

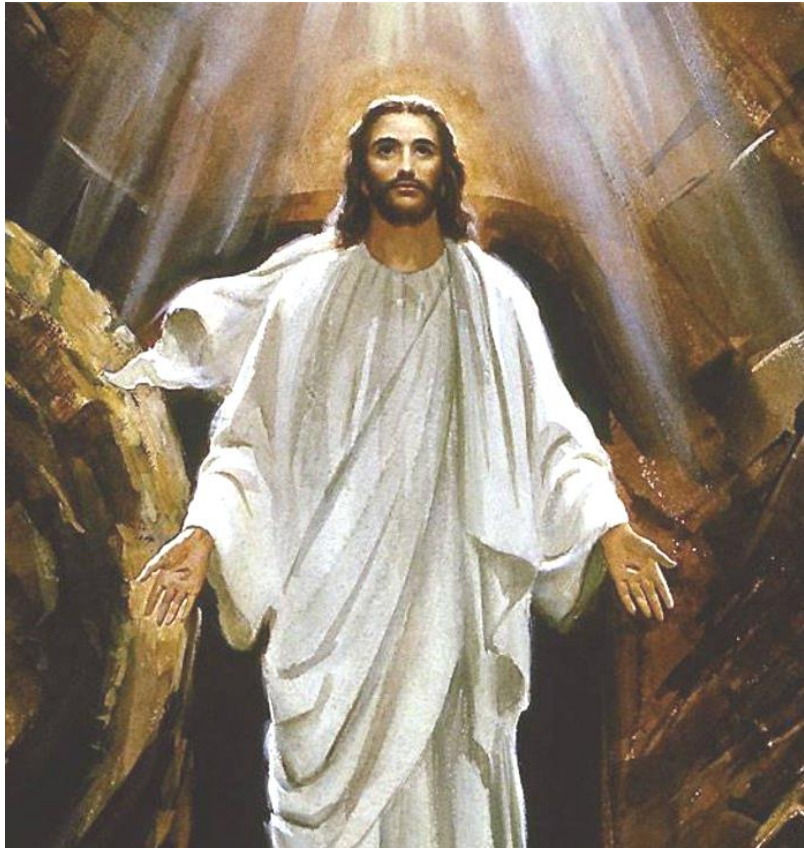
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Happy Easter!



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

*At St. Benedict's there are NO STRANGERS, only FRIENDS we have not met...
We welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord!*

The Reverend Father Albert R. Cutié

Rector

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

THE LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE AND PASCHAL CANDLE

The Clergy and People gather outside - The Celebrant says:

Dear Friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

The New Fire is kindled and sanctified with this prayer.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light; sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Paschal Candle is inscribed. The Cross, A and Ω, and the year is traced.

Celebrant: Christ yesterday and today/the beginning and the end/Alpha/and Omega/ all time belongs to him/and all ages/ to him be glory and power/through every age for ever. *Amen.*

[1] By his holy [2] and glorious wounds [3] may Christ our Lord [4] guard us [5] and keep us. Amen

The Candle is now lit from the New Fire.

Celebrant: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

THE PROCESSION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The People light their candles from the Paschal candle.

The Paschal Candle leads the procession, entering the church.

Three pauses are made and each time "The Light of Christ" is chanted; the people sing the response.

Celebrant: Light of Christ!
People Thanks be to God!

EXSULTET

THE PASCHAL PROCLAMATION

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand and censed. Then the Exsultet is chanted by Cantor.

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people. It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people. This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land. This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life. This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave. Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning--he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE BIBLICAL VIGIL – LITURGY OF THE WORD

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

I. THE STORY OF CREATION—BASED ON GENESIS 1:1—2:2

In which God calls all creation into being and makes us in the divine image.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II. ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA—BASED ON EXODUS 14:10-15:20-21

In which the Children of Israel are delivered from the bondage of slavery through the waters of death into newness of life.

