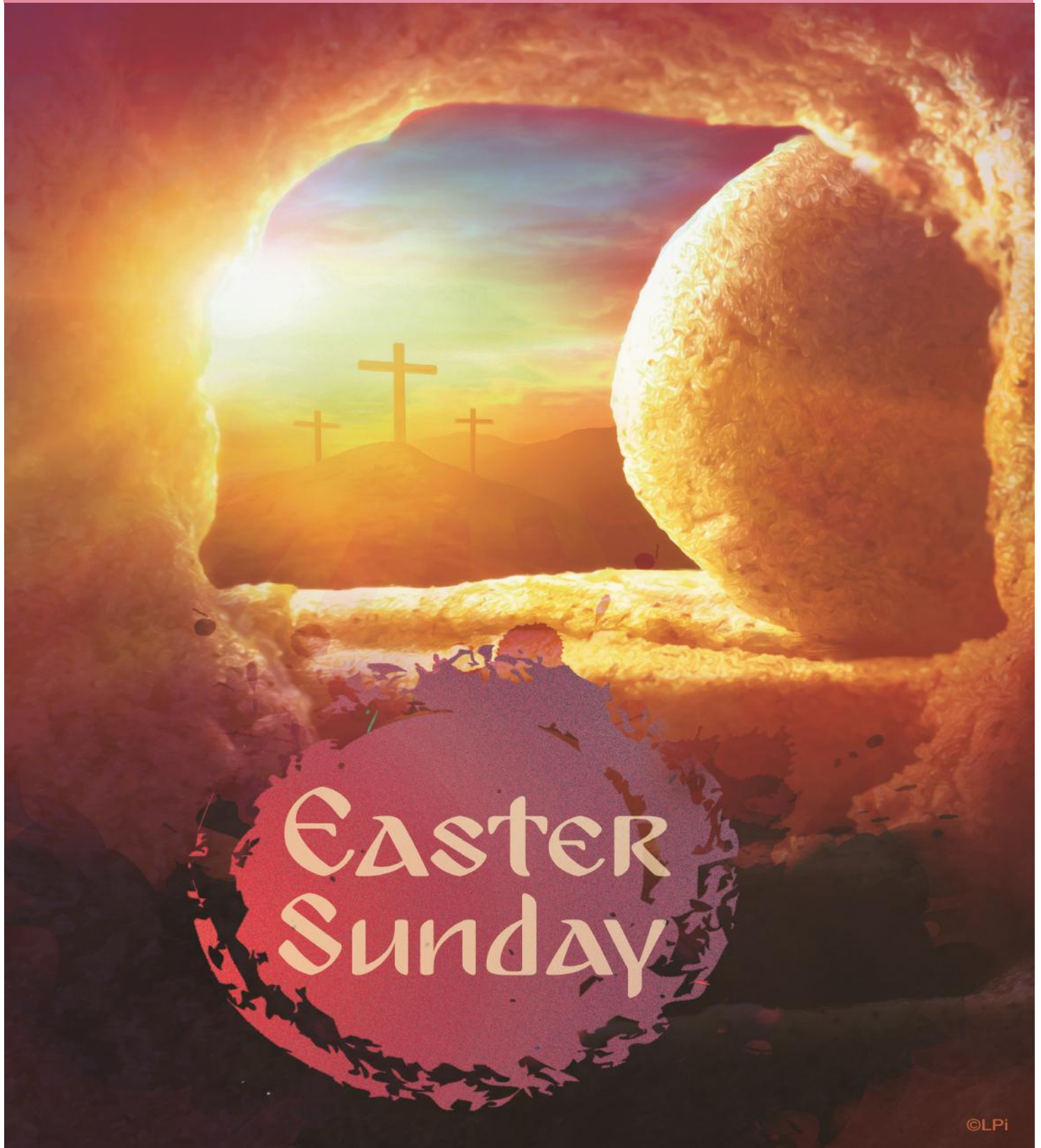


**COLLABORATIVE OF  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & ST. JOSEPH**



**Easter  
Sunday**

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- April 12, 2020 -

**W**elcome! We welcome all who have come to worship in our parish community. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to any of the priests or deacon. We encourage you to register in the parish by calling the rectory. Your presence at our parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.



