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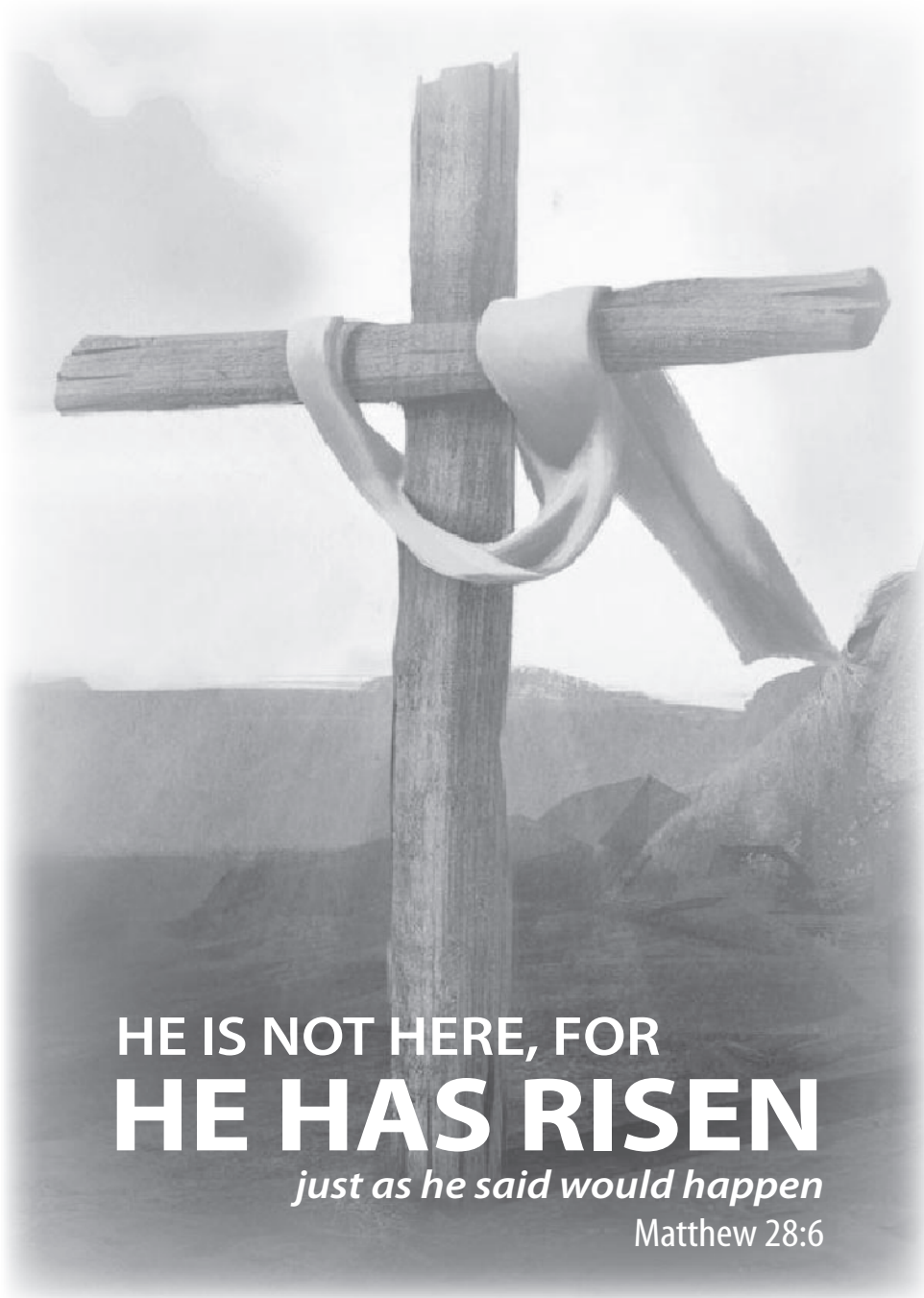
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HE IS NOT HERE, FOR
HE HAS RISEN

just as he said would happen

Matthew 28:6

Welcome home to St. Andrew

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Year A

The Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Sunday

“The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.”
Luke 24:34, cf. Revelation 1:6

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
The Roman Missal

Today, we celebrate Easter, Christ’s Resurrection. Easter is the “feast of feasts,” “the solemnity of solemnities,” and the “Great Sunday.”
Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1169

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did not simply come back to the life He lived before He died. Instead, His resurrected state was a new beginning. He was now different. He was transformed. His body would now never age. It could not die. It could pass through closed doors. This resurrected body of our Lord, which is perfectly united to His divine soul, will remain with Him forever.

