

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

Alleluia! He is risen as He said, Alleluia! This Easter Sunday is not an anniversary of that first Easter morning. Nor, is this Easter a memorial – a remembrance of that first Easter Sunday morning. Today is Easter! Today is the Day the Lord has made. Today, He is Risen. Pay attention sisters and brothers to those present tense words Today is Easter – This is the Day, they need to be heard by us. We are not recalling what happened to Jesus, nor the events of the first Easter. We are not spectators watching the reactions of the three disciples – Mary Magdalene, Peter and John. Rather, this Easter Sunday is our sharing in the triumph and victory of God. As the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote, "Let Him Easter in Us." Let that victory and triumph touch our lives. Today, Now. Let our gathering in church this Easter Sunday refresh and renew us with the Joy and the Triumph that emanates from Christ whom no tomb could hold in death. We rise with Him. It began in the waters of Baptism and we rise with Him by Faith, in Him whose light shines brighter than any darkness in us or out there we rise with Him; whose gladness destroys any sadness that comes into our lives. Christ, our Hope is Risen Alleluia.

Let Him Easter in Us.

Let Easter bring new life to all of us despite whatever catastrophe we may face in the world or in our own personal situations. Let Him Easter in Us. Let this Easter celebration break open our tombs of fear, sin, worries, difficulties, problems, and fill us with Hope – with Life.

Let Christ Easter in YOU TODAY.

I wish you all a very happy Easter!

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

Happy Easter! "And this is the promise he made us: eternal life." May your home be filled with grace and blessings this Easter! In the gospel of Luke we learn that the women were looking for Jesus in the wrong place. The two men in the tomb asked them "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but has been raised.." Sometimes we look for Jesus in the wrong places. Jesus is alive and with us today. Where do we find Jesus today? We find Jesus when we pray with the community of the Church, when we receive the Sacraments, especially in Holy Communion. We find Jesus when we serve and help others, and in the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Classes: Wednesday - April 24th

Gilman: Grades K - 5: 3:40 - 5:00 p.m.

Grades 6 - 11: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Sheldon: Grades K - 11: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

+ **Confirmation** will be received on **Sunday, April 28th** at 2:00 p.m. by our nine candidates at Our Lady of Sorrows in Ladysmith. **Practice will take place one hour before the celebration.**

+ **First Holy Communion** will be received on Sunday, May 5th by nine children at Ss. Peter & Paul and three children at St. John's.

+ **May Crowning** and last class is Sunday, May 5th.

Easter Blessings

~ Sister Marianna



OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,220.00
Loose	134.00
Total	1,354.00
Total from April 15, 2018	555.00
Building Fund	130.00
Easter Flowers	20.00
Home Mission	10.00
World Mission	10.00
HolyLand	21.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 585.00
Loose	73.00
Total	658.00
Total from April 15, 2018	301.00
Building Fund	320.00
Easter Flowers	15.00
Home Mission	5.00
World Mission	5.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 504.00
Loose	168.40
Total	672.40
Total from April 15, 2018	483.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 260.00
Loose	49.00
Total	309.00
Total from April 15, 2018	225.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

Called to Become Saints
Catholic Services Appeal 2018-2019

The Annual Catholic Services Appeal is underway throughout the Diocese. The "fair share" responsibility is listed below. As of **April 1st**, we have collected:

	Payments		
	Assessment	& Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,393.00	\$ 6,790.00	\$ 4,603.00
St. John	\$ 9,158.00	\$ 5,660.00	\$ 3,498.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,234.00	\$ 5,234.00	PAID IN FULL
St. Michael	\$ 2,789.00	\$ 2,789.00	PAID IN FULL

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Village Hair Designs
by Monica
(715) 447-8276 **** W15218 Hwy 64
Wed. 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thurs. & Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

