



WELCOME VISITORS TO SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH, ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS



30 March 2024

HOLY SATURDAY

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life:

GO. MAKE. TEACH.

Our Core Values: a reliance on prayer, a wiliness to grow, a generous spirit.

Please join us for festive refreshments in Saint Joseph Hall immediately following this Solemn Mass.

WELCOME!

If you are a visitor to St. John's, we sincerely welcome you. For more information about the parish, to register, or to ask a question, visit our Welcome Desk in St. Paul Plaza. Monthly new parishioner registrations will take place after all Masses on the weekend of April 13-14 in the parish hall. Come and see what the parish has to offer you and your family.

We kindly ask that you turn off all cell phones and electronic devices during Divine Worship. Thank you for your cooperation.

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one "Great Sunday." The Paschal Candle, a symbol of the presence of the Risen Christ among the people of God, remains in the sanctuary through Pentecost Sunday. Tonight, and each Sunday of Eastertide, we are reminded of our Baptismal Promises with the sprinkling of the new Easter Water. The Church invites us to "remember our baptism."

If you have been blessed by this sacred liturgy and wish to support the worship and mission of St. John the Baptist, we welcome your financial gift which can be made online at www.stjohnnb.com or by using the QR code.



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THE LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

Dear brothers and sisters, on this most sacred night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the church calls upon her sons and daughters, scattered throughout the world, to come together to watch and pray.

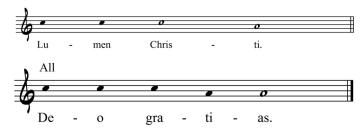
If we keep the memorial of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way, listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we shall have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God.

Let us pray...

Through Christ our Lord.

Christ yesterday and today the beginning and the end.
Alpha and Omega all time belongs to him and all the ages
To him belong glory and power through every age for ever. Amen.
By his holy and glorious wounds
May Christ our Savior guard us and keep us. Amen.

May the Light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. Amen!



THE EXSULTET

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,

exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

Therefore, dearest friends, standing in the awesome glory of this holy light, invoke with me, I ask you, the mercy of God almighty,

that he, who has been pleased to number me, though unworthy, among the Levites, may pour into me his light unshadowed, that I may sing this candle's perfect praises.

Deacon: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Deacon: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart and with devoted service of our voice, to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father, and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.

Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father,

and, pouring out his own dear blood, wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.

These then are the feasts of Passover, in which is slain the Lamb,

the one true Lamb, whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.

This is the night, when once you led our forebears, Israel's children, from slavery in Egypt and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.

This is the night that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night that even now, throughout the world,

sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld.

Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed.

- O wonder of your humble care for us!
- O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!
- O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!
- O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!
- O truly blessed night, worthy alone to know the time and hour when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night of which it is written: The night shall be as bright as day, dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness.

The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands,

an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church.

But now we know the praises of this pillar, which glowing fire ignites for God's honor, a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by sharing of its light, for it is fed by melting wax, drawn out by mother bees to build a torch so precious.

O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wedded to those of earth, and divine to the human.

Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honor of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night.

Receive it as a pleasing fragrance and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.

May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star:

the one Morning Star who never sets,

Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's domain,

has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever.



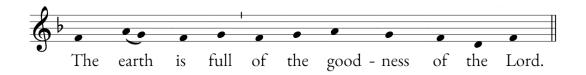
- Extinguish candles -

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymnal Number 1153

READING: Genesis 1: 1—2:2

PSALM 33



Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all their host.

He gathers the waters of the sea as in a flask, in cellars he confines the deep.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he has chosen for his own inheritance. From heaven the LORD looks down; he sees all mankind.

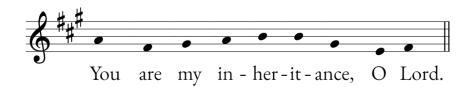
Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

PSALM PRAYER (All rise for the prayer, then be seated)

Hymnal Number 1154

READING: Genesis 22: 1-18

PSALM 16



O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

PSALM PRAYER (All rise for the prayer, then be seated)



Hymnal Number 1155

READING: Exodus 14: 15-15: 1

CANTICLE



Canticle: Let Us Sing To The Lord, by Jay Hunstiger; Copyright © 1985 Administered by Liturgical Press, Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN.

I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea. My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior. He is my God, I praise him; the God of my parents, I extol him.

