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## Easter SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2021

Our paschal lamb, Christ,  
has been sacrificed.  
Therefore, let us  
celebrate the feast.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

### SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

April 3 St. Stephen & CTK Parishioners  
April 4 Jim Vranesh †  
April 5 Peter Homes †  
April 6 Mike Milani, birthday blessings  
April 7 Chris Lang, birthday blessings  
April 10 Fr. Harry Morrison †  
April 11 Norma Welch †

**\*CTK Parish Office will be closed  
Monday, April 5**

**Easter/Holy Week Schedule Inside!**

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### CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

April 5 Mike O'Connell †  
Alfredo & Sotera Quintans †  
April 6 John Shepanek †  
April 7 Vanba Nguyen †  
April 8 Cecilia Quyen †  
Orlando Villanueva †  
April 10 Don Underwood †  
Truna Nguyen †  
Tam Nguyen †

Saturday, April 10 and Sunday April 11

Ramon Bismaros †  
Alwin & Steffi, in thanksgiving  
Filomena Volpicelli †  
Marie & Isabel Barcelo, healing  
Giovanni Davis, healing  
Nicolas Cutt, healing

Dear Friends,



I would like to wish each and every one of you “Happy Easter.” Love is the highest expression of our faith and hope, and it is at the heart of the Paschal Mystery. We will transition soon to the season of Easter celebrating what Jesus Christ has done for us through his passion, death, Resurrection and eventually leading us to His ascension into heaven. Yet these are not the only times when we experience the Paschal Mystery. It is a part of our everyday life; it is the undercurrent of all that we do and all that we are.

What does this mean? How do I *experience* the Paschal Mystery? How does it affect me on a day-to-day basis? How do I become aware of its presence in my life in a real way and not just something I know about? I would like to share with you part of an article that I read on Loyola press, “The Paschal Mystery in Everyday Life.”

*First, let’s look at the Paschal Mystery in general terms, without any religious lingo. The Paschal Mystery is basically the process of dying and rising, death and new life. We see this all around us and in our own lives.*

*For example, we experience the process of dying and rising each year as we go through the different seasons. Summer is a time of vibrancy and life, which then gives way to fall, when leaves on the trees die and fall away and many plants seem to die. Winter comes and with it the frost and chill that seem to halt all growth and life. But after winter, when it seemed as if everything had died away, spring arrives. New life surrounds us. Daffodils and crocuses begin to push through the once-frozen ground. The bare branches of trees begin to show signs of new leaves.*

*Another example within nature is a process that many park rangers use—a controlled burn. Certain areas are purposefully set on fire in order to improve the habitat for plants and wildlife. It’s hard to believe that from the charred tree trunks and withered, blackened brush can come a healthy ecosystem with stronger trees and plants. But that’s exactly what happens.*

*We are a part of nature too. Not only do we experience the seasons and see the process of dying and rising, we also have our own dyings and risings. Sometimes these are obvious—for example, a grandparent dies or a baby is born. But other dyings and risings are less obvious. An experience of dying might be when you have an argument with a friend that leaves you feeling upset, or you see a homeless mother and child and don’t know what to do to help. An experience of rising might be reconciling with someone you hurt or who hurt you, talking with your family about the homeless mother and child and discovering that an organization like the St. Vincent de Paul Society has the people and the resources to care for people who are homeless. These are some of the dyings and risings that we experience every day.*

*Now when we look at the Paschal Mystery in the context of our religious beliefs and the life of Jesus Christ, we come to a deeper meaning of dying and rising. Jesus Christ’s passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension are the ultimate event of dying and rising, of death and new life. We learn from Jesus that new life can come from death, that we can find meaning in tough times, that there really is light in the darkness. We learn that all life has this rhythm of dying and rising and that God is with us in good times and in bad. Christ’s experience of suffering, death, and new life has forever changed us and given us a different way of living. Death no longer has the last word. Plus, when we encounter tough times, we have the comfort of knowing that God has “been there, done that” and the power of hope that new life will come from death. Becoming conscious of our own dyings and risings helps us have a greater sense of compassion for others and a greater willingness to reach out.*

Love is a leap of the heart of the Paschal Mystery. Unconditional love brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion. And that is my prayer this Easter, that we all become a people of love, spreading kindness and joy everywhere.

