



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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April 2-9 Easter  
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Be reminded of the  
reason for the Easter  
season! Amongst all  
the busyness that  
goes on around us,  
reflect on Jesus and  
his resurrection!

*Weekly Bulletin*

*April 1, 2021*



From all of us at Our Lady of Grace, we wish you a  
very Happy Easter and safe Spring Break.  
We will see everyone back at school on April 12.

[CLICK HERE](#) for an inspiring Easter message  
from Archbishop Schnurr



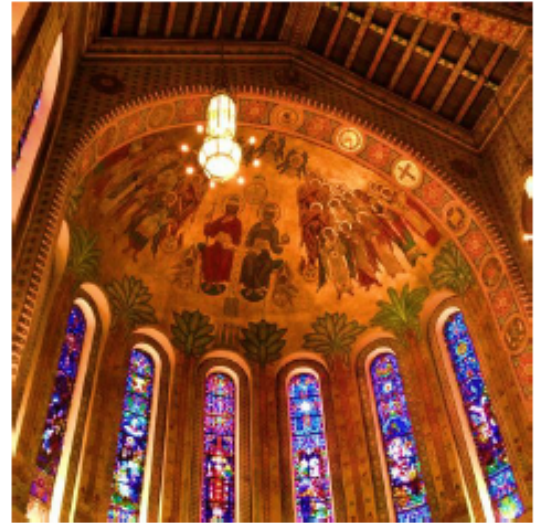
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2021-2022 School Year Calendar

# Religious Education

## Reflecting on Holy Week

The parish church of my childhood – Saint Monica/Saint George Church in Clifton – has some of the most beautiful stained-glass windows in the city. Those windows offered me countless hours of imaginative, meditative prayer – although to the sisters who were my grade school teachers – I might have looked like a kid daydreaming during a less than inspiring homily. So here we are in Holy Week, and the *Triduum* (the Three Days) of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, and once again I find myself transported back to my childhood when I would stare at the window in that church that shows Christ in all His splendor. It was in the center of the Sanctuary directly above the altar facing east - and at our children's morning Mass, the sun would stream through it as if it was highlighting the glory of the Easter story. Many times, I reflected on that window, and the wonder of the resurrection.

But we still have the three days before Easter! Tonight, *Holy Thursday*, calls to mind the institution of the Holy Eucharist and Jesus' agony in the garden and arrest. *Good Friday* offers us a time to pray and reflect on the Gospel of the passion and death of Christ on the cross. *Holy Saturday* offers us an opportunity for quiet and thoughtful prayer leading up to the *Great Easter Vigil* service at sundown with the lighting of the new fire, the chanting of the Exultet, and the Easter story. But before the Alleluias of Easter return this year, I have decided to spend time praying and sitting with the image of the tomb rather than the image of the glorious Risen Christ.



*The Windows of Saint Monica/Saint George*

For me, the gift of *Holy Saturday* will be to take the time and space to pray with the mystery of the death of Jesus. It is especially unique this year, as death has been in the news every day during the global pandemic we have all been living through. I will pray on Saturday for the 564,139 people we have lost here in the United States and for their families – and for the 2,818,884 souls that have died world-wide. (And by the time you read this, those numbers will have gone up). But I hope to reflect on more than that. Over the last year, each of us has experienced other deaths - ways of working, connecting

with family and friends, serving others, going to church, and being involved in community. These will be rebuilt and some will be reestablished, as things are finally heading in the right direction. But let's not forget the busyness in our lives in the "before Covid times" – and how it often got in the way of time and space for reflection and prayer. Perhaps as things begin to open up, the perspective we gained during the pandemic will help us remember that in Christ we have all we need and will keep us from falling into patterns of busyness at any cost. And, hopefully, allow us to never forget this time of struggle and how we have had to support each other through it and the importance of family and friends. Several years ago, a well-known church musician – Leon C. Roberts - and a friend of mine - received a diagnosis of cancer and was given a short time to live. I'll never forget it when he said "Yes, I am dying – but *CHRIST REIGNS!*" Leon died at the age of 48 – and now *he* is experiencing firsthand the Son - shining in all His glory – in much the same way I imagined it as a child – and listening to awesome angelic music. All of that will be in my prayers this Saturday as I reflect on the image of the lifeless body of Jesus in the tomb. I pray for us all to be released from the power of fear and the hold sin can have in our lives. I pray for wisdom to always make time for reflection and contemplative prayer in my life. And happily, I ask that we all be prepared to hear the joyful news this weekend that we will live an everlasting life and that – yes – Christ reigns!

*Happy Easter, everyone!* Mark Friedman, CRE





**EdChoice Scholarship- (This message is for families who currently have the EdChoice Scholarship.)**

EdChoice Scholarship applications were sent out recently via the email we have on file through Option C.

Instructions on renewing your scholarship were also sent with the application. After reading these instructions carefully, please email questions and/or paperwork to [edchoice@olgcs.org](mailto:edchoice@olgcs.org).

Thank you to families who have already turned in your applications. This will enable us to efficiently submit all information to ODE.



**Congratulations!!**

The 5/6 girls Basketball team won the regular championship season going 10-0 and won 2nd place in the postseason tournament. Team members are Storm Doerflein (not pictured), Lorelei Dietrich, Chayenne Kendall, Daneaia Neiheisel Roberts, Ava O'Donnell, and Sha'naya Woods.



Have you ever thought about a bug's life? Think about the conveniences you have as a human. You may be able to reach the door handle, turn off the light switch, or turn on the water faucet to wash your hands before getting a snack out of the fridge. Now, imagine you're the size of an ant! What would be different? What difficulties would you encounter? How will you keep yourself from being stepped on?!