The LORD is a warrior, LORD is his name! Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea, the elite of his officers were submerged in the Red Sea.

The flood waters covered them, they sank into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, magnificent in pow'r, your right hand, O LORD, has shattered the enemy.

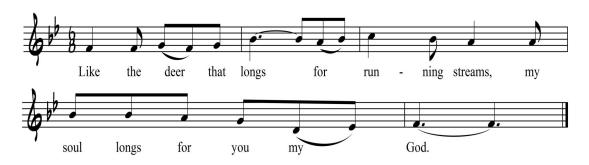
You brought in the people you redeemed And planted them on the mountain of your inheritance. The place where you made your seat, O LORD, The sanctuary, O LORD, which your hands established. The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.

PSALM PRAYER (All rise for the prayer, then be seated)

Hymnal Number 1159

READING: Ezekiel 36: 16-17a, 18-28

PSALM 42



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My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life, when can I enter and see the face of God? (Organ Interlude)

How I would lead the rejoicing crowd into the house of God, amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving, the throng wild with joy. (Organ Interlude)

O send forth your light and your truth; let these be my guide. Let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell. (Organ Interlude)

> And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy. My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp, O God, my God. (Organ Interlude)

PSALM PRAYER (All rise for the prayer, then be seated)

All remain seated for a period of silence as the candlelight pierces the darkness.

The triptych doors are flung open revealing Christ, the King of glory and the angels of the resurrection. The organ, brass and tower bells sound once again in a festive fanfare.

The altar candles are lighted, and the Easter flowers take their place.—

Christ is risen: "alleluia!"



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OPENING PRAYER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

EPISTLE: Romans 6: 3-11

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were also baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, hat we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more, death no longer has power over him.

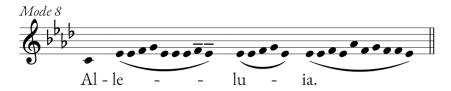
As to his death, he died to sin once for all, as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too much think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence follows the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Psalm 118

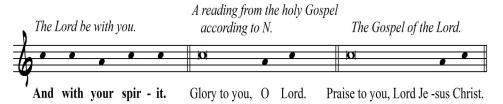
The Cantor, then all (3 times):



After third time:



GOSPEL DIALOGUE



GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 16: 1-7

When the sabbath was over,

Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him.

Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb.

They were saying to one another,

"Who will roll back the stone for us

from the entrance to the tomb?"

When they looked up,

they saw that the stone had been rolled back, it was very large.

On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed.

He said to them, "Do not be amazed!

You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.

He has been raised; he is not here.

Behold the place where they laid him.

But go and tell his disciples and Peter,

'He is going before you to Galilee;

there you will see him, as he told you."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

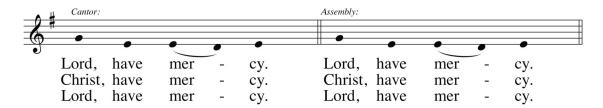
GOSPEL RESPONSE

Let us hasten to the tomb, Alleluia!
Where the light has conquered gloom. Alleluia!
Jesus Christ whose blood was shed, Alleluia!
Is now risen from the dead. Alleluia!

"Let Us Hasten To The Tomb," text by S. Delores Dufner, O.S.B. 1988 by The Sisters of Saint Benedict, Saint Joseph, MN 56374.

HOMILY

THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS All stand as the organ sounds -



Chanters:

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Saint Michael, Holy Angels of God, Saint John the Baptist,

Saint Joseph,

Saint Peter and Saint Paul,

Saint Andrew,

Saint John,

Saint Mary Magdalene,

Saint Stephen,

Saint Ignatius of Antioch,

Saint Lawrence,

Saint Perpetua and Felicity,

Saint Agnes,

Saint Gregory,

Saint Augustine,

Saint Athanasius,

Saint Basil,

Saint Martin,

Saint Benedict,

Saint Francis and Saint Dominic,

Saint Francis Xavier,

Saint John Vianny,

Saint Catherine of Siena,

Saint Theresa of Jesus,

All holy men and women, Saints of God,





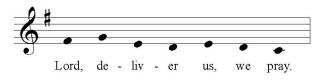
The Litany Of The Saints

Text: Roman Missal Music: Roman Missal

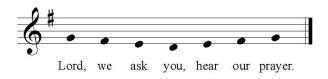
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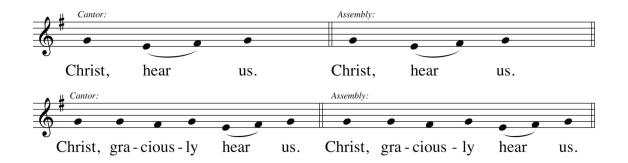
Chanters:

