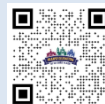
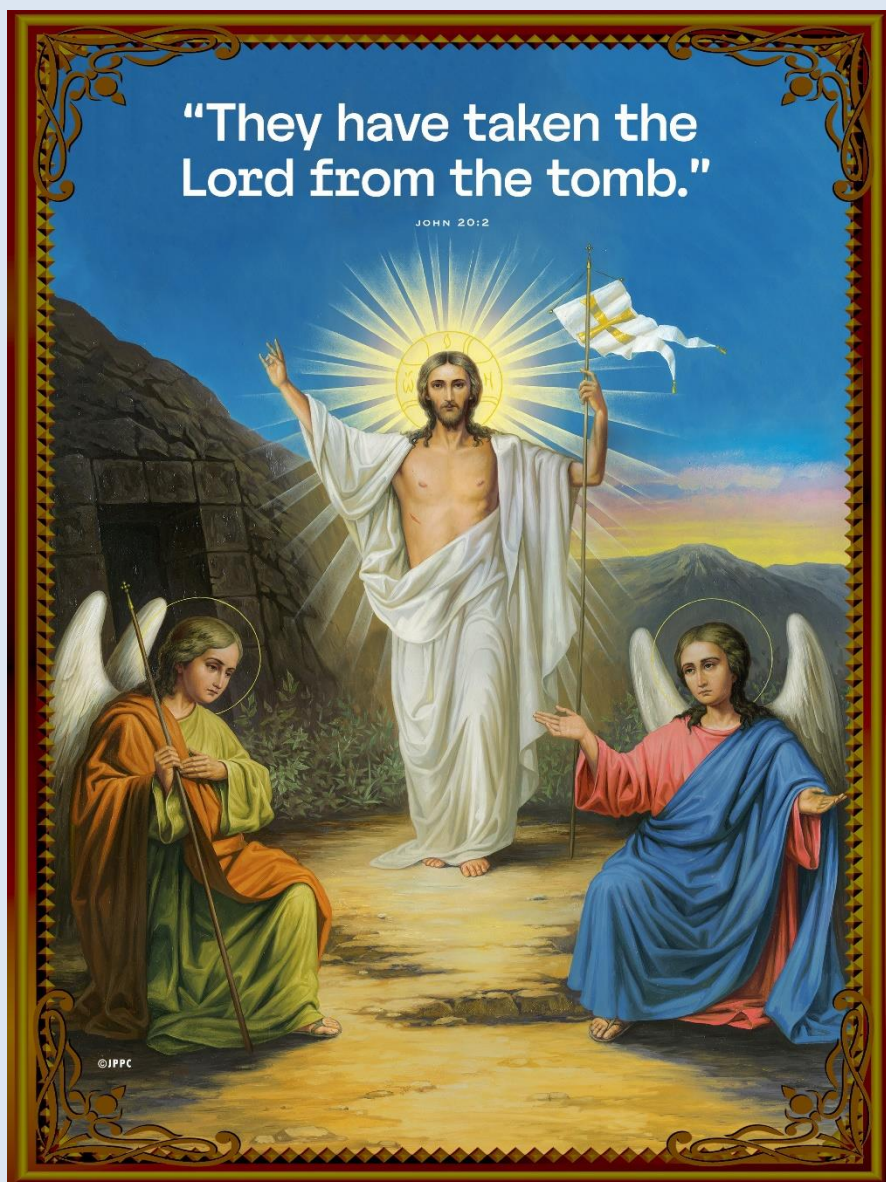


# Easter Sunday

## The Resurrection of the Lord

April 9, 2023



Saint Mary 14 Park Street + Sacred Heart 58 Church Street + Saint Mark 105 Stanley Street  
North Attleborough, Massachusetts

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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

## Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday following the 11:00 am Mass in Sacred Heart. Baptisms are scheduled for 12:30 pm with a limit of four families at each baptism. Please contact Monica Forte in the office at [stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information and available dates.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage is usually celebrated on Saturday morning and afternoon. Please contact the Parish Office at least nine months in advance to begin preparation.

## Sacrament of the Sick

Pastoral care to those in need of the sacrament of the sick is arranged through the parish office. Please call to arrange a visit.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is offered on the first Friday of each month in Saint Mary Church, beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 6:00 pm with Benediction.

## Parish Offering

If you are attending in person, you may drop your contribution in the collection basket. You are welcome to mail your budget envelope to the parish office, at 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760. You may also leave your envelope in the drop box located outside the parish office door, to the right on the landing. Or you can use this link for online giving:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/31>

Thank you for your ongoing support!

## Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm Saint Mary Church

Sunday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Sunday 9:30 am Saint Mary Church

Sunday 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church

## Weekday Masses

Monday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

*Rosary for Life 4:00 pm each Monday prior to 4:30 pm Mass*

Tuesday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Wednesday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Thursday 8:00 am Communion Service  
Saint Mark Church

**Links to:** Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/vsfaxaty>

## Parish Office

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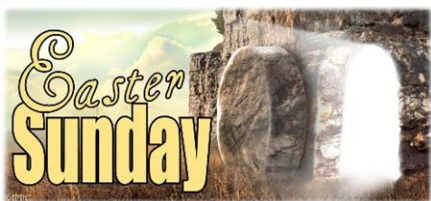
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## April 9 -Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>April 9</u></b>
8:00 am	Flower Memorials
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>April 9</u></b>
9:30 am	Flower Memorials
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>April 9</u></b>
11:00 am	Flower Memorials
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>April 10</u></b>
4:30 pm	
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>April 11</u></b>
8:00 am	Charlie & Rose Garrow
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>April 12</u></b>
4:30 pm	David Parenteau
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>April 13</u></b>
8:00 am	William Miniscalco

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## April 16 -Divine Mercy Sunday

<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>April 15 – Vigil</u></b>
4:00 pm	Mary & Joseph Cabral
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>April 16</u></b>
8:00 am	Raymond Gauthier
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>April 16</u></b>
9:30 am	Teresita Cadena
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>April 16</u></b>
11:00 am	Tammy & Joseph Katsbulas

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## Parish Contributions

Collection for March 25/26: \$12,446.00

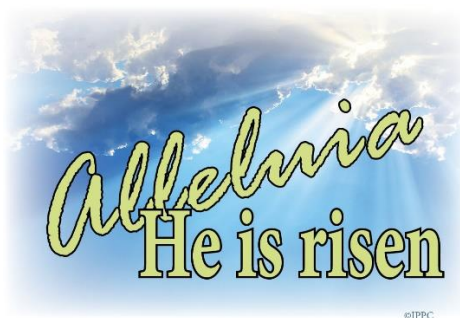
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## Monthly Eucharistic Adoration

Monthly Adoration is offered on the *first Friday of every month (May 5 is next)*. You are invited to join us in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Mary church, beginning at 9 a.m. with ending at 6 p.m. You can drop in at any time for as long as you like or, if you would like a specific time slot, please call Joanne Regali 508-643-3821 and leave a message.

*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*  
*He is truly risen! Alleluia!*

To one and all, from Father Michael, Father Peter, Deacon Joe and our entire parish staff—we offer sincere thanks for your prayers, your support, and your generosity. *Happy Easter!*



## Welcome!

We are happy to have you join us for our Easter liturgies. If you are visiting our area with family and friends, we welcome you to our parish. We hope you will enjoy your stay. If you are new to the area, we invite you to consider registering as member of our parish community.



## Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office is closed, **Monday, April 10**. Daily Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 pm in Saint Mary as usual with the Rosary for Life at 4:00 pm prior to Mass.



The Parish Office on **Monday, April 17** (Patriot's Day). Daily Mass will be celebrated in Saint Mark church at 9:00 am. **Please note : Rosary for Life will be prayed at 8:30 am in Saint Mark on April 17.** There is no 4:30 pm Mass on April 17.



## Saint Mary- Sacred Heart School

Did you know that by being a Saint you can reserve your spot at the premier Catholic high school - Bishop Feehan? The 5th, 6th, and 7th students of Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School are offered the opportunity to apply for admission to Bishop Feehan High School through the Early Action Program. This is just one of the many ways our Saints are authentically connected to the Feehan community. SSMH is also so fortunate to have a Feehan experience each week as Senior Shamrocks mentor our Saints right on our campus. How "Lucky" are these Saints! We invite you to explore the Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School website [www.ssmhschool.com](http://www.ssmhschool.com). You will learn how the SSMH teachers and staff truly prepare the Saints to shine as they march their way on over to the home of the Shamrocks.



## Rosary for Life

The Respect Life Committee of the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is pleased to announce that every Monday we will lead a Rosary for Life before the Mass. Please note the change for next week, April 17. The Rosary will begin at 8:30 am in Saint Mark prior to the 9:00 am Mass due to the Patriot's Day holiday.

## Abundant Hope

**Did you know...** In 2022, the licensed medical professionals at Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center provided over \$100,000 in FREE services, including pregnancy confirmation, ultrasound, and options consultation. Her health and safety is our top priority. If you or someone you know thinks she may be pregnant, please contact us at 508-455-0425. **Serving the community since 2011 - from pregnancy testing to potty training!**



## FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education ~ Mrs. Elaine Corvese

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**First Communion** will be held on **Saturday, May 13 and Saturday, May 20, 2023** at Saint Mary Church at 11:00 am. Please see your email from Mrs. Corvese for information about your date assignment.

