

## From the Pastor

My Dear Sisters and Brothers of OMOS Parish,

Jesus is risen, Alleluia! This is what the Easter celebration all about, victory over death. Light after darkness.

But, what are we to do now after several weeks of being asked to stay at home because of this pandemic COVID-19? The protocol is extended. So, as a community, or even as a nation we have not resurrected yet from the seeming death that we all have – the spread of the Corona Virus.

In fact, being your new Pastor here at OMOS, I was looking forward to celebrate my first ever Easter Triduum celebration with the RCIA candidates who have prepared themselves through study and prayer in order to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. For obvious reasons, this did not happen because Holy Week was included in the protocol being extended by the State of Arizona.

I was frustrated myself in as much as you were all frustrated. Especially the parish staff, parish catechists and volunteers who have painstakingly prepared our candidates. And very much frustrated also are our candidates themselves and their families!

For weeks now, we have been longing to worship together in our beautiful OMOS Parish church. At the start of our “shelter in place” protocol, my gut level feeling was already telling me that this would not be short. This would be extended because the spread of the virus was still escalating. So, I told myself, “be prepared for the worst but believe in my heart, this is all temporary. This will come to pass.” I need to acknowledge my anxiety and even my fear. I remember when I was studying philosophy, there was a principle in psychology which states: “Any pain that is not transformed is always transmitted.” I was very conscious that the pain, frustration, anger, anxiety and fear could become a worse contagion that we might be spreading. It is okay to have all these feelings and emotions but NOT to let the feelings and emotions HAVE us or control us.

I am here reminding you that the Easter event should give us a perspective to understand our situation now. Faith in Jesus and trusting in Him are the only lens in which we see this unprecedented crisis in a positive light. The Paschal Mystery which is the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus is now very meaningful to all of us. Jesus’ words “My God, my God why have you forsaken me” Mk 15:34 become our own words in prayer. But this will lead us to acknowledge our helplessness in the face of sickness and death. We are not in control of our lives. So, this situation will allow each of us to realize that God is in control.

Allow me to share my experience of one recent evening. Since the parking lot is always empty, I always pray my rosary and the stations of the cross around it at six in the evening. I have noticed the parish church is empty. I felt deeply sad. I missed my parishioners a lot. But when I raised my head toward the sky with tears, I saw the beautiful colored clouds scattered in places brought about by the sunset. This gave me a spiritual experience, assuring me that Jesus has resurrected. The church for me at the moment is the empty tomb because in truth, Jesus’ place is not the church building but the heart of every person. We are the temple of the Holy Spirit. The Kingdom of God is within us. We need to open the door of our heart and find Jesus there waiting for each of us. He would like to talk to us the way He talked to the disciples who were on their way to Emmaus. We need to prepare a meal for him and ask him to stay. We need to hear his voice telling us “Peace be with you and do not be afraid”.

Yes, the pandemic COVID-19 made everything different. But, Easter has remained powerful for all of us because this event has transformed everything. And through this event, everything has found hope and meaning.

“This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!”

Happy Easter Everyone!

## AN EASTER BLESSING FROM FR. TOM

A blessed Easter to all of you. We have come to the greatest celebration of Christianity: Jesus Christ is Risen from the dead. But this year our Easter celebration is much different than ever before. Although through technology we can worship together in the Holy Spirit, we are unable to be present as a Church physically. It's hard to accept that no one has been baptized or received into the Church as they are each year at the Easter Vigil Mass. We can't smell the fresh lilies in the church or even receive the risen Lord in the Eucharist. We are experiencing Easter without going to Mass in person, without singing "Alleluia!" together for the first time in weeks, without seeing and hearing each other rejoice as a community of believers.

We are apart from one another, and apart from the Sacraments. We are wondering what will happen to us next as a Church, and as part of the global human family. We are tempted with anxiety, confusion, and discouragement. But this has happened to the Church before, even at Easter. Brothers and sisters, in many ways we are like the Church at that first Easter in the Upper Room. Next Sunday we will hear the story of risen Jesus' appearance to the anxious disciples in the Upper Room. I couldn't help but notice, though, the similarities between our current circumstances and next week's account from John, along with the other post-Resurrection accounts of Jesus who appeared to the disciples huddled together in isolation.

It's true that their reasons for sheltering in place were much different than ours. They feared persecution and immediate death by execution; we are isolated because of an invisible physical threat. Nonetheless, much of the same emotions are present. But my friends, Jesus still wants to make a glorious appearance to each of us this Easter. Jesus wants to make his presence known to us right where we are, even as we remain in isolation. Our closed doors can't prevent Him from entering our homes or our hearts. We aren't together as the Body of Christ on this most glorious day. Even though we won't experience him physically as we receive his sacred Body and Blood, He is God, and He can always find a way to be with us if we only ask Him.