Lord, be merciful,
From all evil,
From every sin,
From everlasting death,
By your incarnation,
By your death and resurrection,
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,



Be merciful to us sinners,
Bring these chosen ones
to new birth through
the grace of baptism,
Jesus, Son of the living God,







BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

Priest: O God, who by invisible power accomplish a wondrous effect through sacramental signs and who in many ways have prepared water, your creation, to show forth the grace of Baptism;

O God, whose Spirit in the first moments of the world's creation hovered over the waters, so that the very substance of water would even then take to itself the power to sanctify;

O God, who by the outpouring of the flood foreshadowed regeneration, so that from the mystery of one and the same element of water would come an end to vice and a beginning of virtue;

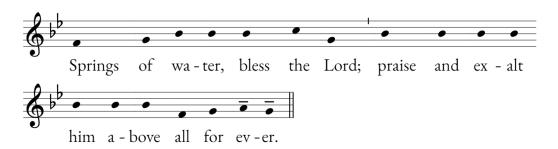
O God, who caused the children of Abraham to pass dry-shod through the Red Sea, so that the chosen people, set free from slavery to Pharaoh, would prefigure the people of the baptized;

O God, whose Son, baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan, was anointed with the Holy Spirit, and, as he hung upon the Cross, gave forth water from his side along with blood, and after his Resurrection, commanded his disciples: "Go forth, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," look now, we pray, upon the face of your Church and graciously unseal for her the fountain of Baptism.

May this water receive by the Holy Spirit the grace of your Only Begotten Son, so that human nature, created in your image and washed clean through the Sacrament of Baptism from all the squalor of the life of old, may be found worthy to rise to the life of newborn children through water and the Holy Spirit.

May the power of the Holy Spirit, O Lord, we pray, come down through your Son into the fullness of this font, so that all who have been buried with Christ by Baptism into death may rise again to life with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

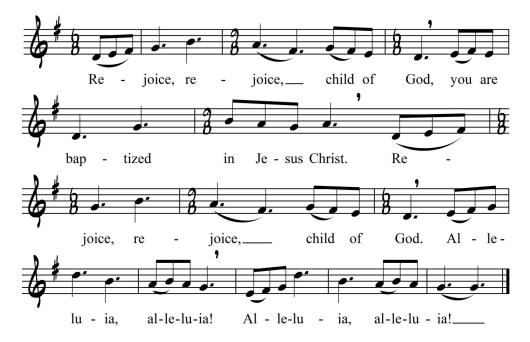


BAPTISMAL PROMISES FOR THOSE TO BE BAPTIZED

John Kwon

RITE OF BAPTISM

I now address the Elect— (catechumen and godparents):



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CLOTHING WITH THE WHITE GARMENT LIGHTING OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE PROCESSION INTO THE SANCTUARY

VIDI AQUAM (I Saw Water)

I saw water flowing from the Temple, From its right-hand side, Alleluia.

And all to whom this water came were saved, And shall say: Alleluia, Alleluia.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

People's candles are now re-lighted.

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you

Do you renounce Satan?

do.

And all his works?

do.

And all his empty show? do.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

Amen.

do.

Extinguish candles now.

SPRINKLING OF EASTER WATER

As the ministers approach, open yourselves to the Easter Water as it falls upon you. It is customary to make the Sign of the Cross as one is reminded of the waters of Baptism.

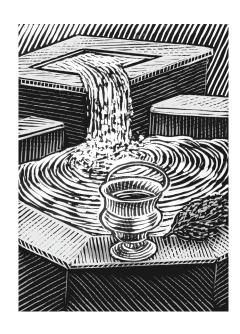




Blest be God, by his great mercy, we are baptized in his Son.
Set apart as holy people, we are his and not our own.

We are made in his own image; on us is the Spirit poured.
We are cleansed in saving water; we are clothed in Christ the Lord.

Rescued from the pow'r of darkness, brought into resplendent light, offer thanks for loving mercy, praise for gentleness and might!



