

THE HILARION

ST. HILARY PARISH

California and Bryn Mawr Avenues – Chicago, Illinois 60659



FOR GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF SAINT HILARY IS A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO. OUR MISSION IS TO KNOW CHRIST THROUGH PRAYER AND EXPERIENCE AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL. Approved 6/22/11 by the Parish Pastoral Council Steering Committee

THE ADORATION CHAPEL

IS NO LONGER OPEN AT ANYTIME.

THE CHURCH IS COMPLETELY LOCKED

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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UNTIL THE TIME WHEN OUR CHURCH

& RECTORY REOPEN.

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BE AVAILABLE WHEN THE CHURCH &

RECTORY REOPEN.

ALL HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

BY THE ARCHDIOCESE.



RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION

During the Coronavirus restrictions, arrangements must be made with one of the priests by calling the Parish Office at (773) 561-3474.

BAPTISMS are usually celebrated in **English** during the Sunday 12:00 noon Mass and in **Spanish** during the 1:30 PM Sunday Mass. Instructions for parents and godparents are required. Arrangements must be made in advance. Please call the Parish Office, 9 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday. To schedule a time for the Baptism and the Preparation Class, you will be referred to Deacon Ramirez. .

Arrangements for **MARRIAGES** must be made at least four months in advance. Please call the Parish Office, 9 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Friday for more information.

Easter Sunday - April 12, 2020

WELCOME! If you have been seeking a parish community in which to pray, to learn, to join in social activity and to be of service to others – our doors and hearts are open to you. We are thankful that God has sent you to us. Newcomers are asked to introduce themselves to one of the priests and to come in or call the Parish Office during business hours, 9 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Friday. **Registration Forms** are in the racks at the doors of the Church, at the Parish Office and online. Please complete one and return it in the collection basket, in the mail slot at the rectory, or by mail. And once again, **WELCOME!**

TODAY’S READINGS

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Gospel: John 20:1-9

REFLECTION

How Distant Is the Solution?

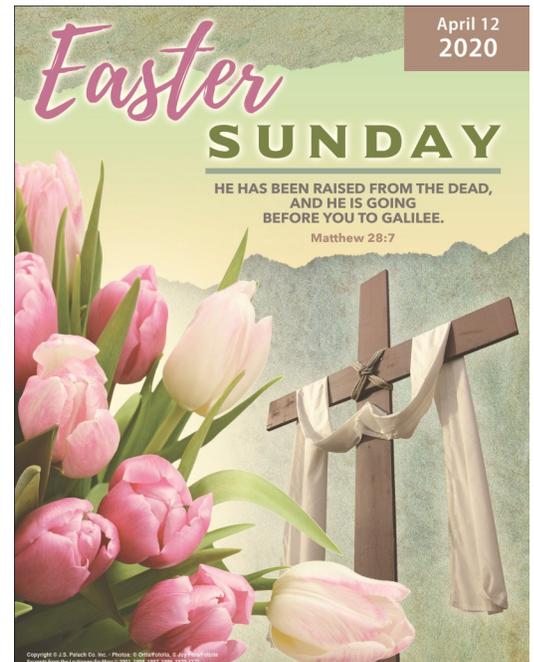
We have heard about Jesus calling His friend out of the tomb. Life was given to Lazarus as a gift, and to all who believe in Him. Death limits us all because of our sin, the cause of our death. But the gospel says to us that God will never leave us alone, that He continues to seek us to give life to all of us. In our limitations, in our weaknesses, Jesus comes. He weeps with us in this situation and liberates us from the limitations of life.

It is a very important piece of scripture to read during our time of crisis. We understand that we have been trying with all our might to get out of these difficulties. It is not just the pain, the agony of death that worries us because of the coronavirus; it is also a concern of those who lose their jobs and because of this can't pay for the necessities of life. It is getting into all aspects of our daily life. To deal with this is not easy, but we need to be aware that we are not alone in this predicament . We have a community to look after and neighbors to check up on to see if they are doing well. Aside from all material needs and physical worries, we come to submit ourselves to some psychological stability, and our attitudes and ways of handling the situation we are in. We can have all the health, money, and material things we need, but if our spiritual wellbeing is not given attention, then we lose everything.

We need to hear that there is a Jesus seeking, looking for us during these times. We need to hear that He cries when one of us dies. We need to know how saddened He is during our difficulties. He is there as a rock for us, our strength, our help.

We are people of hope, a community rooted in Jesus. He will help us pass thru this challenge and bring us to the glory of Easter. This is what our faith is all about during times of trouble. Nothing can take that away from us; nothing can take Jesus away from us. Let us look and see God's gifts for all of us during these times.

Fr. Aloy



A pre-recorded Mass is available for you on the St. Hilary Facebook and on our website at St Hilary Parish under **News & Announcements**. You may also go directly to YouTube with these links: Mass in English or Misa en Espanol.

