

# BLESSING OF BASKETS

The blessing will take place on Holy Saturday April 20th at noon in St Thomas More Church.

Bring your decorated wicker baskets filled with Easter bread, pasta, cheese, butter, ham, sausage, Easter eggs, salt, horseradish, bacon, and an Easter candle.

All are welcome. Here is an example of some of the things you might find in a basket for blessing.

- Horseradish bitter herbs symbolic of the passion and of our own hardships transformed in the resurrection.
- Butter often in the shape of a Pascal Lamb and symbolic of the riches of our life in Christ.
- Bread a symbol of the Eucharist Jesus as the bread of life.
- Wine a symbol of the celebration of Easter and a reminder of the bread and wine we share in the Eucharist.
- Salt and pepper the seasons of our life condiments necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.
- Decorated eggs the more colorful the better symbolic of new life and birth in the resurrection.
- Kielbasa sausage or ham represents abundance and God's generosity.
- Bacon a symbol of the abundance of God's mercy.
- Cheese to remind Christians of moderation.
- Candle Christ as the light of the world.

The basket is usually covered with fine white line, decorated with something colorful like ribbon or flowers.