Remember that Jesus exceeded all expectations as Messiah: not only to the Jewish people but to the whole human race. Recall, too, how He surprised the disciples huddled together in isolation and disbelief. Let's allow him to surprise us this Easter. Let's surrender our disappointment, our discouragement, our frustration, and our fear to Jesus, and so make room to welcome Him totally into our hearts. Our ability to receive his grace, under any form, is only limited by our trust in Him. Whether we are with a few family members or by ourselves, as we celebrate Easter we are together with the angels and saints. So let's lift our hearts in glorious praise to Jesus as we say, "He is Risen! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

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## EASTER GREETINGS FROM PASTOR EMERITUS

My gratitude to Fr. Arnold for inviting me to share prayerful-loving greetings with you very dear people of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish. I do so by adjusting and accommodating one of my Easter poems of a few years ago to our present-challenging reality.

### *Empty Church... Empty Tomb!*

The once crowded church, now empty  
Is like the empty tomb.  
It is full of signs and symbols  
Of the hidden risen presence.

A presence that vacated the tomb  
To live in you and me.  
Are our words and actions signs and symbols,  
Communicators of His risen presence?

Can others-living and struggling belief or unbelief  
In darkness and fear,  
Catch a glimpse of the Risen One  
In the mirror of our Easter faith

Is the widening sheet of selfish ego  
Holding us bound  
In our own lifeless tomb?  
Or is our life the Easter candle?

*Tomās ō Cathalāin*

## Christian Education / Formation

### Scripture Reflection

Easter Sunday  
April 12, 2020

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4;  
Matthew 28:1-10

“Do not be afraid! For He has been raised just as He said. Go quickly and tell His disciples.”

He is Risen! Alleluia, He is Risen! Happy Easter!

It doesn't feel much like Easter. We're stuck at home. Hidden away from each other. Isolated. Not sure what is happening in the world. Afraid of dying from COVID-19. Not able to celebrate His Resurrection.

But if you think about it, it would have been much like when the disciples were living when Jesus was crucified. They were hiding from the Jewish and Roman authorities. Afraid of dying. Not sure what had just happened. The man they believed was the Messiah had died on a cross. They were hiding in a room in Jerusalem. Waiting for what? They didn't know.

So, when the women went to the tomb that Sunday morning to finish the anointing, it was a time of deep mourning, a time of confusion and a time of much indecision. Once they arrived, an angel met them there, sitting on the stone which had been rolled away. Can you imagine their surprise? Mary Magdalene wanted Jesus' body returned so she could complete the burial rites. They couldn't understand his words. It took her seeing Jesus to comprehend. It took the disciples seeing Jesus to start to understand.

We don't understand what is going on right now either. Why is this pandemic happening? Why can't we go to Mass? Especially at Easter? Our holiest day of the year! But since we do know that COVID-19 is spread by contact with each other, the safest thing we can do is stay home. Then what we must do is protect ourselves and each other and stay home.

Yearning for the Eucharist in the form of the Body and Blood of Christ shows that we love Him so very much. Hearing and reading the Word of Christ in the Bible is a way of filling that craving. When we go to Mass, we have the Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharist. Each part of the Mass is as important as the other and each takes approximately half of the Mass. For now, rejoice in the availability to receive the Table of the Word through radio, TV, Internet, and any other technology out there. And pray that soon we will be able to meet as community at the Table of the Eucharist again.

He is Risen! Alleluia, He is Risen! Happy Easter! Alleluia!



The office will be **CLOSED**  
to the public  
until at least April 30th

We will be available by phone at  
(520)747-1321 or email at  
[omos@omosparish.org](mailto:omos@omosparish.org)

You are welcome to drop off any correspondence  
in the parish office mailbox

We apologize for the inconvenience

### Confessions Available by Appointment

If you wish to receive the sacrament of Confession, Fr. Arnold and Fr. Tom will be available by appointment. Please call 747-1321 to make an appointment.



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Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic School is currently enrolling students for the 2020/2021 school year. All students ages 3 to 8th grade are welcome. The school partners with parents to help students grow in faith, lovingly serve others, and grow in knowledge. Almost all

families can afford Catholic school with the assistance of financial assistance through scholarships. Please contact us today at 747-1027 or [clanik@omoschool.com](mailto:clanik@omoschool.com) or more information.

**SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM:** Any child ages 4-18 is eligible to receive a free lunch and breakfast regardless of whether they attend OMOS school or another school.