## Please Pray for our Deceased

*In loving memory of all our deceased family, friends and parishioners.*

*Eternal rest grant unto our beloved dead, O Lord.*

*Let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest always in the loving arms of God*



*Thank you to all those who contributed to our Easter flowers. Your loved ones are remembered at our Masses on Easter. Envelopes are located on the altars of our churches.*

## Prayer and Pizza

Looking for another way to deepen your spirituality? Do you have "knots" in your life that you need help undoing? Please join us on the third Wednesday of each month for "Prayer and Pizza". Following the 4:30 pm Mass **Wednesday, April 19**, we together will pray the rosary, which will be offered up to Mary, Undoer of Knots ([maryundoerofknots.com](http://maryundoerofknots.com)). Whether you pray the rosary daily or have never prayed it before, please consider joining us for "Prayer and Pizza" All are welcome! Please contact Rick Leco (508 930 9264) or Vicky Curran (508 930 3306) with any questions.



## **Knights of Columbus**

Council #330 of the Knights of Columbus has been serving the Catholic Community of North Attleborough for 125 years. The Knights meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm, in the rectory of St. Mark church. Please drop by on meeting nights if you'd like to learn more about the Knights. Council #330 is committed to assisting local charities that align with the values of our Faith such as the Parish, the Parish school, and Abundant Hope. Contact Jim Schromm at [jim.schromm@verizon.net](mailto:jim.schromm@verizon.net) with any questions.

## **Knights of Columbus March for Life**

Please join the Knights of Columbus Assembly #398 for the Attleboro Area March for Life on Saturday, April 29th, at 5:00pm, at St. John's church in Attleboro. The March will follow a 2 mile loop.

## **5th Saturday Rosary**

All are welcome. The Knights of Columbus meet to pray a decade of the Rosary on months that have 5 Saturdays. Saturday, April 29th, is the next 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Please join us at 8:30am, outside at the statue of Saint Mary in front of the rectory. In case of inclement weather, we may move inside to the former chapel.



## **Housekeeping Requests**

Please help us keep our parishes clean and tidy. Before leaving the church, please return the kneeler to the upright position and take your bulletin home and throw away any debris; tissues, wrappers, etc. Trash containers can be found at the main entrances to the church. Please supervise any children who are in urgent need of the restrooms during Mass. Please help us keep our parish clean and welcoming to all who may come after you.



## **Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society**

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. The Society meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month in the parish hall in Saint Mary Church. Please join us!

**Call for Assistance** If you need assistance, please call the help line for our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. They can offer information about the types of assistance available. Please call 508-212-4755 for help or more information.

## **Women's Guild Team Trivia Night**

April 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Saint Mary Church Hall

Please join us on April 11 for a fun evening of socializing over a game of team trivia. Teams will be set up that evening. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. Sounds interesting but you don't want to compete? You can come and enjoy watching the competition and cheering on the teams. All women of the parish are welcome.



## **Bulletin Advertisers**

Did you know, that we do not pay for the bulletins to be printed, or be available on line each week? Our parish bulletin company, John Patrick Publishing Co., sends us a check each year thanks to the revenue generated from businesses that advertise in our bulletin. We greatly appreciate the support of those companies and businesses that have devoted some of their funds to help our parish community. The next time you need some type of service, please take a look at the bulletin. Thank you to those businesses that support us, and thank you for supporting them!

## **Scheduling Baptisms**

Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of the parish who attend weekend Mass on a weekly basis. Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday following the 11:00 am Mass in Sacred Heart Church (58 Church Street) Please contact Monica in the office via email ([stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com)) for more information and visit the parish website [www.saintmaryna.com](http://www.saintmaryna.com) and click on the "Sacraments" tab for more detailed information.

*What Are The Requirements To Be a Godparent or Sponsor?* If you have been asked to be a godparent, requirements set by the Roman Catholic Church are as follows: You must be a confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old, registered in a parish and practicing your faith by regular participation at Mass. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized as valid by the Church. If you are currently a member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish and have been asked to be a godparent, please see Father Ciryak after Mass. You may contact the office for more information.

## **Christmas Fair 2023 Update**

Plans are underway for our November 25th Christmas Fair. We ask you to consider how you can participate in this event. At this time we are looking for volunteers for Chairpersons for the large basket raffle and the kitchen. Please note that the Chairperson for the kitchen must be Serve Safe Certified or have a volunteer with Serve Safe Certification available all day on Saturday, November 25th. In the coming weeks we will be asking for volunteers to help with set up, work day of Fair, make phone calls to winners, cleanup and other various duties. Please watch the bulletin for further information.

If you wish to volunteer, please call Colleen Buckley, Volunteer Coordinator, 508-455-8446 Please call Miles Miller 508-369-1349 or Karen Smith 508-212-7377 with any questions.

## **Treasures from Our Tradition**

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ "Easter in us."