This is our first attempt at recording a Mass for you. We hope to get better and offer live-streaming in the future.

Please share this information with other parishioners as you see fit.

Take care of yourselves and your families. See you in church soon!

Carl



Photos taken during the taping of Sunday Masses which may be viewed by going to St. Hilary Facebook, YouTube, or our website. (See p. 2 of this bulletin.)

You are represented at Mass by your intentions: the Sick & Homebound, Healing of the World; Those Affected by the Coronavirus; All First Responders & Health Care Workers; St. Hilary Parishioners; Parishioners of Transfiguration of Our Lord; Our School Families; St. Hilary School Faculty & Staff; Our Parish Staff; All in Leadership Roles; All Local, State, Federal & World Leaders; the Leadership & Staff of the Archdiocese; All the Parishes & Priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.



MASS IN ENGLISH

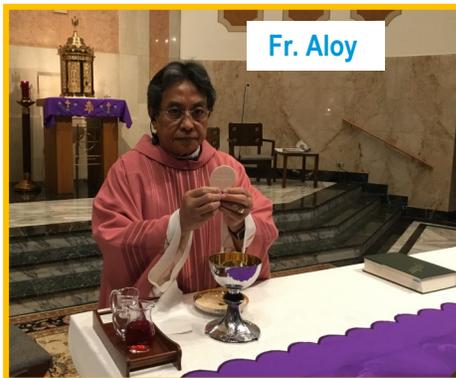
MASS IN SPANISH



Carl & Fr. Tom



Deacon Juan & Maria Elena Caparrosa



Fr. Aloy



Maria Elena & Carl



Fr. Fernando



Fr. Aloy



Fr. Fernando



Fr. Fernando

BLESSINGS

Lyrics of a song by Laura Mixon Story Elvington, an American contemporary Christian music singer-songwriter from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

We pray for blessings
We pray for peace
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep
We pray for healing, for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering
All the while, You hear each spoken need
Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things

'Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise

We pray for wisdom
Your voice to hear
We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near
We doubt your goodness, we doubt your love
As if every promise from Your Word is not enough
All the while, You hear each desperate plea
And long that we'd have faith to believe

When friends betray us
When darkness seems to win
We know that pain reminds this heart
That this is not our home

What if my greatest disappointments
Or the aching of this life
Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy
What if trials of this life
The rain, the storms, the hardest nights
Are your mercies in disguise



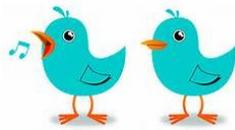
Don't take what you don't need. Hoarding worsens the situation and can lead to serious impacts for the most vulnerable. **Leave the masks to others.** Masks only make sense for health care workers and those who are already infected. They are not guaranteed to prevent transmission anyway. **Don't overbuy supplies.** As much as retailers try to stay stocked with their products, many are being wiped out of disinfectants, soap, hand sanitizers and other supplies, leaving some who most need them without. Be prepared, but be thoughtful and reasonable.

Proactively love your neighbor! Check on isolated or vulnerable family, friends & neighbors and offer to help with specific tasks such as grocery shopping, child or pet care, picking up prescriptions, mailing letters, etc.

If you are in a position of power, use that power for the good of all. Allow workers to work from home or take time off, limit large gatherings / meetings, follow government guidelines, etc.

Thank those on the front lines who are protecting us, such as health care workers, the police and firefighters. Be gentle and kind with them. Give them a smile.

Pray for all those affected by the crisis and for one another. May we all be safe. Take care of each other.



Monday, April 13 - April 19

WE ASK ALL OUR PARISHIONERS TO PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER EVERY DAY WHEREVER YOU MAY BE AT 8:30am SO WE WILL BE ONE IN SPIRIT WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER.

Jesus, I present to You my soul and my body. I trust You, Lord and Creator of the universe. You are Life; You are Hope; You are the Resurrection from death. You, Lord, are the Health of the sick.

Lord, I turn to You, imploring Your divine help. Intervene with Your saving power and protect us from the Coronavirus epidemic. Strengthen my immune system, and protect my body and those of my loved ones from the virus and other infectious diseases.

