus said: I am the light of the world & I am the resurrection & the life. Those who believe in me will live forever. Those who eat my body will live forever. Jesus has raised Lazarus at Bethany. He has raised the son of a widow at Naim. By these words Jesus invites us to take part in His life.

Today's world is infected with war and conflicts which are not of our choice. In this time of darkness, Easter gives us the hope that the darkness cannot overpower the Light. It is the time to turn to God and ask for His mercy on us.

Today we need help of the Risen Lord to rise from our human limitations & weaknesses, sadness & worries. Let us invite Jesus into our lives to experience the joy of the resurrection. Let His light enlighten us and protect us.

On behalf of Deacon Guy Germain, Deacon Michael Pucylo, Deacon Ramon Morales, Parish Staff.

Wish you all a Blessed Easter.

Fr. Varghese Mundavelil

Pastor