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Eucharist:

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30am

Sat. Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am &
10:30am

Reconciliation :

(Confession)

Saturday: 4:00pm -
4:30pm and *anytime* by
appointment.

Anointing of the Sick :
(& Ministry to the Sick)

Call the rectory anytime a
person is sick and would
like anointing or a visit

Baptism:

Please call our parish
office to arrange pre-
Baptismal instruction and
the time of the ceremony.

Holy Orders:

Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or
Fr. Walter Nagle, 860 434
1660, if you want to *learn
more about becoming a
priest or deacon*, or,
contact Fr. Greg Galvin,
Vocations Office:
860 887 9294.

Matrimony:

Preparation for marriage
must begin at least six
months before actual
ceremony. Please call our
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Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation
begins in the 9th grade
and the sacrament is
received in the 10th grade.
Adults can join the **RCIA**.

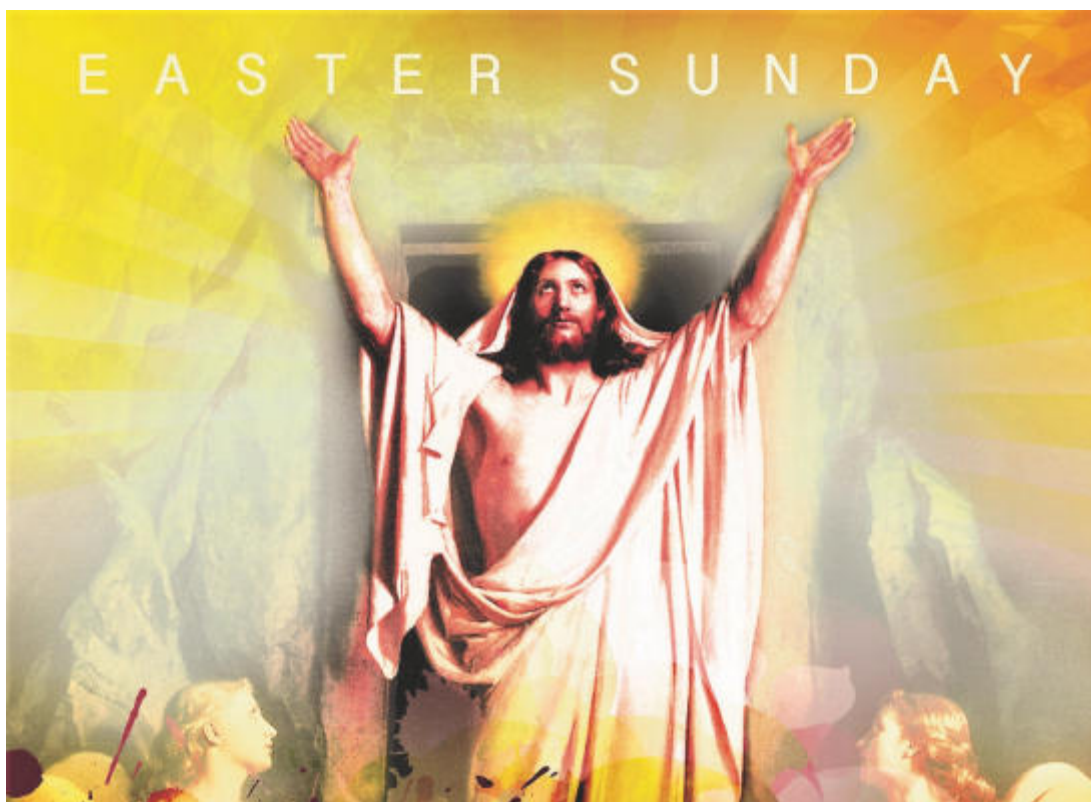
Holy Days of Obligation:

7:30am & 6:30pm

(No evening Mass the day
before the Holy Day.)

The Rosary is prayed
Tuesdays at 4:30pm.

Sexual Misconduct Services:
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MASS Schedule this EASTER WEEK

All Masses are streamed online

Sat. April 11 HOLY SATURDAY

5:00pm *The Parishioners of Christ the King*

SUNDAY APRIL 12 EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION of the LORD

10:30am *The Parishioners of Christ the King*

Mon. April 13

12:00pm *Jephson O'Connell*

Tues. April 14

12:00pm *The Parishioners of Christ the King*

Wed. April 15

12:00pm *Don McCue*

Thurs. April 16

12:00pm

Fri. April 17

12:00pm *Dr. Frederick Geary r/b his wife*

Sat. April 18

5:00pm *The healing of America*

SUNDAY APRIL 19

FEAST of DIVINE MERCY

10:30am *Pat Roser r/b her family*

*The Sanctuary Lamp this week will be lit
for Lucy and Fred Pavone.*

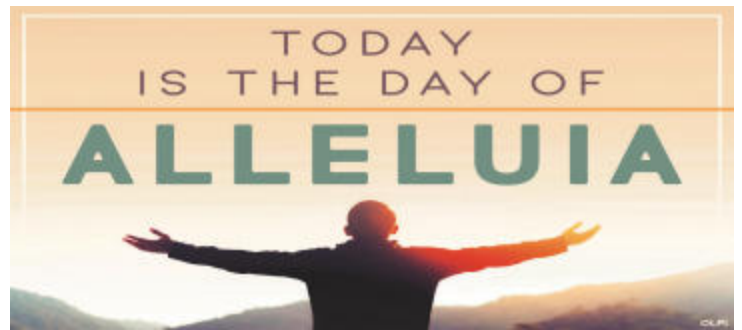


WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Q: If I go to the Sacrament of Penance and end up repeating the same sins, does that mean I do not have a strong enough intention to amend my life?

