



EASTER *Season*

“...I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE; WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, EVEN IF HE DIES, WILL LIVE, AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE...”

GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN 11:25-26

As we observe the last couple weeks of Lent, prepare for Holy Week, and celebrate Easter Sunday, let us examine how we can continue to be committed to our faith. The three traditional pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These are certainly not limited to the season of Lent, and can be practiced throughout the year. Lent is about conversion, and turning ourselves and our lives over to Christ and His way of life. Prayer draws us closer to the Lord, and fasting is often an aid to prayer, linked to our concern for others who are suffering and/or in need. Through almsgiving, we show our care for those in need, as well as express our own gratitude to the Lord for all He has given us. During Lent

we have the opportunity for baptismal renewal and participation in the Sacrament of Penance. Through Christ we are forgiven for our sins and are welcomed to enter new life with Him.

The Stations of the Cross help us to recall Christ's passion and death and give us a better understanding of our own suffering, and the suffering of others.

During Holy Week, we celebrate Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday, commemorate Good Friday, and remember the events of Holy Saturday. On Sunday, we celebrate Easter as Christ's resurrection from the dead marking the fulfillment of God's promise to all of mankind. Additionally, Easter Sunday is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

As we move through this season, and always, let us be reminded of the love that God has for us, the sacrifice and suffering that Jesus endured for us,

and the teachings of our Catholic faith that can help unite us as human beings. Let this be a time to repair our hearts, cleanse our minds, renew and restore our faith, repent our sins, and seek to spend time in true prayer with the Lord to help us carry out His will for us. Let us always remember to be grateful.

As you enter the Lake Avenue gates at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, we invite you to visit The Garden of the Sepulchre. There you will find three large wooden crosses, a granite representation of Christ's Tomb, the Stations of the Cross and a life size replica of Michelangelo's Pieta. As you visit, think of the great sacrifice that Christ made for all of us.

We invite you to pray, meditate, and recall what we are truly celebrating, not only during this Holy Season, but in all the days of our life.

WISHING YOU A BLESSED EASTER SEASON!



THE BEATITUDES

“ ... (The Beatitudes) describe the foundation of our Christian faith... ”

The miracle of the resurrection of Christ is the most important miracle of the Christian faith. As we celebrate this miracle, let us remember the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are a set of teachings and blessings that come from the opening versus of the Sermon on the Mount delivered by Jesus. The messages found in the Beatitudes describes the foundation of our Christian faith. These messages inspire us to live according to the traits Jesus describes.

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MOURN,
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.
BLESSED ARE THE MEEK,
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE LAND.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HUNGER AND
THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEY WILL BE SATISFIED.
BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,
FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.
BLESSED ARE THE CLEAN OF HEART,
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.
BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN
OF GOD.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE
PERSECUTED FOR THE SAKE OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN.
- GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW 5:3-10

At Holy Sepulchre, we invite you to visit our newest glass front niche location, the Beatitudes Wall, located in Christ Our Light Mausoleum. This beautiful wall is adjacent to the Chapel on the East Side of the mausoleum. Not only are these niches available for two rights of inurnment, but they are the only glass front niches that offer room for three and four rights of inurnment.

COMING SOON: A beautiful full-color bronze plaque will greet you as you enter the Beatitudes section. The area welcomes in bright, natural light. The plaque will hang between the windows and the glass front niche wall, adorned by the traditional painting of the Sermon on the Mount (shown above).

If you are interested in receiving more information about the new Beatitudes Wall, please contact one of our knowledgeable Family Service Counselors at 585-458-4110. We would be happy to help!

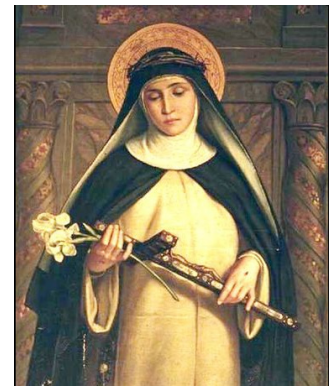


Saint Catherine of Siena

Born: March 25, 1347

Died: April 29, 1380

Feast Day: April 29



Have you ever seen your guardian angel?