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## **Seeds of Change**

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter's speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul's letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information "bullet points." Scripture scholars call them *kerygma*, or "kernels" of our faith. Actually, "kernels" or "seeds" are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection, exactly how these *kerygma* began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter "seeds" of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

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*Easter Sunday  
of the  
Resurrection of the Lord  
at Mass during the Day*

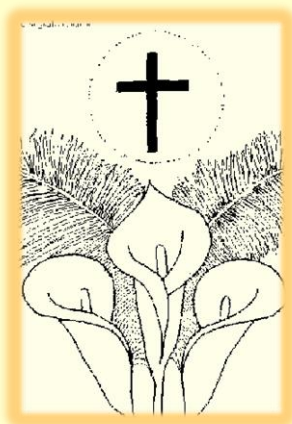
*First Reading*

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*



*Responsorial Psalm*

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever.  
Let the house of Israel say,  
"His mercy endures forever."

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

"The right hand of the LORD has  
struck with power;  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.  
I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD."

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

*Second Reading*

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul  
to the Colossians**

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*

**Sequence - Victimæ paschali laudes**  
**Christians to the Paschal Victim**

*Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
Offer your thankful praises!  
A Lamb the sheep redeems;  
Christ, who only is sinless,  
Reconciles sinners to the Father.  
Death and life have contended in that combat  
stupendous:  
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.  
Speak, Mary, declaring  
What you saw, wayfaring.  
"The tomb of Christ, who is living,  
The glory of Jesus' resurrection;  
bright angels attesting,  
The shroud and napkin resting.  
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;  
to Galilee he goes before you."  
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life  
obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!  
Amen. Alleluia.*

alleluia!  
ALLELUIA!  
alleluia!

***Alleluia***

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;  
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.*  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

***Gospel***

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

† A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ***





I am the *Light* of the world.

Whoever follows me will  
never walk in *Darkness*.

### Seeking

Easter Sunday is a day all about seeking. The early Christian communities gathered around the Apostles, seeking more about the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus. Saint Paul told the baptized Colossians to “seek what is above.” Mary of Magdala went to the tomb, seeking to find the Lord’s body so that she could anoint it. We come to church on Easter Sunday seeking many things. For some of us, this is a once-a-year journey, when we seek connection with the foundations of the Christian faith. For others, this day is the culmination of a long journey of Lenten repentance. For the newly baptized, this is the first day of a new life filled with promise and expectation. Whatever it is that we seek, let us be inspired by the disciple whom Jesus loved who, when he saw the wrappings of cloth inside the empty tomb, “saw and believed.”

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*This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.*

*-Psalm 118:24*

### The Return of Easter

The return of Easter should be to the Christian life the call of a trumpet. It is the news of a great victory. It is the solution of a great perplexity. It is the assurance of a great triumph.

—Frederick Temple

### The Greatest Feast

Easter is a big deal—a very big deal. Every one of the four Gospels provides an account of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which makes perfect sense because the bodily resurrection of Jesus has always been the foundation of the Christian faith from the very beginning.

It is an ancient tradition, based on the evidence of scripture and on the writings of the early church, that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on a Thursday, died on a Friday, and rose from the dead on a Sunday. Thus, today’s Gospel tells us that Jesus rose from the dead on “the first day of the week” (John 20:1).

Within about a hundred years of Jesus’ resurrection Christians were celebrating the great Easter Vigil, beginning after dark on Holy Saturday and continuing until dawn on Easter morning. During this vigil, Christians heard salvation history through scripture readings, celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, and looked forward to his return. At the vigil men and women who had gone through three years of instruction were baptized and received First Communion.

Without his death and rising to new life Jesus would have been merely another Jewish teacher and failed messiah. His teachings would be just a code of ethics and our worship in vain. We celebrate the Resurrection for fifty days, and for the rest of the year every Sunday is a kind of “mini-Easter.” Easter is the culmination of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection that we celebrate “with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth” (1 Corinthians 5:8).

If you have not been to church for a while, we invite you to come back again and know that you are welcome in the community of faith. Please speak to the priest or deacon after Mass or call the parish office and let us help you feel at home.

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Happy Easter



## Children's Easter Activity Page

### Jelly Bean Prayer



**Red** is for the \_\_\_\_\_ He gave.

**Green** is for the \_\_\_\_\_ He made.

**Yellow** is for the \_\_\_\_\_ so bright.

**Orange** is for the edge of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Black** is for the \_\_\_\_\_ we made.

**White** is for the \_\_\_\_\_ He gave.

**Purple** is for His \_\_\_\_\_ of sorrow.

**Pink** is for our \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow.

Fill in the lines with words from the box below:

(you will have one word left over to share!)

new	blood	grace
sins	grass	night
hour	sun	love