The resurrected body of our Lord also made it possible for us to share in His resurrected state. We now have hope that, if we share in His suffering and death, we will also share in His Resurrection. But what does that mean? Saint Thomas Aquinas believed that our resurrected bodies will be glorious beyond imagination. We will never age, require no food, never experience illness, be free from all disorders and will live this way forever. Somehow, through our bodies, we will also be able to share ourselves with others in a pure and holy way, communicating to others the love of God alive within our souls. We will have the gift of agility, being able to move from place to place with immediacy simply by thinking it. Our new glorified bodies will manifest the ways that we loved and served God in this world. For example, Jesus’ resurrected body had wounds in His hands, feet and side. But now those wounds radiate His glory and forever testify to His act of perfect love.

Reflect, today, upon the Resurrection of the Savior of the World. As you do, reflect also upon His invitation to share in this new life. Though much of our understanding of the Resurrection of Jesus, as well as our hope of sharing in this resurrected state, will only be understood when we share in it, it is important to place these ideas in our minds so that we have something to anticipate. At the very least, we must know and understand that our sharing in the resurrected state of Jesus is glorious beyond what we can imagine. This is what we celebrate today. And this celebration must fill us with hopeful anticipation of our participation in this glorious new life to come.

The Resurrection of the Body

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. John 20:1-3

Happy Easter! Our Lord has risen, He has overcome death and He has opened the gates of Heaven to all who believe and receive the gift of salvation. Alleluia! What a glorious day we celebrate!

Today’s Gospel concludes by saying, “For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” This is evident by the initial reaction of Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter and the Apostle John. Mary first thought that someone had taken the body of Jesus and moved it from the tomb. Peter was confused and ran to see for himself. John also went and when he saw the empty tomb, he believed. Eventually, all of the Apostles would come to understand and believe.

The initial reaction to the empty tomb teaches us an important lesson. Though the Resurrection of Christ is clearly known to us today, our knowledge of this glorious event must continually deepen. This is evidenced by the fact that the disciples of Jesus came to understand the Resurrection over time. They did not comprehend His Resurrection when Jesus first taught them about it. They did not fully understand it when they saw the empty tomb. They did not even fully comprehend it when they saw the risen Lord. It was only after they were given the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost that their minds were open to this incredible mystery of faith so that they could begin to penetrate and comprehend this mystery more clearly.

The Resurrection of Christ was a real historical event. But it is also an event that transcends time. It’s an event that must permeate all time and transform every moment of our lives. When Jesus rose from the dead, it was much different than a simple return to life. He

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Alleluia!
Praise the Lord!
THE SONG OF OUR REJOICING

It is added to acclamations and antiphons and may be used as a refrain for the responsorial psalm and communion song.

The Paschal Candle
is the central symbol of the Easter season, sign of the presence of the risen Lord, light of the world

The sprinkling rite (with water blessed at the Easter Vigil) is often used at the beginning of Masses on Sundays

ASPECTS OF THE SEASON OF EASTER

As far back as the Council of Nicaea (325), the Church reflected Easter joy by prohibiting fasting and kneeling, which are signs of penance, throughout the season. During the Easter season, we stand (rather than kneel) during the Litany of the Saints.

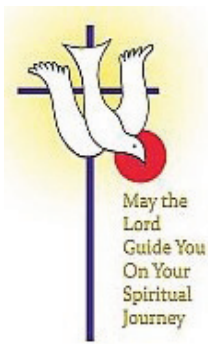
Confirmation and First Eucharist are celebrated during the Easter season

The constant joy of the season continues throughout the fifty days and should be reflected in the festive decoration of the church building

The Acts of the Apostles is read at all celebrations in place of the Old Testament because it presents the life, growth and witness of the early Church

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CONGRATULATIONS

To all who have been baptized, confirmed and admitted to the Eucharist on Easter Vigil. Let us pray that they may always be faithful followers of Christ and of the Church.

