

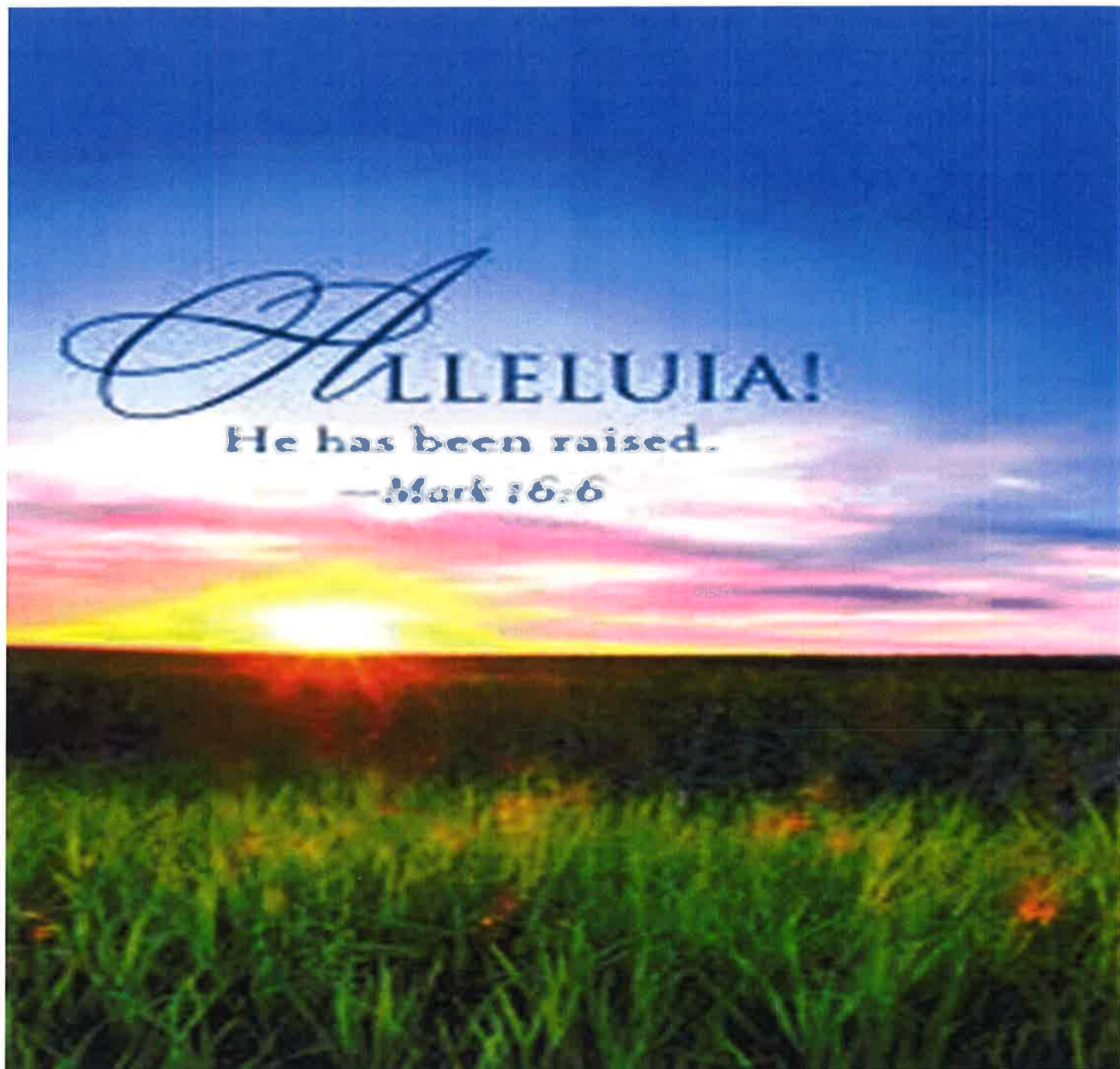
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EASTER VIGIL Saturday April 15, 9:00pm Mass

EASTER SUNDAY April 16, 8:00am & 10:00am Mass



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EASTER SUNDAY April 16, 5:00pm Mass

