

Our thoughts in this present life should turn on the praise of God, because it is in praising God that we shall rejoice forever in the life to come; and no one can be ready for the next life unless he trains himself for it now. So we praise God during our earthly life, and at the same time we make our petitions to Him. Our praise is expressed with joy, our petitions with yearning. We have been promised something we do not yet possess, and because the promise was made by one who keeps His word, we trust Him and are glad; but insofar as possession is delayed, we can only long and yearn for it. It is good for us to persevere in longing until we receive what was promised, and yearning is over; then praise alone will remain.

Because there are these two periods of time – the one that now is, beset with trials and troubles of this life, and the other yet to come, a life of everlasting serenity and joy – we are given two liturgical seasons, one before Easter and the other after. The season before Easter signifies the troubles in which we live here and now, while the time after Easter which we are celebrating at present signifies the happiness that will be ours in the future. What we commemorate before Easter is what we experience in this life; what we celebrate after Easter points to something we do not yet possess. This is why we keep the first season with fasting and prayer; but now the fast is over and we devote the present season to praise. Such is the meaning of the Alleluia we sing.

Both these periods are represented and demonstrated for us in Christ our head. The Lord's passion depicts for us our present life of trial – shows how we must suffer and be afflicted and finally die. The Lord's resurrection and glorification show us the life that will be given to us in the future.

Now therefore, brethren, we urge you to praise God. That is what we are all telling each other when we say Alleluia. You say to your neighbour, "Praise the Lord!" and he says the same to you. We are all urging one another to praise the Lord, and all thereby doing what each of us urges the other to do. But see that your praise comes from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions.

We are praising God now, assembled as we are here in church; but when we go our various ways again, it seems as if we cease to praise God. But provided we do not cease to live a good life, we shall always be praising God. You cease to praise God only when you swerve from justice and from what is pleasing to God. If you never turn aside from the good life, your tongue may be silent but your actions will cry aloud, and God will perceive your intentions; for as our ears hear each other's voices, so do God's ears hear our thoughts.

From a discourse on the psalms by Augustine of Hippo (c. 354-430)



CHRIST IS RISEN!

APRIL 20, 2025

The Resurrection of Jesus enlightens our lives and reaffirms our hope of future life. “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” Every earthly joy, every earthly pain takes on new meaning in the Resurrection. “If you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above.” Our lives are transformed; our actions reflect new values.

With joy we welcome into our community of faith those who were baptized at the Easter Vigil: Jason Au, Gary Chan, Eric Chou, Jessie Fung, Annie Gao and daughter Emilee Mak; Kayle Guan, Dana Kang and children Oliver, Elliott, and Adelyn Choi; Mayo Katori, Kandi Lu and children Krischelle and Kristelle Ho; Olga Samutina, Monica Sze and children Riley and Roxanne Kwok; and Tatiana Yefimova.

We are grateful to everyone who helped make our celebration of Easter so beautiful: the choir, the organists, the lectors and ushers, the altar servers, those who cleaned the church, prepared the linens and sacred vessels, and those who arranged the flowers. In a special way we thank Father Thomas and are grateful to God for having sent him to us as our Assistant. We keep in our prayers the sick and those from whom we are separated by distance or death and commend them to the Risen Lord.



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WEEK AT A GLANCE

April 21 Easter Monday

9:00 a.m. Mass

April 22 Tuesday

11:00 a.m. Funeral of Zvonko Basic

7:10 p.m. Rosary for the Sick

7:30 p.m. Mass

April 23 Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Lauds

7:15 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Prayers for Herman Haffner

7:00 p.m. CCD

April 24 Thursday

7:00 a.m. Lauds

7:15 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Funeral of Herman Haffner

April 25 Friday

7:00 a.m. Lauds

7:15 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. School Mass

April 26 Saturday

9:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Rosary for Vocations

The octave of Easter is celebrated as one Feast; thus, Friday of Easter week is not a penitential day.

WELCOME

If you are new to Saint Michael's or just visiting, we welcome you. If you would like to register in the parish, kindly pick up a registration card from the vestibule of the church, fill it out, and drop it in the collection basket. If you would like a set of Sunday offering envelopes, please contact the parish office.

FOOD BANK/

BOTTLE DROP-OFF

Sunday, April 27th is designated Food Bank Sunday in our parish. Donations of non-perishable food may be left in the vestibule of the church or dropped off at the parish office during office hours. Your empty refundable bottles and cans may be left outside the school gymnasium doors after the morning Masses.

SENIORS' LUNCHEON

Saint Michael's Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Seniors' Luncheon on Tuesday, May 13th at noon. There will be a sign-up sheet next weekend for those over the age of 65 who wish to attend. In the meantime, save the date!

CONFIRMATION

We look forward to April 30th, when Archbishop Michael Miller will be at Saint Michael's to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon thirty-nine boys and girls from our parish. Please keep these young people in your prayers.