PROFESSION OF FAITH OF THE CANDIDATES

INVITATION TO THE BAPTIZED

| Dustin Allen | Betsey Krohn |
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| Jacob Gorecki | Michael Person |
| Timothy Hardy | Laura Pitzl |
| Mattea Johnson | Ryan Reddy |
| Aaron Knight | Crystal Yates |

ACT OF RECEPTION

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

| Dustin Allen | John Kwon |
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| Michael Flynn | Michael Person |
| Jacob Gorecki | Laura Pitzl |
| Timothy Hardy | Ryan Reddy |
| Mattea Johnson | Scott Swaby |
| Yvonne Kleis | Charles Whelan |
| Aaron Knight | Crystal Yates |
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Betsey Krohn

LAYING ON OF HANDS

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

THE SIGN OF PEACE

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Cantor: Christ the Lord,



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS Please be seated -

PRESENTATION OF THE BREAD, WINE AND MONETARY OFFERINGS.

"THE GIFTS OF GOD, FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD."

OFFERTORIUM: Psalm 118

The right hand of the LORD has done mighty deeds,
The right hand of the LORD has exalted me,
I shall not die, but I shall live,
And recount the deeds of the LORD, alleluia.

SCHOLA ANTHEM: SICUT CERVUS by Palestrina (Sung in Latin)

As a deer longs for the flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God.



Please rise as the Deacon approaches to bless you with incense. Bow to him before and after the blessing. Remain standing for the Prayer over the Gifts and the Preface.



Tonight the people, having been incensed, remain standing for the entire prayer.

Pray, brothers and sisters...

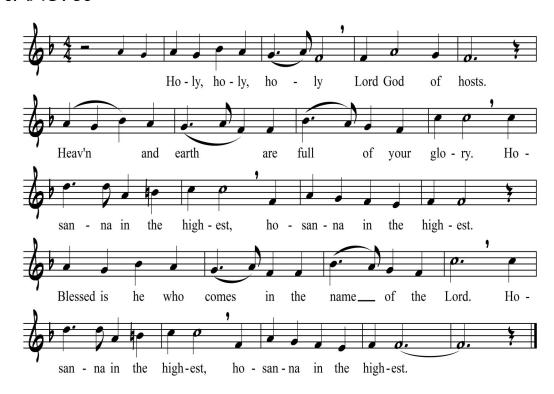


ay the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.

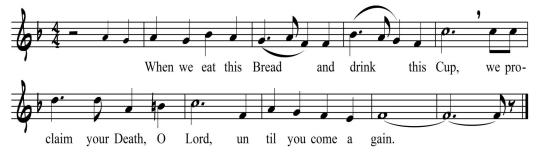
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



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GREAT AMEN

AGNUS DEI



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

ON THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Practicing Catholics who are Sacramentally prepared to receive Holy Communion may come forward to receive the Eucharist.

Other Christians are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion.

Simply cross your arms over your heart.

ON THE MANNER OF RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

As you approach the Minister, bow in reverence to the Lord. Upon receiving the Host, please open your hands palms up so that the Minister may place the Host in your open hands. Do not seize or take the Host from the Minister.

Step to the side, and commune yourself.



COMMUNIO



COMMUNION ANTHEMS

REGINA CAELI

Traditional Chant sung in Latin Choral arrangement by Antonio Lotti

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

O CLAP YOUR HANDS

by Ralph Vaughn Williams

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.



HYMN OF PRAISE: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today *Lyra Davidica*



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS EASTER BLESSING DISMISSAL

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

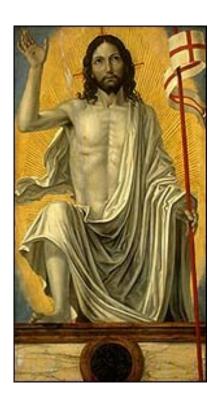


ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

RECESSIONAL

Symphony No. 5, Op. 42, No. 1, Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor



And very early in the morning after the Sabbath, they came to the sepulchre at the sunrise,

Alleluia!

Join us for a Holy Hour at 3:00 pm April 7th on

Divine Mercy Sunday.

There will be Exposition, Benediction and the Sacrament of Reconciliation available.

Join us for our

All Parish Retreat

April 12th - 13th

Please take home a St. John's Bulletin for more information on upcoming Parish Events.