# March 31st 2024

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# **Easter Sunday**

## An Easter Message from Fr. Ignacy Warias, OMI



As we gather in joyous celebration of the Easter season, let us reflect on the profound significance of this sacred day in our faith. Today, we commemorate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the triumph of light over darkness, and the promise of eternal life.

In the resurrection of Jesus, we find hope

renewed, and our faith strengthened. It is a reminder that even in our darkest moments, God's love and grace shine through, offering us redemption and salvation. As we witness the empty tomb, let us be reminded of the power of God's love to overcome all obstacles and bring forth new life.

During this Easter season, let us also reflect on the transformative power of forgiveness and reconciliation. Just as Jesus forgave those who crucified Him, let us strive to forgive those who have wronged us and seek reconciliation with one another.

I invite everyone to congratulate our brothers and sisters in faith, who received the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Let us also congratulate and welcome the brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Confirmation and made their Profession of Faith, and now have full communion with us in the Catholic faith.

I would like to thank all the Volunteers of our Parish, who in communion with members of the Parish Staff have made a great effort so that the Liturgy on these special days of Holy Week were well organized and beautiful.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyous Easter filled with the peace and presence of the risen Christ. Happy Easter!



# This Week

Monday, April 1		Easter Monday-Office Closed
10:00am	Mass	Int Rosemary Iacaboni
7:45pm	Meeting	Catholic in Recovery
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6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)

8:00am Mass +Bernadette Murray

10:00am Funeral +Rosina Alvaro

1:15pm Meeting Faith Studies

6:30pm Meeting Parish Religious Education (PREP)

7:00pm Mass

# Wednesday, April 3

 8:00am
 Mass
 +Larry Steele

 9:15am
 Mass
 St. Augustine's School

 7:00pm
 Meeting
 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

+Michelle Rosa

### Thursday April 4

Mass

7:00pm

8:00am Mass +Nelson Escobedo 7:00pm Mass +Stephanie Bishop

Friday April 5 First Friday Adoration
8:00am Mass +Felicidad Robillo
1:15pm Meeting Lectio Divina
7:00pm Mass +Victoria Carlos

# Saturday April 6

8:00am Int Reynaldo Torres 5:00pm Mass +Bob Osterlund

# Sunday April 7

9:00am Mass For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates 11:00am Mass Int Kim and Family 12 Noon **Event** Indigenous Voices Wrap-up Session 2:45pm **Event Exposition of Blessed Sacrament** 3:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:15pm Silent Meditation Benediction 3:30pm 5:00pm Mass +Esperanza Legara 6:00pm **Event** SAYA Movie evening



### **OFFERTORY**

We are grateful for these gifts Sunday: \$11,697.00

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### **Christ is Risen!**

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles is part of an early sermon of Peter. In it he summarises the ministry of Jesus, which culminated in his death. But it didn't end there – God raised him to life, allowing him to be seen by certain witnesses. Peter

is one of those witnesses. He goes on to declare that Jesus is the one all the prophets spoke about, namely, the Messiah. All who believe in him will have their sins forgiven.

The Gospel tells about the discovery of the empty tomb. The empty tomb (with the discarded linen cloths) in itself is not a direct proof of the resurrection. Nevertheless, it was the first step towards establishing the truth that Jesus had escaped the bonds of death, and it prepared the disciples to encounter the risen Lord.

Many of the readings of the Easter cycle were meant to instruct the newly baptised on the Christian way of life. Today's second reading and its alternative are good examples. Thus the Easter season provides us with an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be baptised members of Christ's Body





### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON APRIL 6TH / 13TH**

The parish is seeking volunteers to help move a few yards of new soil to improve the lawn in the courtyard area on April 6<sup>th</sup>. If weather conditions do not permit, the activity will be rescheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>.

The parish has wheelbarrows, pails, and shovels available, but any equipment you can provide would help speed up the process.

We plan to begin at 9:30 am and any assistance would be greatly appreciated.



#### **Email Fraud Warning**

Our parish has received multiple reports from parishioners and priests who have fallen victim to recent Internet email phishing scams. Imposters, posing as priests and using email addresses that are similar to those of our priests, have been emailing people asking for personal donations, gift cards, and other forms of financial assistance.



Never respond to emails requesting gift cards, or any other form of personal financial assistance, even if it appears to be from a priest, deacon, religious, parish staff or bishop. If you have any doubt, please contact the sender by other means to verify any requests



### **Pass the Torch Tickets on Sale NOW!**

Exciting news! The St. Augustine Pass the Torch Gala tickets are now on sale for the event taking place April 27th at the Hellenic Centre. Come celebrate another school year with family, friends and fellow parishioners as we eat delicious Greek food, enjoy local wine and specialty cocktails, take part in the exciting Live auction and dance the night away. Please visit <a href="http://www.passthetorchgala.com">http://www.passthetorchgala.com</a> for more information and purchase tickets online. See you there!

### WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

St. Augustine's Oblate Parish is a Catholic community centered in Christ and the Eucharist that has a shared mission to — welcome and invite all to participate — celebrate in Word and Sacrament — foster evangelization and spiritual formation — advocate for social justice — care for our common home.