### Health Prayer

*God our Father, in the midst of the recent health issues, we come to You in our need to ask Your protection against the illness that has affected so many. We thank you for giving wisdom to the people tasked with studying the nature and cause of this illness and of restricting the wave of its transmission. Guide the hands and minds of medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion, and of those governments and private agencies that must find cure and solution to this epidemic. We pray for those afflicted, may they be restored to good health soon. Grant us the grace to work for the good of all and to help those in need. Keep us calm and peaceful as we remember the scripture which tells us “Do not be afraid. I am with you” Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen*

## Liturgy & Worship

### Liturgy At A Glance!

Lyn Bulski at 305-3612 or [Lbulski@omosparish.org](mailto:Lbulski@omosparish.org)

#### PRIEST CONFESSION SCHEDULE

By Appointment: Call 747-1321

#### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;  
Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;  
Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;  
Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15  
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;  
1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

### Pray For Those Who Seek Healing:

Joseph Failla



#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We are blessed to have the Blessed Sacrament in exposition from 7am-7pm everyday except Monday. It is desired that one person be in adoration all hours of exposition. If you can commit to a time, please sign up below. No more than 10 people in the church at a time and at least 6 feet apart, please.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4fafaa2faa8-eucharistic>

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration."

~ Mother Teresa

Christ  
is  
Risen!

## Holy Thursday Re-Commitment Prayer

Lord God, we recommit our lives to You during this time of uncertainty where the only certain thing is You. Although we are not able to worship together during this, the most solemn and sacred time of the year when we remember how You gave Your life for us, we pray and worship in our homes and through the media that connects us to our larger Church community.

We pledge to continue professing our faith in how we are dealing with this current crisis and in the ministry of our everyday lives. We know that we will always be Your Church on earth, no matter where we are gathered.

Thank you, Lord God, for Your unfailing love for us and for Your continued promise that You are with us always, until the end of the world.

Thank you for giving us Your mother to wrap her loving mantle around us and show us a love that only a mother can give.

Thank you for sending Your Holy Spirit to be with us and keep us calm and not afraid.

We look forward to the time we will be together again, and we recommit ourselves to doing Your work here on earth in the Church in our world.

We pray this through Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit both now and forever. Amen.

## Easter Prayer

Filled with the joy of the Good News of Your resurrection and life, we Your people of the empty tomb, proclaim our thanks and praise and Hallelujahs. We proclaim Your ongoing Risen presence with us and among us in the Word, community and the Sacraments of the Church. Help us and bless us as missionary disciples to eagerly run with this Good News in loving daily service in the ministry of our everyday lives. Risen Savior, let Your Risen presence within us and among us make us courageous bearers of hope to a world so often lost and longing for Your saving embrace. Fill all the longings and searchings of our hearts and our world with Your Easter joy and make us now and forever your



## Ministerios Hispanos

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 2:14, 22-33; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-11;  
Mt 28:8-15  
Martes: Hch 2:36-41; Sal 33 (32):4-5, 18-20, 22;  
Jn 20:11-18  
Miércoles: Hch 3:1-10; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-9;  
Lc 24:13-35  
Jueves: Hch 3:11-26; Sal 8:2ab, 5-9; Lc 24:35-48  
Viernes: Hch 4:1-12; Sal 118 (117):1-2, 4, 22-27a;  
Jn 21:1-14  
Sábado: Hch 4:13-21; Sal 118 (117):1, 14-21;  
Mc 16:9-15  
Domingo: Hch 2:42-47; Sal 118 (117):2-4, 13-15, 22-24;  
1 Pe 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Queridos hermanos en Cristo;

Sin Duda la celebración de esta Pascua 2020 será DIFERENTE, pero no significa mala.

Hemos encontrado muchos desafíos en como vivir la cuaresma de una forma diferente a la que estábamos acostumbrados, pero también nos ha traído grandes oportunidades.

Finalmente, toda la familia se encuentra en casa reunidos y no de vacaciones, o haciendo actividades que nos distraen del significado y propósito de la cuaresma. Buscamos de manera más intencional orar en familia y nos estamos conectando con nuestros familiares y amigos con más frecuencia, aunque sea de una manera virtual. De alguna manera estamos mas conectados con las personas que con las actividades sociales.

La tecnología que de muchas maneras se había convertido en un peligro para nuestra sociedad y sobre todo nuestra juventud, ahora esta siendo usada para compartir oraciones, buenos deseos y palabras de aliento y reflexión para todos. Una vez mas Dios nos muestra como si abrazamos su voluntad con amor y esperanza él puede cambiar cualquier situación de dolor o tragedia en una Gran Bendición.