Fr. Paulson

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**CTK: Monday - Saturday:**

**9 am Mass ~ Indoor (church) and live streamed on Facebook/YouTube**

**6 pm Thursday Mass indoor (church) includes devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.**

### **Christ The King Weekends**

**Saturdays ~ 3 pm - 3:30 pm Private Confessions are available. Please meet in front of the church.**

**Saturdays ~ 4 pm Vigil Mass Outdoor (note time change)**

**Sundays ~ 7:30 am indoor, 9 am outdoor, 10:30 am outdoor, 12:00 noon Spanish outdoor and 4 pm outdoor mass.**

**Note: While communion will be available at all the Outdoor Masses, we will also offer Drive through Communion from 11:30 am - 12 pm Sundays in front of the church.**

### **Saint Stephen Weekends**

**Sunday Mass ~ 9:30 am Outdoor mass**

**Communion only - please arrive at the end of mass.**

## *Holy Week/Easter Services*

### **Holy Thursday-April 1**

CTK 6pm Mass – Outdoors

St. Stephen-6pm Mass – Indoors

### **Good Friday-April 2**

1pm-Stations of the Cross

1:45pm-Reflection/Talk

2pm & 6pm-Liturgy of the Passion

7:30pm-Liturgy of the Passion (Spanish)

### **All Outdoors CTK**

St. Stephen-Stations of the Cross-5pm – Outdoors

### **Easter Vigil Saturday-April 3**

7pm Mass – Outdoors CTK

St. Stephen-7pm Mass – Indoors

### **Easter Sunday Masses-April 4**

7:30am – Moved Outdoors

9am, 10:30am Indoor and Outdoor Masses

12 noon (Spanish), 4pm Outdoors

St. Stephen-9:30am – Outdoors

## **St. Stephen Corner**

**St. Stephen's Holy Week/**

**Easter Schedule:**

### **Holy Thursday**

Thurs, April 1 at 6 pm - indoors

### **Good Friday**

April 2 at 5 pm there will be a Stations of the Cross service outdoors; all other Good Friday services will be at CTK.

### **Easter Vigil**

Sat. April 3 at 7 pm - indoors

### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 4 at 9:30 am - outdoors weather depending.

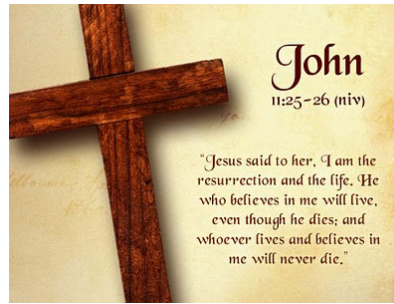
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May you and your family be blessed as you celebrate the true meaning of Easter and the promise of eternal life. May your life be blessed with joy and prosperity. Happy Easter from our priests and staff!

- Please bring your own chairs to all outdoor services. Masks and social distancing are required.
- If you prefer-stay in your car, tune into FM 106.7 and listen to mass on your car radio. Or bring tablet/smart phones to view live.
- Live streaming links to our services can be found at [ctkph.org](http://ctkph.org).

Welcome to all who have come to worship with us this Easter. On behalf of the parish clergy and staff, we would like to extend to each and every one of you "Happy Easter" and Many Blessings of the Season.

Please visit our website at [ctkph.org](http://ctkph.org) to find ways to get involved with our many ministries both for active Catholics, returning Catholics or those seeking information. You can also find our mass schedule and information on receiving sacraments.



### Lenten Rice Bowls

**HAPPY EASTER!** We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let's do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at mass or drop off at the ministry center office. You can also donate online at [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give) or our online giving at [ctkph.org](http://ctkph.org).

Our CTK Office staff will soon be ordering our **next cycle of contribution envelopes**. If you currently get envelopes and would like to continue, you don't need to do anything. However, if you get them and you no longer use them, please send us an email at [office@ctkph.org](mailto:office@ctkph.org) indicating that. Alternatively, if you do not receive them and would like to, please send an email to that effect at [office@ctkph.org](mailto:office@ctkph.org). Any questions, please call the office M-F between 9 am and 1 pm.

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