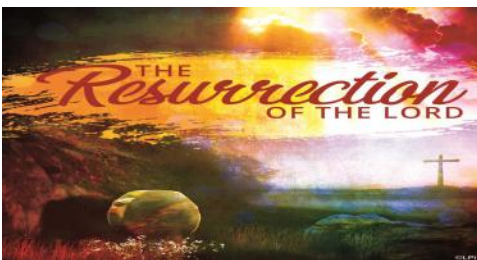
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Must be received by the Rectory no later than **4:00pm Monday Afternoons** to appear in the following Sunday bulletin.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:30pm

# FR. MATT'S CORNER



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christ is RISEN! Alleluia!

On behalf of Fr. Joseph, Fr. Arthur, and our St. J's Cares Team we wish you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful Easter! We are here for you. We care for you. We love you. The **WHITE BOWS** on the doors of our churches are a symbolic reminder that you are in our thoughts, our hearts and our prayers, and that we long for that day when we gather around the altar of the Lord as a community of brothers and sisters in Christ.

***"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our Song"*** (St. John Paul II). The JOY and HOPE of the RESURRECTION infuse every aspect of our lives, inspiring us to persevere in the midst of trials; "if God is for us, who can be against us" (Rom 8:31).

Like Mary Magdalene, we must seek Him in the good times and the bad, and in seeking and pursuing Him, we will find Him. We will have confident assurance. We will have grace to keep singing in the midst of the storm. ***"Within the covers of that single book are all the answers to all the problems that face us today, if we'd only read and believe"*** (Ronald Reagan).

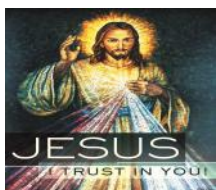
*In the midst of the Coronavirus I will sing Alleluia!  
Amidst fears and worries, I will sing Alleluia!  
In the midst of suffering and the cross, I will sing Alleluia!*

We **NEVER SING ALONE!** Even though we are celebrating the Easter Vigil virtually, we are united as one Body in Christ. I don't have to see you to know that you are out there, joining me in prayer. BUT as a *creative, beautiful and fun way of uniting our Easter "Alleluias,"* and making them visible, we will be publishing the **Virtual Easter Vigil Video** immediately after the celebration of the Easter Vigil. This video consists of individuals singing and playing the alleluia, however, through the wonders of technology, a virtual ensemble was created to produce a beautiful hymn of praise to our God!! We hope you will check it out on our websites and media handles. ***"We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our Song!"***

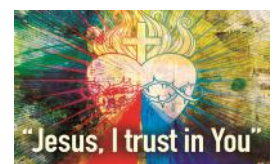
Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Matt+

P.S. Please let me take this moment to proclaim the most important grace of the Easter Celebration - Divine Mercy! The Risen Lord desires to pour out graces of mercy upon us and the whole world. He has given us the great gift of His Divine Mercy. Jesus once said to St. Faustina (Polish nun and mystic, 1905-1938): *"Mankind will not know peace until it turns with trust to my mercy."* **Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday**, and the Lord promised: *"On that day [Divine Mercy Sunday], the very depths of My tender mercy are opened. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy* (D. 699). The Lord goes on to state: **"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment"** (D. 699). It basically means that everything of our past is washed away. We get a clean slate; if we were to die, we would go right to heaven with NO PURGATORY. **It's so easy to receive**, all you have to do is:

1. Go to **Confession** before or on the Feast (Lent suffices, but need to be in state of grace with no mortal sin. You can also make a sincere act of contrition with the intention of going to Confession once the opportunity arises),
2. Receive **Holy Communion** with the intention of obtaining graces of Divine Mercy (or make an act of spiritual communion, expressing your intention to receive Him if it were possible), and
3. **Resolve** to be merciful: forgiving those who have hurt us, praying for those in need, intending to be more merciful to our neighbors.



We will be starting the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday, April 10th and continuing for Nine days concluding on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th. It will start at 3:00pm with the Holy Hour. Below is a link with information on the novena or go to the website for the direct link.



<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18374MnACLAzDod5WHeVQlq4vECNgd7jalk7Lk8Gjc4/edit?ts=5e8cb05e>

# FAITH FORMATION

## This Holy Week

Hello Parishioners and friends of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph!

We hope this email finds you and your family healthy and well. Please see below for our Collaborative updates for this week (4/6 - 4/12):

The doors of our churches will be open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the following schedule:

**St. John the Baptist:** Daily, Mon-Sun, 12-7:00PM

\*\*\*No Adoration Friday 4/10 or Saturday 4/11

**St. Joseph:** Sunday: 8:30 AM - 12:00PM

We are so incredibly grateful to Mother Olga and the Daughters of Mary who keep Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, allowing parishioners the opportunity to come and leave their burdens at the feet of our Eucharistic Lord.

