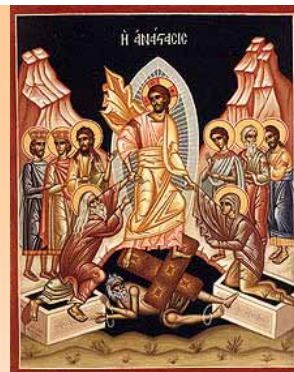


## After the Heart of Jesus ...

*I heard a loud voice from the throne saying:  
"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.  
He will dwell with them, and they will be his people  
and God himself will always be with them as their God  
He will wipe every tear from their eyes,  
and there shall be no more death or mourning,  
wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."  
The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold I make all things new."*



The Book of Revelation is often avoided because its imagery and theology is sometimes difficult to understand. Yet there are passages in the last book of the New Testament that speak volumes about the power and love of God. In Christ, the One who sits on the throne, all things are made new, including the heavens and the earth, and us. To those of us who have experienced the painful or slow death of a loved one, or mourned the sudden or tragic loss of a beloved, we can take comfort that they dwell with God where there is no death or mourning or crying or pain. In these fifty days of Easter celebration may we be conscious of the ways in which Christ continues to renew us through our dwelling with him and he with us.

Next Saturday, May 12, after the 5:00 PM Mass, we will thank Father Charles for his service at St. Walter at a reception in his honor in St. Francis Hall. Father Charles has been the associate pastor at St. Walter for the past two years. His faithful, often quiet, service has been so important to the spiritual life of the parish. We wish him well as he returns home to India to be with his family. We are still waiting to hear about the possibilities for a replacement for Father Charles.

Caroline Karpinski, our Director of Pastoral Care, has decided to retire from that position. Caroline has been on the ministry staff of St. Walter Parish for over 22 years, serving first as liturgist then in pastoral care. Over the years she has met with countless families to plan funerals and has brought Communion to thousands of homebound parishioners. Her warmth and compassionate style have lifted the burden of grief for so many. She has been a true gift to the staff and parishioners. Later this summer we will have the opportunity to acknowledge and thank Caroline for her dedicated service to St. Walter Parish.

This Sunday, three college students from Lewis University will be speaking at the Masses about their upcoming University Mission trip to Sucre, Bolivia. They are Monica Aquero, Sophia Cartagena, and Elisabeth Schei. They will be here to help raise money for their mission trip and especially to help the orphans they will serve in Sucre. I have been to Sucre with college students four times. It is a life-changing experience for most as they experience the poverty and the joy, the need and hope, of those who live in Sucre. Please make an offering either this weekend or next to help them by using the special Bolivia Mission Envelopes.

Sometimes people ask me about funerals at the parish and if there is a way for people to know about who has died and the arrangements for wakes and funerals. We have added a special section to the parish website called "Rest in Peace" that has information about upcoming and recently past funerals at St. Walter. Also, some other new additions to the parish website include pictures from the Easter Vigil the RCIA group and a link to make contributions electronically. Bulletins are also archived on the website in case you are out of town or forget to bring a bulletin home. And for those who cannot wait to read the Sunday bulletins, they are usually available online beginning on the Thursday before the weekend.

We continue to pray the rosary daily in May at 6:30 PM by the outside statue of Mary. Individuals, families, and groups are invited to sign up to lead the rosary. The sign-up sheet for leading is in the narthex. We use the traditional rosary prayers with the standard Fatima Prayer; we do not use any other additional antiphons or prayers.



If you have not yet done so, please make your pledge soon to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Our goal for this year's Ministries Appeal is \$117,154. The Diocese serves as our partners in faith, helping us to do what we could not do on our own as individual believers or even as a parish. St. Walter Parish has a strong tradition of going over goal, and I pray that this kind of generous and sacrificial support will continue into the future. Please make a pledge or gift reflecting a desire to support the important work of the diocesan Church. Together in our love for the Lord, may we give

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*Father John*