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. JOHN VIANNEY

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Easter Monday April 17, 8:30am Mass, ICC Arlington

Easter Monday the Parish Office will be CLOSED

Tuesday April 18, 8:30am Mass, ICC Arlington

Wednesday April 19, 6:30pm Mass, ICC Arlington

Thursday April 20, 8:30am Mass, ICC Arlington

Friday April 21, 8:30am Mass, ICC Arlington

Saturday April 22, 4:00pm Reconciliation, 5:00pm Mass, ICC Arlington

Sunday April 23, 9:00am Mass, ICC Arlington & 12noon Mass, SJV Darrington



alleluia!
Christ has Risen!

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS:

Happy Easter. This is the culmination of the Gospel, it is the Good News par excellence. Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning, the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death. This good news is a testimony to unconditional and faithful love. Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness. With this joyful certainty in our hearts, today we turn to the Risen Lord.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED to make our Lenten Season a prayerful and spiritually-renewing time: the Roerick Family who organized the soup suppers at ICC and all who attended to support CRS; those who used the Rice Bowls to collect funds for Catholic Relief Services' ministries throughout the world; those at both churches who attended and led the praying of the Stations of the Cross; the Knights of Columbus who prepared the Lenten Friday fish suppers at ICC; all who attended our Lenten Retreat with Fr. Thomas Rosica from Toronto; our RCIA team who prepared our catechumens and candidates for the Easter sacraments; all who prepared the music and the liturgies throughout Lent and Holy Week; all those who cleaned and decorated our churches and grounds for Holy Week and Easter; those who brought Easter communion to our homebound and those in care facilities; all who participated in the men's Lenten Bible Study at SJV, and the archdiocesan men's gathering. God's blessings to you all!

We want to continue our Lenten almsgiving throughout the year—making our care for the poor a consistent hallmark of our churches. So, starting next weekend, we are inviting you to get in the habit of bringing canned food, other non-perishable food items, and toiletry items with you to Mass every weekend. Make this as automatic an action as grabbing your car keys. Please do not bring expired items—rather, give to the poor the same quality food you would set on your own table. Bring your items each week in a plastic grocery bag and put them in the designated area at the entrance to the church. At the offertory time, our parish children will bring the items forward to the altar as part of our offering of thanks to God for his abundant blessings to us. All items will be taken to our community food banks. Jesus said, abundant blessings to us. All items will be taken to our community food banks. Jesus said, “The poor you will have always with you”, so let's make a point of always caring for them.

+FAITH FORMATION NEWS+
 Contact Kathleen 360-435-8565 ext. 113
 kkichlinedre@comcast.net

Faith Formation Classes resume April 23rd.



+YOUTH NEWS+
 To join the Youth email group
 contact Janice Duffell at: jduffellym@comcast.net

Wednesday April 19th---High School Movie night
 and discussion 6:30-8:30pm



*At the end of this year's Lent,
 you are cordially invited
 to linger throughout the Easter Season
 in the presence of the Risen Lord.*

Immaculate Conception & St. John Vianney will participate in an online Easter retreat, WITNESSES TO RESURRECTION. Each week, you will receive an email featuring a different Resurrection appearance. Enjoy the meditations, artwork, music and reflection questions. May you enter more deeply into the Easter mystery and experience Easter joy.

No email? See a short excerpt from the online retreat, included as an insert here in the bulletin.

Stewardship Offering

Collection April 8 & 9	Weekly Amount Budgeted	Balance so far This Fiscal Year
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ICC: \$9,051.23	\$6,923.00	+\$37,130.45
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SJV: \$965.00	\$325.00	+\$4,469.39
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<u>Other Giving</u>	<u>ICC</u>	<u>SJV</u>
St. Vincent dePaul	\$615.00	
CRS Rice Bowls	\$1,974.47	\$112.71

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Our Arlington Food Bank is in need of Volunteers for all positions. Their website has changed, making download of their volunteer application difficult. Contact Barb in the parish office for an application by email or in person. Plus, their shelves are getting very low on everything except canned green beans.



