

Easter

**A tribute to our world
& the SMK Community**



A message from Pope Francis...



Easter Sunday Prayer

Lord God,

**You loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that
we might be called your children too.**

Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday.

Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice.

Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation.

Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.

All for your glory do we pray, Lord,

Amen.



What is Holy Week?

During Holy Week, Christians recall the events leading up to Jesus' death by crucifixion and his Resurrection. The week includes five days of special significance. The first is Palm Sunday, which commemorates Jesus' humble entry into Jerusalem to observe Passover. It ends the day after his death, before Easter Sunday.







Stations of the Cross

The traditional 14 Stations of the Cross are: (1) Jesus is condemned to death, (2) Jesus accepts the cross, (3) Jesus falls the first time, (4) Jesus meets His Mother, (5) Simon of Cyrene carries the cross, (6) Veronica wipes the face of Jesus, (7) Jesus falls the second time, (8) Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem, (9) Jesus falls the third time, (10) Jesus is stripped of His garments, (11) Crucifixion: Jesus is nailed to the cross, (12) Jesus dies on the cross, (13) Jesus' body is removed from the cross and (14) Jesus is laid in the tomb and covered in incense.



Social Distancing this Easter...

There may be moments of sadness, as you long to participate in mass or share a meal with extended family, as you normally would at Easter...

Remember - there are so many ways to connect to faith and family! Livestream masses available during Holy week and make time to pray together, as a family. Be with your loved ones virtually - video-call grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, so that you can stay connected!

Most of all, remember that we are all in this together....



Prayers of Intercession

Let Us Pray...

for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, give strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

We Pray to the Lord, **Lord Hear our Prayer**

for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father will bring healing strength to all those who tirelessly work towards an end to this disease.

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look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children who suffer because of this pandemic - bring families together, to support one another, as we traverse this troubling time together.

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for all of the members of our SMK community, help us to grow in faith as we anxiously await our reunion.

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Closing Easter Prayer

We thank you that Easter is not about a people, but all people,
that your love and your Salvation are for all who confess with voices,
hearts and lives that the tomb is empty because Jesus is risen,
that we might know forgiveness, that lives might be reborn and your
name glorified now and for eternity.

Amen

On behalf of SMK Chaplaincy...

We want to wish all of the SMK families a safe, happy and peaceful Easter.

The circumstances are difficult, but we share in our faith, even from afar.

We continue to pray for this world - that together, we can make a difference in all that we do - through God's loving grace. Happy Easter.

Stay well,

Peace be with you.