**Confessions:** The (CAR) Light is on for You

We are taking extra precautions for the safety and well-being of our parishioners and priests. Our Collaborative will continue to host outdoor, drive-through Confessions at St. John the Baptist on:

**Wednesday, April 8th, 6:00-8:00pm** and

**Saturday, April 11th, 2:00-4:00pm**

## Live Streaming:

We will continue to LiveStream **Holy Mass** daily. Masses are privately said in the Convent of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth. We will LiveStream a **Eucharistic Holy Hour** with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and recitation of the Most Holy Rosary at 3:00pm daily, Monday through Sunday. The 3:00pm Holy Hour is privately prayed but made public for the spiritual well-being of the Christian faithful who long for the Eucharist.

Please Subscribe to Father Matt's You Tube channel for all live stream events.

**We have established a "St. Js Cares" email account** for those in need of prayer intentions or assistance with daily needs, or if you know of someone who is isolated and alone and needs us to reach out to them. Please email SaintJsCares@gmail.com.

**Several of our parishioners have been asking what they should do with their offertory envelopes** in this time where we can't gather to celebrate the Eucharist. We thought we would pass along the information here:

All envelopes and one-time donations can be mailed to our Collaborative Office: 556 Washington Street, Quincy, MA 02169.

If you can send your offering or register for online-giving or envelopes, that would be wonderful. Knowing that not all will be able to financially offer what they typically give; additional gifts are most welcome. If you would like to set up online giving for either a one-time donation or on a regular schedule, you can simply go to the links on our

Parish websites by clicking the "Online Giving" link).



Please remember us in your prayers - asking the Lord to provide for what we need - that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Pete Culhane from our St. J's Cares Team (617 -773-1021) or email [PetelCul@gmail.com](mailto:PetelCul@gmail.com).

On Wednesday we will be sending out links for all Triduum Streams along with Mass guides & song sheets.

**God Bless,  
Your Saint J's Collaborative Team**

*PS ~ FAMILIES, attached you will find a fun family retreat for Holy Week. Also, please click link for a fun Holy Week Lesson.*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3U6IOWG6h8&t=13s>



## Virtual Hunger for Justice to benefit the St. Joseph Food Pantry

As you know, we cannot run our Hunger for Justice program as originally planned, but we are still running it quarantine-style! Our teen leaders will still fast from food, technology, and sleeping in a bed and support each other in these sacrifices through virtual prayer.

**We are in our final push for sponsorships and one time donations as Holy Week approaches.** If you are able, please prayerfully consider going to our **Hunger for Justice Go Fund Me page** to make a donation & help us ensure that the St. Joseph food pantry will flourish in these difficult times and in the future.

[gofundme.org](http://gofundme.org)

**Wed 4/8:** 8 AM Mass,  
3 PM Holy Hour,  
6-8 PM Drive Thru  
Confession

**Thurs 4/9:** 3 PM Holy Hour,  
7:30 PM Mass

**Fri 4/10:** Noon Stations of  
the Cross,  
3 PM Holy Hour,  
7:30 PM Passion

**Sat 4/11:** 2-4 PM Drive  
Thru Confession,  
3 PM Holy Hour,  
7:30 PM Easter Vigil,  
\*VIDEO RELEASE\*

**Sun 4/12:** 11 AM Mass,  
3 PM Holy Hour

# INTENTIONS

## TODAY IS THE DAY OF ALLELUIA



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**Lectio Divina**, or “divine reading” is a traditional way of listening and talking with God through Scripture. There are four movements:

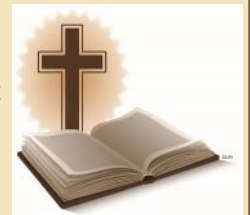
(1) **Lectio (reading)** Read a short scripture selection. Less is more with Scripture prayer. Digest it slowly. “Listen with the ear of your heart” (St. Benedict) for a word, phrase, or verse that stands out to you—perhaps ever so slightly.

(2) **Meditatio (meditation)** Think about whatever grabbed your attention. Ponder that word or phrase. Ask questions about that word.

(3) **Oratio (prayer)** Talk to God about this passage as you would to any person. If it helps, think of God as a parent, sibling, or trusted friend. He is your Father, Jesus has called you his friend, and with him, we are beloved children of God.