Estamos muy agradecidos por todas las oportunidades de servicios religiosos (especialmente la Santa Misa) con los que nuestra parroquia nos ha estado alimentando espiritualmente a través de estos medios de comunicación. Este viernes a las 10:00PM acompáñenos vía Facebook de Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Tucson. Acompañando a mamita María con el Rosario del Pésame.

¡Este domingo de Pascua una vez más estamos invitados a que de manera “diferente” seamos creativos en cómo vivir la fiesta principal y que le da el sentido a nuestra fe católica “LA PASCUA DE RESURRECCION” y aunque nos faltara la Santa EUCARISTIA

estaremos unidos en Espíritu, Gozo y Esperanza como CUERPO DE CRISTO que pronto iremos a nuestras Iglesias a recibir a Jesús con más ganas que nunca!



*Moved? Changed your number or email? Give us a call to update us at 747-1321 or email [omosparish@omosparish.org](mailto:omosparish@omosparish.org)*

## Christian Life Commission

### St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul needs your help to provide non-perishable food items and toiletries especially in this time of great need. We will NOT be shutting down our services during this pandemic. We will place a donation box in the vestibule of the church, and we will gratefully accept monetary donations. Monetary donations may be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul office between 9AM and NOON, Monday through Friday. We thank you for your amazing support and sacrifice. We couldn't fulfill our mission without your support.

### LENTEN CHANGE HAITI OUTREACH

Thank you for collecting change this Lent to help more children in Northwest Haiti have the opportunity to receive an education. Your change will help with tuition, teacher salaries, school repairs, supplies and materials. As you know the plan was to collect the jars and envelopes on Palm Sunday. Since we are not able to celebrate Mass due to the pandemic, **please hold on to your Change Haiti jars and donations. Once we are able to celebrate Mass again we will put a bin in front of the altar to collect your donations.** Thank you for your continued support. Your change will make a difference!





# OMOS Teen MD

Missionary Disciples

“He is not here. HE IS RISEN”  
Mark 16:6

## Stay Healthy and Holy!



*HS Confirmation is continuing on ZOOM, slack, phone and email. Stay in touch and stay caught up so you are prepared for the Sacrament when it is time!*

**THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE:** If you would like to present the gifts of bread and wine at the Mass offered for your loved one, please sign up in the Gift Bearer Book behind the last pew in the back of church.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- 7:00 am - Manuel J. Rodriguez+
- 9:00 am - Kiyo Cecil+
- 10:45 am - Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 12:30 pm - Gene Ackerley+
- 4:00 pm - Leopoldo Cuevas+
- 6:00 pm - Sonya Augustine+

### MONDAY, APRIL 13

- 6:30 am - Frederico & Lourdes Gorriceda+
- 8:30 am - Ray & Marion Blumenstetler

### TUESDAY, APRIL 14

- 6:30 am - Cirilo Facturam+
- 8:30 am - Dolores Denker+

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- 6:30 am - Gaudencio Facturam+
- 8:30 am - Robert Campbell+
- 6:30 pm - Peace & Justice

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

- 6:30 am - Bill Phillips+
- 8:30 am - Gloria Roberts

### FRIDAY, APRIL 17

- 6:30 am - Efren Tanan+
- 8:30 am - Dolores Carpenter

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- 8:30 am - Eddie Camerlin+
- 5:30 pm - Celina Reyes+

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 7:00 am - Jessica Rodriguez+
- 9:00 am - Mary Helen Moreno+
- 10:45 am - Gil & Benigna Manzano+
- 12:30 pm - Edward E. Gradillas+
- 4:00 pm - Leopoldo Cuevas+
- 6:00 pm - Florencio Cases+

*The priests will be celebrating a private daily Mass for the intentions of the day. You're loved ones will be remembered at each Mass.*



**April 5, 2020**  
**\$ 23,536.17**

## Announcements

### **Employment Opportunity at OMOS:**

OMOS is looking for an experienced full-time bookkeeper. Regular work hours are Monday 7am to 2:30pm, Tuesday through Friday 8am to 3:30pm. Please apply on-line at [www.diocesetucson.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.diocesetucson.org/employment-opportunities). No paper applications will be accepted.

P	High School Teens and 8th Graders	P
R	<b>GREAT NEWS!!!</b>	R
A	We are going to meet via ZOOM!	A
Y	Sunday's at 1:30 pm Thursday's at 6:00 pm	Y
P	<i>If you want to join us, email me and I will send you the invite!</i>	P
R	<i>Also, check your slack and email regu- larly...</i>	R
A	<b>LIFE GOES ON</b>	A
Y	<b>CHANGE IS GOOD!</b>	Y
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