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April 17, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURECTION OF THE IORD

We are a loving, supportive, and vibrant Catholic community committed to being a welcoming parish family by spreading the Love of Jesus Christ throughout our community and into the world.



SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY TIME INTENTION

Holy Saturday April 16

Mass 8:00 pm Mike and Lucy Davis

Easter Sunday April 17

Mass 8:30 am Linda Clark and
Brian Evans

Mass 10:30 am + Tom Moore

Monday April 18

Mass 9:30 am People of Ukraine

Tuesday April 19

NO MASS and the Office is closed

Wednesday April 20

Mass 9:30 am People of the Parish
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Thursday April 21

Mass 9:30 am All Souls in Purgatory
Circle of Caring 10:00 am

Friday April 22

Mass 9:30 am People of Ukraine

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING AND

SORROW: Please pray for Theresa Sarnelli, Ed Sherman, Missy Lyons and all those who are sick or who need healing.

Also pray for Louise Kaiser, Howard Stacy, and all those who have died recently and for those who have asked for our prayers.

A TIME FOR JOY AND

CELEBRATION: We pray for all those who are celebrating a special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Ron Patterson, Rhonda Silveira, Sugar Brosius, and Dan Carrol.



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER AKUTI

Diana Chi's deeply theological reflection on Easter.

EASTER HAPPENED IN A GARDEN

The word EASTER means REBIRTH and it is our greatest feast. It is the celebration of the RESURRECTION of the Lord Jesus and the celebration of our future resurrection. Easter reminds us that death is not the end but a NEW BEGINNING, a Rebirth for each of us, a NEW LIFE with God forever.

Since Easter is a rebirth, let's go back to the beginning when God created a special GARDEN, a PARADISE, an EDEN, where He made a man out of the dust of the earth. God called him Adam, who became a gardener of Eden. Then from Adam's rib, God made a woman and called her Eve. She became the gardener's partner and wife. Unfortunately, a serpent made a false advertisement pitch to Eve. She bought it and sold it to Adam. They both ate the FORBIDDEN FRUIT from a TREE and sin happened. Eden was closed. Adam and Eve were banished, and work would be a penance and earned with sweat.

However God promised to send a SAVIOR to set things right, but it would take a long, long time, across generations. Finally, a virgin named MARY conceived GOD'S SON by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT. When that child named Jesus knew His hour had come, He began a public ministry. He gathered disciples and won the attention and regard of ordinary people, but incurred the jealousy of the powerful who conspired to kill Him.

The night before it happened, Jesus entered a GARDEN of sorrow and agony, the Garden of GETHSEMANI. In a sweat of blood, Jesus began to undo the sin of Adam, for Jesus was the NEW ADAM, begetting sons not to sin and its hangover guilt, but to grace and its FRUIT OF SALVATION. As Adam was kicked out of Eden by God, Jesus was dragged from Gethsemani by the evil power of men.

He was crucified upon a TREE OF EVIL, which then became a TREE OF OUR SALVATION. When Jesus was taken from the CROSS, He was put in a tomb, which according to John's gospel, was located in a GARDEN. And on that first Easter, that GARDEN OF DEATH became a GARDEN OF LIGHT AND LIFE, and EDEN was RESTORED. This Eden would be ours when we come through the "Red Sea" of death, because this Eden would be truly the PROMISED LAND for us as the Risen Lord "easters" in us. HAPPY EASTER!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

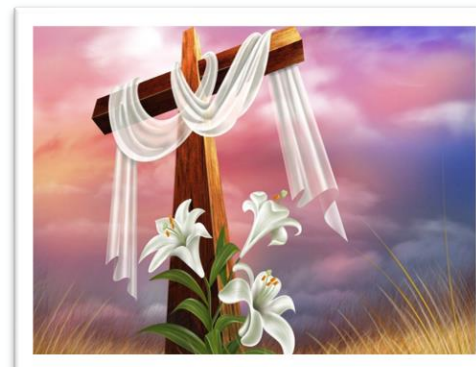
BAKED POTATO BAR. Our St. Aloysius School in Uganda Steering Committee is inviting everyone to come together and celebrate on Saturday, April 23rd after the 5pm Vigil Mass. It is their way of saying "Thank You" to everyone in our parish for your prayers and support during the Covid Pandemic. Everyone is invited.

BLOOD DRIVE: Blood donations are critical this spring. Please consider donating blood at our blood drive this Tuesday April 19th. To sign up go to: <https://www.redcross.org>

PRAY FOR UKRAINE: Pray for the people of Ukraine, for increased and steadfast resilience, for justice to reign, and for lasting peace to return to the second-largest country in Europe. Pray for the Medical Teams to have Wisdom as they work in a very dynamic situation and for the staff and volunteers. Also, Pray for the Church in Ukraine, in the neighboring countries, and around the world. May the Lord use the Church mightily to be a witness for Him as they serve those in need.

COUNTY WIDE PRAYER TEAM: The 50 days of prayer starts Easter Sunday, April 17th and goes through Pentecost. There are 2022 Reading Guides in the vestibule. These guides go with the 50 Days of Prayer Oregon Coast books that Father Akuti provided last year. If you did not get one we have a few of the prayer books available also.

IN MEMORY OF Henry Gernert, the young high school student who died in a crash last week, there will be a Henry Gernert Memorial Trades Scholarship. Donations can be given by mailing them to Neah-Kah-Nie Education Foundation, PO Box 28 Rockaway Beach OR 97136



**EASTER IS HERE, AND SO IS
NEW LIFE AND HOPE.**

MAY WE CELEBRATE WITH JOY!

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!