St. Catherine of Siena was gifted with seeing angels as a child. She saw Jesus, Mary, and many other saints. Frequently, she would amaze her mother when she flew up the stairs, with her feet not quite touching the steps. One day, as she was in prayer, Jesus came to her and put a ring with four pearls and a diamond on her hand - a ring no one else could see. From that moment on, she considered herself married to the Lord.

During the Plague of 1374, she treated the sick and cured many of them miraculously through prayer. Many were converted on the spot because of her efforts. She joined the Dominican Order at the age of sixteen as a tertiary, a lay member who would live in the world rather than a convent. Soon after she had many followers. In the Middle Ages, two papal courts existed in Rome and Avignon (France), at a time when Catherine traveled widely and wielded some influence through her letters. Due to St. Catherine's relentless work to establish peace in the Papal States, Pope Gregory XI and his administration returned to Rome as a result of her appeals to the pope. Catherine even served as an ambassador from Florence to help establish peace.

St. Catherine of Siena lived until the age of 33, when a stroke took her life. She left behind some of the most profoundly brilliant writings the Church has ever seen, which led her to be named a Doctor of the Church, a distinction she shares with only three other women (St. Teresa of Avila, St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Hildegard of Bingen). Her legacy, significant for many reasons, was all the more momentous being a woman who lived during the 14th century.

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TESTIMONIALS

"I would like to thank all the staff and workers at Ascension Garden Cemetery for making a sad situation comforting. The tributes, for loved ones who have passed, are wonderful. For all you do... thank you."

– Joseph L.

"A most heartfelt thank you to the grounds crew. My daughter placed plantings in the wrong location. The grounds crew kindly switched the plantings, as I was unable to do so myself. I cannot express my gratitude. Thank you. Everyone is always so helpful."

– Ellen W.

"The cemetery is always absolutely meticulous. I always feel so comfortable here. It is clear that the grounds team works very hard."

– Anonymous

"Thank you for hosting the annual Luminary events. Your team did a beautiful job. As I drove through the lit path, I felt it was wonderful, spiritual experience."

– Anonymous

If you would like to submit a story, please email:

events@holysepulchre.org.

We would love to hear from you and appreciate your feedback.

HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

Did you know that Catholics celebrated Mother's Day well before it was a national holiday in the United States? This celebration was known as Mothering Sunday and has been around since the first few centuries of the Catholic Church. It was celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent and people would return to their "home" church to leave a gift or offering.

The Catholic Church views motherhood as the recognition of life and Mary the Mother of God is the truest representation of humility and motherly love. The month of May is dedicated to Mary, this is why Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. This allows us as Catholics to celebrate our earthly mothers and our heavenly mother Mary.

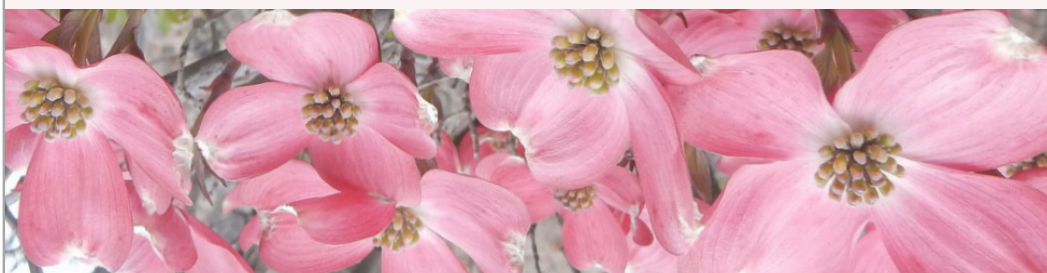
For many, Mother's Day may not feel like a time for celebration. Some of us have a complicated relationship with our mothers. Some have never had a relationship with their mother or the

relationship has grown estranged. Some have lost a child or were never able to have children. For many, they feel pain because their mothers have passed away. No matter what your situation, we can seek solace in faithful prayer to Mother Mary to aide us in our sorrow.