(4) **Contemplatio (contemplation)** Rest in God’s presence for a few minutes of silence. This allows the Lord to work on you in unseen ways.

I am grateful for Evangelical Catholic’s “1% Challenge Lectio Divina” resource. For more information please visit: <https://www.evangelicalcatholic.org/lectio-divina-2/>



### ***“It is in giving that we receive.” St. Francis of Assisi***

**St. John’s Food Pantry** Dear brothers and sisters, we believe that the Church is like family. Members of the family are always there for each other, especially in times of need. As members of Saint John the Baptist Food Pantry, we want you to know we are here for you. We live in very difficult times when the corona virus has impacted so many people physically, emotionally and economically. We understand that many people, businesses and lives have been impacted tremendously because of this, especially those who live paycheck to paycheck. Please know we are here to help with whatever we can regarding offering groceries for those who are in need. Please contact us at (617-590-7004) if you need anything or you know of anybody who might need help, especially those who are alone or whose jobs have been impacted by this epidemic. We are one family in good days and difficult days. **We love you and we pray for you.**

### ***Baby Bottle Boomerang***

Due to the current situation involving the coronavirus pandemic, we are asking parishioners who are able and interested in contributing to the Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign, to please forward your donations directly to Friends of the Unborn. This will help to get much Needed funds to them more quickly. Of course, for those of you who prefer, you can still hold onto your baby bottles and bring those in with your donations once we are free to return to our normal church routines. **Friends of the Unborn address is P.O. Box 692246, Quincy, MA 02269.** You can also donate on-line: <https://www.friendsoftheunborn.org/> Any amount you can spare will be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

# This Week

Here is what YOUR COLLABORATIVE FAMILY IS DOING and how you can BE SUPPORTED and BE A HELPING HAND!

1. We have created an **online parishioner database so we can stay in regular contact with our parishioners**. We would like to invite you to register for regular communications from our Collaborative Team, to keep you updated on what is happening in our Collaborative, and the unique ways we are seeking to serve and support you and fellow parishioners during this difficult time (e.g. Collaborative updates, inspirational vlogs, live broadcast of Holy Mass from our Collaborative, prayer resources, and all the amazing things we are doing). **Please go to this link to register: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUGISMeH0XB20i9qP6WaxEcaTJ7\\_tubqAlJncblT\\_z8origQ/alreadyresponded](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUGISMeH0XB20i9qP6WaxEcaTJ7_tubqAlJncblT_z8origQ/alreadyresponded)**
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3. We are grateful for the great work of the **St. John the Baptist Food Pantry**. St. John's is ready and willing to assist the needs of our parishioners. Please see the bulletin article for more info.
4. We are working with local **Knights of Columbus** to do can drives to stock our food pantry at St. Joseph's.
5. We have established a **GoFundMe page in support of our Hunger for Justice Program** to raise money for the St. Joseph Food Pantry. Please see the article in this week's bulletin for more info.
6. **How is your prayer life?** This is a time for intense prayer, making or reclaiming Jesus as the foundation of our lives. With Jesus as our foundation, we can withstand any storm. Can you give him 1% or more of your day in prayer (15 minutes plus). There are prayers resources in this bulletin to help you.
7. We are providing **live-streaming of Sunday and Daily Mass** from the Convent of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth. We will also provide daily videos to feed you spiritually. Please register for our Collaborative emails as mentioned in bullet 1.

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Let's be helping hands! Please check in with your neighbors, especially the elderly and those most vulnerable with a simple phone call. We want to honor the need for social distancing and do not wish to cause panic. But we can call or write a simple note asking how they are doing, leaving our number and asking them to call if we can be of help.

## Solidarity Prayer for a Pandemic

*May we who are merely inconvenienced  
remember those whose lives are at stake.*

*May we who have no risk factors  
remember those most vulnerable.*

*May we who have the luxury of working from home remember  
those who must choose between preserving their health or  
making their rent.*

*May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when  
their schools close  
remember those who have no options.*

*May we who have to cancel our trips  
remember those that have no place to go.*

*May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the  
economic market  
remember those who have no margin at all.*

*May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember  
those who have no home.*

*During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms  
around each other,  
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our  
neighbors.*

*Amen.*

Please note, we continue to celebrate all Mass intentions that were booked without a congregation present. Know that your loved ones are being remembered as well as all those affected by the Coronavirus.



## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive  
You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this  
moment receive You  
sacramentally, come at least  
spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were  
already there and unite  
myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be  
separated from You.

Amen.