God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III. GOD WILL GIVE US A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPRIT—EZEKIEL 36:24-28

God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things that had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*PLEASE BLOW OUT YOUR CANDLES
LIGHTS IN THE CHURCH GO ON*

THE MASS OF THE RESURRECTION – EASTER SALUTATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – EASTER BELLS RING

The Collect of the Mass of the Resurrection

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. or this O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (6:3-11)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

The Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Great Alleluia

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew (28:1-10)

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon (Homily)

Father Albert Cutié

The Creed is not said today. Instead, we renew our Baptismal Covenant together with those to be baptized.

HOLY BAPTISM

The Candidates for baptism with their sponsors, parents, and godparents, follow the Clergy to the Baptismal Font.



PRE-BAPTISMAL HYMN

SING PRAISE TO OUR CREATOR

HYMNAL295

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant

The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents:

I present (first name) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

***People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People* I will, with God's help.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

Let us welcome the newly baptized...

***Celebrant & People:* We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Celebrant now asperses the People with baptismal water.

Sprinkling Hymn:

SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVE ME

HYMNAL 679

May Almighty God, The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION - LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support the work and ministry of Saint Benedict's Church. Please be generous! You may also make a secure donation online at our website www.saintbenedicts.org or by simply scanning the QR code below, where you can safely donate to the church.



OFFERTORY HYMN

“ALLELUIA! THE STRIFE IS O’ER”

HYMNAL 208

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord's Prayer

All standing and joining hands

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
*For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen*

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God

OUR INVITATION TO YOU

*This is the Lord's Table where none are excluded, and all are welcomed!
Please come to the altar and share the Sacrament of Christ's Presence with us.*

Communion Hymn

“I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE”

HYMNAL 335

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray: **Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence may raise us to eternal joy. Amen.**

The Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Closing Hymn

“JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY”

HYMNAL 207

*May the blessings of Christ's love be yours throughout this joyful Eastertide!
CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME to the newly baptized and their families*

A special word of thanks to Dr. Daniel Copher, Mr. Ash Matthews, and the men and women of our Chancel Choir for sharing their talents with the Lord and with our parish family! With much gratitude to the Altar Guild, Ministers of the Altar, Lectors, Ushers, and all who have helped with preparing for this service. Thank you for your dedication and time!

EASTER SUNDAY ACTIVITIES | March 31

8am and 10am: Traditional Easter Day Masses

12pm: *Misa del domingo de resurrección (español)*



**World Famous Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn after the Sunday 10am Mass.
All children and families are welcome to participate!**



EASTER Flowers and Music Donations: With much gratitude for your generous contributions to Easter Flowers and Music. There is a flyer in the Narthex listing the donations received. Again – your support is very appreciated.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD – IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Operating: \$8,295.92
Building Maintenance: \$1,057.90
Total: \$9,953.82

Thank you for your dedication to your parish, and may God bless you for your generosity!



A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Each and every member of this community is important to God and to us!
Together, throughout the years, we have helped to create this beautiful Christian community,
and together we continue to build up the Body of Christ, here at St. Benedict's.

I ask that you take a moment to consider including this church in your *Last Will and Testament* and to make a generous contribution that will be a spiritual legacy for ages to come. Please contact us so we can help you to take this important step for the long-term well-being of your church. We have volunteers who are prepared to guide you. We are in the midst of our 5-year Capital Campaign, please see the Ushers for a card.

If you have not filled out a **PLEDGE CARD for 2024**, you still have time. Our church really counts on each of you to carry out God's work all year long. Please fill out a pledge card today and drop it in the basket, mail it, or bring it to the parish office. We need your continued and faithful support!

With every blessing for you and yours this Easter and Eastertide,

Father Albert

Email: parishoffice@saintbenedicts.org

OUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Oh God of Love, you have brought together from many nations the people of our parish family of Saint Benedict's.

We thank you for the countless gifts which your Holy Spirit has bestowed upon this community of faith.

We pray for the success of our Capital Campaign:

*May this be a time of generous and sacrificial giving,
that we may all work together to build an enduring legacy of faith for future generations.*

We ask this in the most Holy Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



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