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April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday



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Easter Schedule

Saturday, April 19th

8:00 pm Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20th

10:00 am Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

**You Are
Welcome Here!**

**We're glad you're here.
Wherever you are
on your journey of faith,
you have a home
with us.**

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass: 4:00pm

Sunday Mass: 10:00am

Tuesday: 5:00pm Adoration
6:00pm Mass

View the weekend Masses online at:
www.smm-gv.org.

**Experiencing the Heart
of Christ, we**

Know Jesus

in Word and Worship.

Live Jesus

in a vibrant, welcoming
Catholic community.

Serve Jesus

in outreach and justice.

Reflection from Father Tom

From Tomb to Bloom

"Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the **tomb** first, and he saw and believed" (Jn:20:8). The tomb was empty but the disciples' hearts were filled with faith. Jesus, by his resurrection, showed that the Cross is the way to cross our valley of death to the mountain of resurrection. That is why it is called Cross. By coming out of the tomb Jesus demonstrated to us that the tomb is the way to bloom in our faith to eternal life. So, by the resurrection of Jesus, we comprehend that there is no more tomb of gloom in our life, but we are called to the life booming with joy.

Easter is not merely a commemoration of the historical event of the past but the celebration of our present life. As Jesus passed to the glorious resurrection by way of death, we celebrate the liberation of ourselves from sin to holiness, from fear to joy, from death to life, and from pain to gain. Thus, the history of Jesus becomes the mystery of our daily life in this ever-challenging world. By this celebration, we bring death to our sinful nature and rejuvenate resurrection to life in Jesus with total freedom: Our Salvation.

The gospel of this weekend (JN: 20:1-9) brings out a unique theme that summarizes the real meaning of 'tombs and resurrections' in our life. The word 'Tomb' is mentioned 7 times (Seven is a biblical number). These seven tombs represent the seven deadly sins which are the 'tombs' of our spiritual life: pride, greed, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony, and sloth. There are seven corresponding seven virtues that are signs of resurrection in our life: humility, charity, kindness, patience, chastity, temperance, and diligence. Let us remove the stones of denial from the tombs of our spiritual life and let us clothe ourselves with virtues of Joy engendered by the resurrection of Jesus.

During this Easter time let us bury our despair and raise our hope in the resurrection following Jesus, our victor of death and winner of salvation. As a follower of Christ who died on the cross to give us eternal life, we should fill our life with hope of life and faith of joy. We are people of resurrection not of death. Christ has risen from death. Alleluia. We should rise above our fear of uncertainty and live a life of happiness filled with faith in Jesus. We need to come out of our tomb of fear to enjoy the resurrection of our life in Christ.

My Heartfelt Thanks: I thank everyone including our staff, Mary Muntifering and volunteers who did a marvelous work during this Lent and Holy week. I thank Michael McDonough, Pete Aubart, and their friends for their dedicated work in decorating the Altar and the liturgical environment. My thanks to those of you who regularly participated in the Lenten Small Groups, reflecting the mysteries of this Holy Season. I take this opportunity to thank all the liturgical ministers,

Fr Tom's Reflection Continued

Dan and Debbie Kubes, MaryAnn Davila, and Bill Komarek for their dedicated service of cleaning our Church and Visitation Hall. I thank the A/V operators, our dedicated Sacristans, Lectors, Altar Servers, Money Counters, Greeters/ushers, and everyone who one way or the other helped in promoting liturgical ministries in our parish. Finally, I thank Mary Bur and our musicians for their inspiring and uplifting music during this holy season and Paula Lutz for her paschal proclamation.

April 19—May 4

Saturday, April 19 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
8:00 pm Mass† Marge Johnson

Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday
10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, April 22
5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Saturday, April 26
3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass† Shirley Stanoch

Sunday, April 27 2nd Sunday of Easter
10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, April 29
5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass★ Expectant Parents

Saturday, May 3
3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass† Shirley Stanoch

Sunday, May 4 3rd Sunday of Easter
10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM
† deceased ★ living

Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes is asking for help with supplies needed for the less fortunate. If you have any reusable water bottles or reusable grocery bags, they would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring your water bottles and reusable grocery bags to the Church. You may put them in the labeled box next to the Prism box.

Thank you for your generosity in helping this program.

If you have any questions, please contact Rich Kramer at 612-859-0539.