## April 2024

### Come and worship with us. A place of rest, peace and love Priest-in-Charge

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#### Mother Suzanne's Comments:

### Dear Parish Family,

What an amazing Easter Sunday morning and Holy Week at St. Paul's!!

Thank you to the Altar Guild for the multiple altar changes throughout Holy week, and the glorious flowers and hangings on Easter Morning.

Thank you to all those who purchased Easter Lilies for the decorating of the church for Easter.

Thank you to the volunteer church staff who prepared, proofed and produced the numerous service bulletins throughout the entire week, no small task.

Thank you to the faithful Ushers, Lectors, LEM's, and crucifers who showed up ready and prepared to serve.

Thank you to Andy Bowers and all who attended the Sunday morning Bible study during Lent.

Thank you to those who faithfully supplied soup for the Wednesday evening Soup Suppers throughout Lent and those who attended the study group which followed.

Thank you to all who attended the Friday noon Stations of the Cross.

Thank you to those who organized the young people's Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the service.

Thank you to all whom I may inadvertently overlooked, I apologize.

And a final thank you to all attended the services.

St. Paul's is alive and thriving because of the genuine love and affection we have for one another that has brightly shown during this Lent and Easter time.

Thank you, one and all, for making the Easter celebration so very special.

Following the great Feast Day Celebration of Easter the church will continue its celebration of the Risen Lord with lots of "alleluia's" and with the stories of those who experienced seeing and being with Christ after the resurrection. This period of celebration is sometimes called Eastertide or the Great Fifty Days. This period of time is also called a time of great light which is represented in the church by the presence of the Pascal Candle placed at the left of the altar. It is also during this time, in preparing his followers for his ascension to the Father, that Christ tells them that he will not leave them alone ---that the Father would send to them a powerful advocate.

The season of Eastertide ends on the Day of Pentecost with the coming of the Holy Spirit, which is celebrated this year on May 19<sup>th</sup>. But more about it in the May Epistle!

Blessings always, Mother Suzanne

# **April Birthdays**

13<sup>th</sup> Jon Kidwell, 15<sup>th</sup> Jodi Bakshas – Helenarline Dowlen – Brian Whatcott 18<sup>th</sup> Rachel Braddock, 21<sup>st</sup> Abigail Jean Perryman, 26<sup>th</sup> Adam Braddock – Chelsea Peer, 30<sup>th</sup> Eddie Perryman

April Anniversaries

19th Rick and Debbie Hammock

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	READINGS	MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS	ALTAR	FLOWERS	HOSPITALITY/
DATE				CRUCIFER	GUILD	CHAPEL	Lock-Up Duty
April 7th 2nd Sunday of Easter 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II	Acts 4:32-35  Psalm 133  1 John 1:1-2:2  John 20:19-31	Celebrant Mtr Suzanne  LEM Braddock Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Braddock  Epistle Craighead J	Craighead D And Sharp Howard	Kidwell	Open	<b>Lock-Up</b> Kidwell
April 14th 3rd Sunday of Easter 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II	Acts 3:12-19  Psalm 4  1 John 3:1-7  Luke 24:36b-48	Celebrant Rev. Mollison  LEM Womack Sermon Mtr. Suzanne	First Reading Womack Epistle McAskill	Kidwell And Robison Bowers A	Howard	Open	<b>Lock-Up</b> Bowers A
April 21st 4th Sunday of Easter 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II	Acts 4:5-12  Psalm 23  1 John 3:16-24  John 10:11-18	Celebrant Rev. Mollison  LEM Braddock Sermon Mtr. Suzanne	First Reading Braddock Epistle Bowers V	Craighead D And Bowers A Howard	Bowers A	Open	<b>Lock-Up</b> Howard
April 28th 5th Sunday of Easter 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:24-30 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	Celebrant Rev. Mollison  LEM Bowers A Sermon Mtr. Suzanne	First Reading Bowers A  Epistle Kidwell J	Sharp And Robison Womack	Womack	Open	<b>Lock-Up</b> Womack

Hebrews 1:1-3

God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains these last days he has spoken to us by a son, whom he appointed heir of all Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways...but in things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of all things by his powerful word.

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