"O SWEET MOTHER MARY,
WHO KNEW THE SADNESS OF MOURNING
THOSE YOUR HEART LOVED MOST,
JESUS, YOUR SON,
AND JOSEPH, YOUR DEVOTED SPOUSE,
PRAY FOR US IN OUR TIME OF LOSS.
AMEN."

– AUTHOR UNKNOWN

We invite you to honor your loved ones by sharing memories of them on our website. This will serve as a permanent memorial page. Visit the Locate A Loved One page: www.holysepulchre.org/locate-a-loved-one/. There you can submit memories and photos in remembrance.





HONORING VETERANS DURING MEMORIAL DAY

Every year in May, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery is proud to honor the lives of Veterans at our Annual Flag Placement event. Thanks to the help of volunteers, nearly 6000 American flags are placed on each and every grave within our Veteran's sections.

We invite you to make us part of your Memorial Day weekend tradition. Experience the stunning view of thousands of American flags lining our grounds. Seeing this visual puts into perspective the great sacrifice that generations of Veterans have given us for our freedom.

If you would like to honor a loved one who is not in a Veteran section, complimentary American flags are available to you in our lobby during the holiday weekend. Thank you for honoring Veterans this Memorial Day weekend!

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

*God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down
earthly pride.*

*Banish violence from our midst and
wipe away our tears,*

*that we may all deserve to be called
your sons and daughters.*

*Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely*

into your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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*St. Catherine, pray for us.
Show us, through your example,
the power of prayer for consolation
as well as change.*

Known for her holiness, asceticism, and spiritual visions, she lived in Italy during the 1300s. She is said to have received stigmata. Also, a reformer and political activist, she played a significant role in church politics and religious affairs.

A section dedicated to St. Catherine of Siena is located in the Son of God wing at the Ascension Garden Mausoleum. A striking bronze plaque, dedicated to St. Catherine, hangs informing all who visit of the importance of her life.

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UPCOMING DATES

SUNDAY, APRIL 10: Palm Sunday

FRIDAY, APRIL 15: Good Friday
Offices closed. Our offices will reopen on Saturday, April 16 at 9:00 am.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17: Easter Sunday

SATURDAY, APRIL 23: April Mass (8:30 am)
Join us, in-person or virtually, to celebrate our April Mass of Remembrance.

SUNDAY, MAY 8: Mother's Day

SATURDAY, MAY 21: May Mass (8:30 am)
Join us, in-person or virtually, to celebrate our May Mass of Remembrance.

MONDAY, MAY 30: Memorial Day
Offices closed. Our offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 31 at 9:00 am.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18: June Mass (8:30 am)
Join us, in-person or virtually, to celebrate our June Mass of Remembrance.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19: Father's Day & Juneteenth

For the most up-to-date information, please visit our calendar of events on our website, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram.

FEAST DAYS

APRIL 16: St. Bernadette - *Patron Saint of the ill*

APRIL 23: St. George - *Patron Saint of farmers, shepherds and of England*

APRIL 25: St. Mark - *Patron Saint of many, including lawyers, pharmacists, painters*

APRIL 29: St. Catherine of Siena - *Patron Saint of nurses, Europe and Italy*

JUNE 13: St. Anthony of Padua - *Patron Saint for the recovery of lost items*

JUNE 24: St. John the Baptist - *Patron Saint of many, including people who need healing*

JUNE 29: St. Peter the Apostle - *Patron Saint of fishermen, popes and of Rome*

JUNE 29: St. Paul the Apostle - *Patron Saint of the missions, writers and publishers*

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