Thank you to the Catechists and sponsors for their support and dedication.

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Apr 8 – HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL

9 am - Morning Prayers - Liturgy of the hours
9:30 am - Rosary
9 pm - Easter Vigil Mass – RCIA Celebration

Sunday, Apr 9 – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8 am - Thanksgiving for all birthday celebrations, by Manny and Rose Rabino
9:30 am - (*Ital Mass*) †Christina, Tony & Louie, by Yollie & family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Gudelia Arquilada, by family
2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)
5:30 pm - (*Spanish Mass*)

Monday, Apr 10

8 am - † Francesco and Luisa, by family
7 pm - (NO MASS)

Tuesday, Apr 11

8 am -Thanksgiving for 80th birthday for Lucita Silleza, by family
7 pm -† Elizabeth Borg (1 month death anniversary), by family

Wednesday, Apr 12

8 am - Special intention for Kevin, by parishioners of St. Andrew's
7 pm - † Marie and Milton Fernando, by family

Thursday, Apr 13

8 am -† Alfred, Mary Theresa & Arulamma, by Sebastian family
7 pm - † Giovanni Iorsida, by daughter

Friday, Apr 14

8 am -† Romilio and Emilia Caputo, by daughter
7 pm - † Cesina Del Gobo, by family

Saturday, Apr 15

8 am - Thanksgiving for 25th Wedding anniversary, by Dias family
10 am - Infants Baptism
11:30 am - First Holy Communion - Confessions
7 pm - † All souls in purgatory, by Janet Mary and family

Sunday, Apr 16 – 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY DIVINE MERCY

8 am - † Amador Alon, by family
9:30 am - (*Ital Mass*) † Rita Maio, by family
11 am - For the people of the Parish / RCIC - Baptisms
12:30pm - † Thomas Mathias, by Ordella Pinto
2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)
5:30 pm - (*Spanish Mass*)



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Masses will be celebrated on **Saturday, April 22, 2023**. Please see the details below to locate your child's mass times. More details are to follow in the coming weeks.

- Mass at 10am

Schools: St. Andrew, St. Dorothy and St. John Vianney

Students must be dropped off and registered at 9am: location to be announced in the upcoming weeks

- Mass at 2pm:

Schools: Msgr. John Corrigan, St. Angela and Alternate Schools

Students must be dropped off and registered at 1pm: location to be announced in the upcoming weeks

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY will be on **Saturday, June 17, 2023**. There will be two Masses for Confirmation celebrated by His Eminence Bishop Ivan Camilleri.

- Mass at 10:00am

Schools: St. Andrew, St. Dorothy and Msgr. John Corrigan

- Mass at 12:00pm

Schools: St. Angela, St. John Vianney and Alternate Schools

More information regarding time of arrival and dress code will be sent out closer to the date. If you have any questions or concerns - please do not hesitate to reach out to us by email on Flocknote.

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH
HOLY WEEK
2023 SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:15 PM FOLLOWED BY MASS

HOLY THURSDAY (APRIL 6)

8:00 AM - MORNING PRAYER (LITURGY OF THE HOURS)
7:30PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (FOLLOWED BY ADORATION)

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 7)

11AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
3PM - THE LORD'S PASSION (ENGLISH)
5PM - THE LORD'S PASSION (ENGLISH)
7PM - LA PASSIONE DEL SIGNORE (ITALIAN)

EASTER VIGIL (APRIL 8)

9:00 AM - MORNING PRAYERS (LITURGY OF THE HOURS)
9:30AM - ROSARY
9:00 PM - EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 9)

AS SUNDAY SCHEDULE

EASTER MONDAY (APRIL 10)

8AM MASS (PARISH OFFICE CLOSED) NO MASS AT 7PM

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