Join Sister Parish Ministry at:
 African Connections Conference!
 If you would like to join the Sister Parish Ministry at the Seattle Archdiocese Annual African Connections Conference, **Saturday, April 29th from 9am to 3pm,** please contact Carla Brown at 425-530-8755.

**International Food Fair
 Saturday April 29 (after Mass)**

Advance tickets for the event will be on sale April 22/23, in the vestibule after Mass. You can also purchase tickets in advance during the week in the church office.

You don't want to miss this event! Mary's Guild will donate proceeds toward ICC special needs.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:

This coming week all parish members will receive a mailing from Archbishop Sartain about the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal—our annual fund drive which raises dollars to support the 63 ministries, programs and agencies of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Please read the information carefully and prayerfully. We will speak about this in our churches on April 29/30, and you will be asked to make your Appeal pledge on the weekend of May 6/7. In gratitude for all that God has given us, we give a portion of our blessings to our Apostle, Archbishop Sartain, for his use in furthering the building up of God's Kingdom throughout Western Washington.

A PRAYER FOR YOUR EASTER DINNER:

God our Father, we thank you this day for the love of your Son, Jesus—who willingly gave up his life for our salvation; and we praise you for raising him from the dead—giving us new life and the hope of eternal glory. As we gather around our table this day, we pray that we might be filled with his risen power and joy, and that we might be witnesses of his Resurrection to all we meet. Bless our food and gathering, and help us to be a blessing to others, especially the poor and hopeless. This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen Lord. Amen

The First Station of the Resurrection: The Women at the Tomb

*Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in fresh linen and laid it in his own tomb which had been hewn from a formation of rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. **But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb.** Mt 27:57-61.*

This is where the curtain goes down on Good Friday. How long did they stay? Night was coming with all the dangers that darkness brings and this was Sabbath's eve. They were bound by law to be home—to stay and not to move about 'til Sabbath's close, a day away. Still there they sat upon a stone that grew ever colder as the sun withdrew. The chill they felt was not from the stone; it was in their very bones. They sat among the graves, as silent as the graves, and they stared, petrified with grief. They stared at that "huge" stone that had been rolled in place, sealing their Lord, their Love, their Hope, their Life inside. That immutable, immovable stone. The final scrape and thud of its moving into place echoed still. So final, so hard, so heavy. For how long did they stay and stare? We do not know. In the lines that follow, Pilate sends guards to watch the tomb which would have clearly driven them to leave. At some point they made their way through the rocks, along the pathways to someplace they could collapse. Did exhaustion allow them to sleep, if only fitfully, or did sleep allude them? Did they dream? If so, what terrors did their dreams hold?

Somehow after two such nights and an interminable day of enforced immobility, the light of a coming day released night's hold and they followed where their hearts led. They followed to where they could not not-be. And the curtain goes up on this first encounter of Easter morning. Though all four gospels begin the story with women making their way to the tomb, only Matthew gives us this touching scene where even as they run to tell the others, half overjoyed, half fearful, Jesus appears before them. *Suddenly, without warning, Jesus stood before them and said, "Peace!" The women came up and embraced his feet and did him homage. At this Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid! Go and carry the news to my brothers that they are to go to Galilee, where they will see me."* (vs. 9-10)

After all they had been through, they fell to their knees in astonishment and reached out to touch, to embrace, to feel, to know for sure that this was Jesus—no dream, no imagining, no wish, but Jesus with flesh and warmth. And he allows them this comfort, the sensation of skin touching skin, the satisfaction of flesh pressing flesh. What tender mercy and consolation in this kindness. © Sisters in Scripture

To consider: In the Eastern Church, instead of Happy Easter, the greeting is, "Christ is Risen!" to which the enthusiastic response is, "Indeed, He is!" How do we convey our hope in the Risen Lord? What about us—our countenance, our speech, our actions, shows Easter joy? What do you do in your home to mark Easter as a religious holiday? Can you think of a simple way to convey to others the joy and meaning of Easter?

This is a small sample of the online retreat that is sent to all registered parishioners of Immaculate Conception and St. John Vianney. If you do not receive it, please call the parish office to update your information.