A: There is a popular expression that says, "Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet!" Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it. As St. Paul says, the good he intends to do, he does not do. The evil he does not intend, he does! It is not always a lack of intention, but more often the allure of evil that makes it difficult to change. When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God's grace, we will succeed.

Love of God



Come to Christ

Life is perhaps God's greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate.

On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn't take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. Happy Easter!

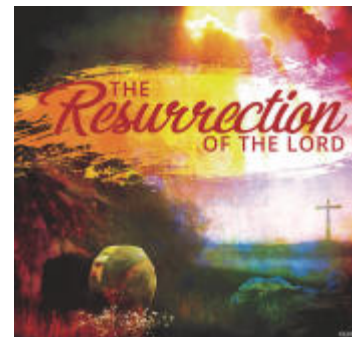
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Easter Message, 2020

“For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.”

John 20:9

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,

The passage from the Gospel of John cited above is the last verse proclaimed in the Gospel for the Mass of Easter Day. It speaks to us of a very interesting dimension that is common to many of the events and appearances surrounding the Resurrection: the disciples are confused. They do not yet understand all that the Scriptures had foretold and that Jesus Himself had revealed to them during his public ministry. This is not to say that they do not still have faith. The faith of the disciples was understandably shaken by the horror of the events of Good Friday, and the emotional highs and lows that they experienced that first Holy Week had taken their toll on them as well.

On the morning of the Resurrection, as the disciples stared into the cold, dark, but empty tomb, they simply were left with more questions than answers. Yet, the seeds of faith and hope, planted deeply in their hearts, remained. In the days and weeks that followed, these seeds would grow exponentially as they both encountered and continued to be taught by the Risen Lord. It was only in the Lord's time that they would come to understand, at a deeply profound level, what on that first Easter morning confused and even frightened them.

Dear brothers and sisters, it is clear to us all that the events of these past months surrounding the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic have greatly disrupted our lives. At a profoundly human level, even the greatest scientific minds are confused and our understanding of how we will move forward as a nation and as a global society is uncertain. These anxieties and so many more that we are experiencing have had profound effects on our lives of faith, and even on the manner in which that faith is practiced. This is, without question, among the most painful developments of these days for me as your Bishop, for your priests, as it is for all of you: that this Easter we are separated, physically. The pain you are experiencing by not being able to receive the Risen Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist is real and is a testament to your love and faith in His abiding presence among us.

But it is from the midst of the confusion, uncertainty and pain of this time, that the Lord is continuing to call us on to deeper faith. As our Holy Father Pope Francis reflected in his meditation at the extraordinary *Urbi et Orbi* blessing on March 27: *Lord, you are calling to us, calling us to faith. Which is not so much believing that you exist, but coming to you and trusting in you... You are calling on us to seize this time of trial as a time of choosing... a time to choose what matters and what passes way, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord and to others...*

We are once again confronted with the paradox of the Paschal Mystery – that from suffering, pain and death come the hope and promise of happiness, peace and eternal life. Our faith teaches us clearly that God never allows evil to have the final word. The Lord, in his infinite wisdom and power, can and is using this time to bring about tremendous good by challenging us to understand, appreciate and rely upon our Christian faith more deeply. As Pope Francis teaches us: he is inviting us once again to choose Him and to cling to his love above all else in our lives.

And so, we continue our journey of faith together, confident that we too will rise with Him; not only from this present distress with deepened faith and renewed hope, but unto life everlasting with him and all the Saints in the kingdom of Heaven. Although this Easter will be celebrated in a manner unlike any of us have experienced in our lifetimes, we rejoice all the more because no matter what may befall us, nothing can take away the central truths upon which our faith is securely founded: Christ is risen; he is truly risen! Alleluia!!

Please be assured of my prayerful closeness to you all, particularly in these challenging times. A blessed and grace-filled Easter to you and your loved ones!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich

LIVE STREAM MASS AT CHRIST THE KING

View the DAILY MASS (M - F) 12:00PM NOON

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/643137172?pwd=dXJTNnVKRVd3cytZSDNZSkI3OXlPZz09>
Meeting ID: 643 137 172 Password: 846794

View the SUNDAY MASS: VIGIL at 5:00PM SATURDAY

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/223857915?pwd=d3l1YWdmRUNaSSStEcVYwMUlZVStlZz09>
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or SUNDAY MORNING at 10:30AM

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To request prayers for **any** intention, need, or in thanksgiving, please call Michele, 860-434-8529.

Regularly scheduled parish events:

Children's Choir	Tuesday 6:15pm
Adult Choir	Tuesday 7:30pm
Eucharistic Adoration	M-F 6:15-7:15am
'God Squad' Prayer Group	M-F mornings after 7:30am mass

POSTPONED due to coronavirus

Rosary	Tuesday 4:30 pm
Men's Club	1 st Thursday 6:00pm
Holy Trinity Pro-Life Group	1 st Wednesday 7:00pm
Small Christian Community (scripture sharing)	Wednesday 7:00pm
Bible Study (for all)	Thursday 9:00am
Women's Bible Study	Wednesday 9:30am
Parish Pot Luck Supper	last Friday of month 6:00pm

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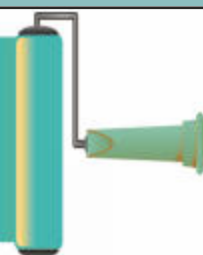
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