

Church of St. Uriel the Archangel

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed!

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; 5 and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" *Luke 24:1-4*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What joyous news awaited the women who went to the tomb of the Lord early that glorious Easter Sunday morning! The Gospel tells us that the women were fearful but overjoyed. Upon seeing the empty tomb and the risen Lord, they ran to tell the disciples what they had witnessed. Their joy now spreads to us this very day. For this reason, Christians everywhere announce to the world, with the same exuberant enthusiasm as the women, that Jesus Christ who was crucified is now raised by God the Father from the dead. At the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, with the church in total darkness, the Deacon chants, "The Light of Christ." The community responds, "Thanks be to God!" The light of Christ pierces the darkness signaling that our Lenten pilgrimage, which was first marked by ashes on Ash Wednesday, has now come to an end. Easter is the day of days, the one by which all Sundays throughout the year participate. It is the Christian Sabbath because "the Lord is risen today".

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, has conquered death and everything that diminishes the Divine life in us. His resurrection from the dead is not simply a fact of history to be retold at Easter. It is a mystery to be lived throughout every day of our lives. As Christians, we are just as inspired by the presence of Jesus among us today as the women who first saw the empty tomb. Like them, we know that Jesus is not found among the dead. He lives among us in the community gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. He lives in the Gospel proclaimed by word and deed. Through the Sacraments of the Church, He gathers disciples, heals the sick, reconciles sinners and calls us to service. In the Church's outreach, it is the hand of Jesus that lifts up the poor, feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless and visits the confined. In these ways and many others, we give witness to the mystery of Jesus living among us. Indeed, we become the Body of Christ for the world.

Nonetheless, this great Easter mystery cannot be lived in isolation. It requires the bonds of community to support us and to challenge us. Every Sunday, the Church gathers as the Body of Christ to hear proclaimed God's Word and to

celebrate the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our life in Christ. We gather every Sunday as active participants in the life of our Resurrected Lord.

I therefore pray that our Risen Lord will continue to be revealed to all of us in this community of St. Uriel's. Pray that our risen Lord will continue to be revealed to each one of us in new and exciting ways through His Word and Sacrament, in the love of family, friends and Church, and in the witness of charity and holiness of life.

Pax Christi,
Fr. Russell A. Griffin, SSC
Rector

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

8:00am Mass with Procession of Palms

*10:00am Solemn High Mass | Procession of Palms

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Masses

April 15 – April 17, 2019

9:30am Mass

Thursday

April 18, 2019

9:30am Mass

Confessions are available by contacting Fr. Griffin.

*There will be music at the 8:00am Mass on Palm Sunday. The normally scheduled 9:30am Mass will, on *Palm Sunday*, begin at 10am.

Notice that on Easter Day there will be only ONE Mass, which will be celebrated at 9:30am Easter Sunday.

The parish community is very grateful for all the financial donations toward Easter flowers. It would be most helpful if the Easter flower donations could be received in the parish office by Thursday, April 12, 2019.

Start of the Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday

April 18, 2019

7:00pm Solemn High Mass

Foot-washing, Stripping of the Altar

Altar of Repose before the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday

April 19, 2019

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Veneration of the Cross with

Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL

April 20, 2019

5:00pm Saturday

The First Mass of Easter

The Easter Vigil will be celebrated on Saturday,
(Bring Your Bells!)

Wine and hors d'oeuvre reception will follow the Vigil.

Easter Day

April 21, 2019

9:30am Second Mass of Easter

No 8:00am Mass

Easter Week

April 22 - 26, 2019

9:30am Daily Mass