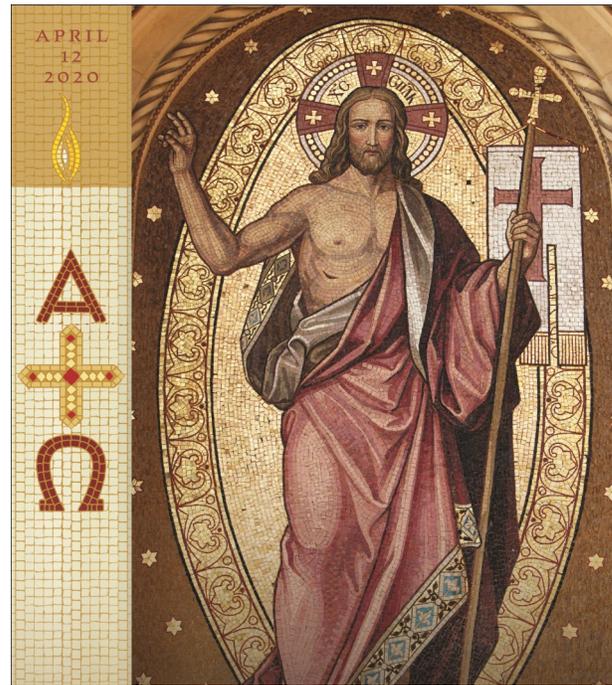
We are the sheep of Your flock and You are our Good Shepherd. I trust in Your great love and in Your benevolence. Already now, I say to You with deep faith: thank You, Jesus, for all that You will do for me, my loved ones, and for each of us.

Deign to heal those who are already suffering from Coronavirus, and give them the strength to fight this virus and the tenacity to overcome it. Lord Jesus, You who took upon Yourself our pains and for Your holy wounds through which we were healed, grant us life, life in abundance. I ask You, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Your mother and our mother, the one who was at Your feet at the cross, for help at this difficult time.

I thank You, Lord, with all my heart, for the Coronavirus patients You are healing with Your great compassion and mercy. Give comfort to those who have been called to the house of the heavenly Father and to their family and friends.

Padre Pio, I turn to you with this prayer to ask for your protection from the Coronavirus. Let those who have fallen ill all over the world hope for recovery, regain their health, and grow in faith. Padre Pio, illuminate the minds of researchers and scientists. Guide their minds and hands so they can find an effective Coronavirus preventative vaccine and cure. Extend your blessing on them. Padre Pio, give strength to doctors and nurses who work in hospitals so they may treat the coronavirus patients with compassion and wisdom. Make them recognize Jesus in every patient. Amen.

Each day at 8:30 AM, when the prayer on the left is prayed, Fr. Tom will light a candle in the church for all your intentions.



Shut-ins

Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital or recovering at home, those suffering with a terminal illness, our shut-ins and those in nursing homes, our relatives and friends who are ill, especially: **Katherine & Maria Kim, Linda Newton, Joan Cowen, Rick Omandam, Patricia Jalove, Fred (Jay) Austin, Dina Nicolini, Belinda Lacson dela Fuente, Claudia Alvarez, Mary Anne Luby, Mark Dobrzynski, Paul Littlepage, Dcn. Don Wehling, Donna Kunicki, Ted Primbas, Flora Barros, William Reynolds, Brian Slowinski**

Also, Please Remember Our Troops In Your Prayers.





Monday, April 13
Weekday

8:30 AM * Spec. Inten. Mary Theresa Aleb
(BR) by Madeline Wellner

Tuesday, April 14
Weekday

8:30 AM For All Our Parishioners

Wednesday, April 15
Weekday

8:30 AM For Firefighters & Police Officers,
Doctors, Nurses, & All Healthcare
Workers, and Those Who Work at
Pharmacies & Grocery Stores

Thursday, April 16
Weekday

8:30 AM For Those Seeking a Vaccine / Cure
for the Coronavirus

Friday, April 17
Weekday

8:30 AM For All Those affected by the
Coronavirus

Saturday, April 18
Weekday

8:30 AM † Thomas Quintan D. Andres
by Pilar Andres

Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

5:00 PM † Mary Mikkelsen & Peter Mikkelsen
by Bob

Sunday, April 19
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

8:00 AM _____

10:00 AM † George P. Brink by Family

12:00 PM _____

1:30 PM _____

**ALL MASS INTENTIONS THAT HAVE
BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK
WILL BE REMEMBERED BY FR. ALOY
AND FR. TOM IN THEIR PRIVATE
MASSES. If you have an intention that
you would like included in the priests'
Masses beginning 4/13 (the Monday
after Easter) until regular Masses are
once again available, email Fr. Aloy at
fraloy@sthilarychicago.org**



When you are unable to receive Holy Communion sacramentally, say the Act of Spiritual Communion:

**An Act of Spiritual
Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this time 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.



**MAY THE RISEN LORD, OUR
HEAVENLY FATHER, & THE HOLY
SPIRIT BLESS YOU & PROTECT YOU
IN ALL THE DAYS AHEAD.**

*Fr. Aloy Funtila
Fr. Tom Libera
Dcn. Don Wehling
Dcn. Juan Ramirez
& All the Parish Staff*

THE EMPTY EGG

from Finding Hope when Life Hurts by Joseph Sica
Twenty-Third Publications, 2018

Anthony, a first-grader with a brain tumor, was in Miss Hunt's class. The Friday before Easter, she gave each student a plastic egg. "Put a symbol of Easter inside, but don't put your name on it," she directed.

