

EASTER SUNDAY

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

APRIL 12, 2009



My Dear Parishioners,

Our Lenten journey has come to an end. Through prayer and sacrifice we responded to the call "Repent, and be faithful to the Gospel."

I want to thank all those folks whose special efforts made our Lenten Season and our Holy Week celebrations of Christ's crucifixion, burial and resurrection so prayerful and meaningful. To Fr. Meisel and Fr. Jack, our liturgical ministers, musicians, environment committee, and most importantly, the many worshippers who attended the liturgies, let us continue to joyfully celebrate our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

Happy Easter!

Fr. Guillermo

*God our Father,
By raising Christ your son,
you conquered the power of
death and opened for us the
way to eternal life. Let our
celebration today raise us up
and renew our lives by the
spirit that is within us.
Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, Amen*

MANNA MEALS

This Friday, April 17 we will again make lunches for the St. Luke's Manna Meals and Shower Program. Please come to our parish hall at 8:45 if you can help. Many hands make light work! Please join us. For more information please call Claire at 597.4030.

PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST

On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music—everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is Risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today's scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing "Alleluia!" In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John's Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives? Copyright, J.S. Paluch Co.

HEALTH FAIR ON APRIL 26TH AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Thanks to our always-giving Parish Nursing ministry, St. Matthew's will again help sponsor a **Health Fair on April 26th between 9:30a.m. & 3:00p.m.** You will be offered numerous health services which will include cholesterol testing, blood pressure checks, advance directive information, body fat analysis, dental screenings and more. Literature and medical personnel will be available to help you with questions and concerns. Mark it on your calendar and take advantage of something good for you!

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS

The readings for next Sunday are listed below along with questions for your quiet reflection throughout this week.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

"At the sight of Jesus, the disciples rejoiced." Do I rejoice each morning as God gives me the gift of another day of life to love him and love my neighbor? How can I remember this gift throughout the day?