On Monday morning, Miss Hunt's desk was filled with Easter eggs. A flower popped out of the first one. Alice said, "That's my egg!"

"What a wonderful symbol for Easter - Springtime - everything coming to life!" the teacher exclaimed. The second egg was empty. *This must be Anthony's*, she thought, putting it aside.

"Miss Hunt," Anthony spoke quietly "That's my egg."

"But it's supposed to be a symbol for Easter," she said.

"I know," he explained. "The tomb was empty on Easter morning."

To be empty is to be full and complete. Hopefully, Lent has been a time for you to pour out all the harmful, negative ways of thinking that filled your head. Let the knowledge of how amazingly special you are pour over you and fill you. I hope you replaced any stockpiles of anger, guilt, and resentment with peace, happiness, and forgiveness. Most of all, may you count in rather than counting God out, especially when darkness descends.

Anthony died shortly after Easter. Miss Hunt's class placed Easter eggs near his casket. And all of them were empty.



A TIME OF HOPE

Lenten Reflection & Prayer with Henri J. M. Nouwen, in Journey of the Heart,
Steve Mueller, (editor), All Saints Press, 2020

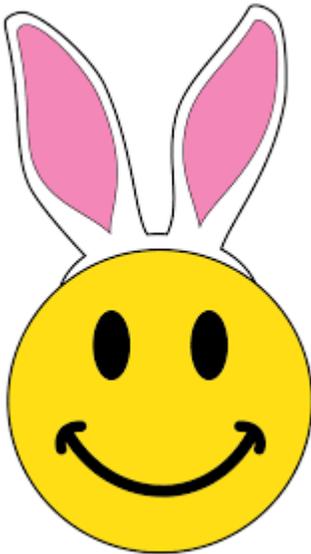
The Easter season is a time of hope. There still is fear; there is still a painful awareness of sinfulness; but there is also a light breaking through. Something new is happening, something that goes beyond the changing moods of our life. We can be joyful or sad, optimistic or pessimistic, tranquil or angry; but the solid stream of God's presence moves deeper than the small waves of our minds and hearts. Easter brings the awareness that God is present even when His presence is not directly noticed. Easter brings the good news that, although things seem to get worse in the world, the Evil One has already been overcome. Easter allows us to affirm that although God seems very distant and although we remain preoccupied with many little things, our Lord walks with us on the road and keeps explaining the Scriptures to us. Thus there are many rays of hope casting their light on our way through life.



Life goes on as we work to keep our parish functioning during the coronavirus shutdowns.

At the left, we see our principal, Kathie Donovan, handing out breakfasts & lunches to the families of our school children.

To the right - Even if we don't have lunch at school, we can still find a few minutes for recess in the empty playground while our family picks up our lunch!



Fr. Richard Carton, associate pastor of St. Catherine of Sienna Church in Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, was speaking to a group of second graders about the resurrection when one student asked, “What did Jesus say right after He came out of the tomb?”

It was a question of great theological importance, but Fr. Carton had to explain, in words suitable to his young audience, that the Gospels do not tell us just what He said.

The hand of one little girl shot up. “I know what He said, Father,” she insisted.

“And what was that?” asked Fr. Carton.

“Tah-dah!” the girl exclaimed.

— Andy Fischer, Denville, New Jersey
(found in Holy Humor
by Cal & Rose Samra, editors
Guideposts, New York 1996)



ALLELUIA!

It is an unusual word that is not native to the English or even the Latin liturgical vocabulary: the word *Alleluia*. As a matter of fact, it sounds less like a meaningful word than the babbling of a child, and when it is sung with many notes for the final vowel, this impression becomes even stronger.

“Alleluia” does, of course, have a meaning. It is a Hebrew word, and down through the centuries the church has brought it with her, untranslated (like *Amen*), as a product of the Jewish soil from which she herself sprang and as a reminder of her earliest days. The word is a cry of jubilation meaning “Praise the Lord,” and occurs frequently in the psalms ... But this translation does not explain why the Church chose and retained this word from the Hebrew language of prayer in order to express her Easter jubilation, even though in later centuries her own children did not understand the meaning. I think the Church meant to say: “In the presence of the mystery that we celebrate on Easter, the mystery of our redemption, our usual intelligible vocabulary is inadequate; when faced with the superabundant mercy of God, we can only stammer in amazement like children.”

That is how it is with us Christians: As we gaze at the Sun that has risen high over the darkness and cold of our Good Friday, all well-chosen words are useless. We can only stammer out our Alleluia of wonder and jubilation!

- Balthasar Fischer -

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