

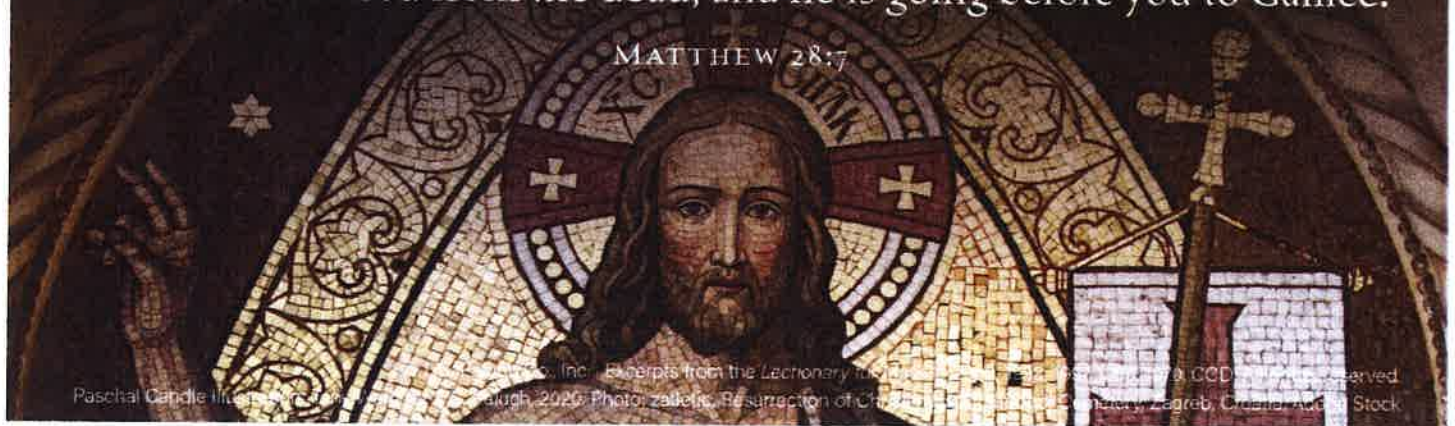
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Easter
Sunday

He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee.

MATTHEW 28:7



Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! This Paschal greeting is customary in Eastern Catholic and Orthodox churches on Easter Sunday. Then there is Saint Augustine's acclamation of joy: We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song! However you express it, Easter is the time for rejoicing because Jesus Christ, our friend and brother, is risen from the dead. And yet today's scriptures are less joyful than one would expect for the most important feast in the Christian calendar. Perhaps we are being asked to look deeper into the mystery of the Resurrection, just as Peter went into the tomb to look deeper into the mystery of its emptiness.

Mary Magdalene, who loved the Lord so much that she risked everything, possibly even her life, to go to the tomb before daybreak, finds the stone rolled away and assumes that someone has taken Jesus' body. Frightened and sad, she runs to tell Peter and John. They all run back to the tomb, but what do they expect to see? Peter enters the tomb and sees. John enters, sees, and believes. But what does he believe? Scripture states, "For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead" (John 20:9). They went home, not

really knowing what had happened. But John "believed" something.

SOMETHING HAPPENED

What do we believe? Somewhere between that Easter morning and Peter's confident teaching about Jesus in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, something (the Risen Christ) happened. Peter has evolved from his bewilderment into a witness to the Resurrection.

What are we to find in the empty tomb? Maybe the Colossians reading has an answer. By entering the empty tomb of our lives to seek the Lord, we see, we believe, we die, to be raised with Christ. "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). And we will rise in glory with him.

Today's Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

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Wednesday: 5:00 PM

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Welcome Visitors!

We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Patricia Guy. Jacob Stephens. Randy Burris. Albert Hernandez. Karina Hawkins. Mike Fleming. Frankie Durst. Susie Strickland. Doug Lawson. Dana Moffatt. Emly Walker. Eva Corrigan. Francis Young. Mike Brown. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners, Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Lucy Munoz, mother of Randy Munoz.**

Please pray for the men and women active military service

from our parish community: 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Airman First Class Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). E-3R James Morgan (Son-in-Law of Kathy & Dale Boman) Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (brother of Jeff & Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

SEEDS OF FAITH

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter's speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul's letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information “bullet points.” Scripture scholars call them kerygmata, or “kernels” of our faith. Actually, “kernels” or “seeds” are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul, and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection exactly how these kerygmata began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter “seeds” of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR APRIL

Freedom from Addiction

That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Fr. Mike's Private Mass—Intentions

Sun 4/12 Deacon Sam & Nancy Mullen (Rosary Group)

Tue 4/14 Carlos Gallardo+ (M/M Ryan)

Wed 4/15 Parishioners

Thurs 4/16 Community Businesses

Fri. 4/17 Medical & Public Health Professionals

PARISH SUPPORT

Required Weekly Funds	\$ 3,962
Offerings April 5th	\$ 5,135

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

Due to the suspended public masses amid the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), collections will be posted on a weekly basis.

Our expenses are continuing while all these decisions with the COVID-19 Virus is impacting significantly our financial situation. Please remember to support our Parish financially by mailing in your contributions. Now, might be the time to set up automatic bill pay with your bank on a weekly/monthly basis.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading :Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm :This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading :All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) Second Reading :Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel :Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Matthew 28:1-10 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are all well and staying safe. Feel free to call me if you need help or you just need to talk to someone. I'm always available to each and everyone of you.

First, hands down, we have the best parishioners in the Diocese of Tyler. I sincerely appreciate your efforts in keeping up with your tithing during these challenging days.

Second, starting Tuesday, Apr. 14th & Thursday, Apr. 16th from 10:00am—12:00noon. I will have confessions rain or shine, cold or hot weather. I will be parked in front of the double glass doors that you enter into the Narthex, under the overhang, seated in my front seat of my car. Please drive up and park your vehicle 6 feet from my vehicle and stay in your vehicle. Roll your window down, turn motor off and start your confession. After, your confession, you may drive around to our meditation garden, to say your penance.

Third, COVID-19 email scams: Be aware that plenty of folks are jumping on the bandwagon of creating malware websites, phishing emails, etc., pretending to be the CDC, banks, hotels, animal rescue, feeding the elderly, and many other things. PLEASE be extra vigilant before opening any email and certainly before clicking any link. Always take just a moment and HOVER your mouse cursor over a link to verify that it is actually going to a legitimate website. Verify that the website address is not misspelled. For example, AustnBank.com is fake and will cause your computer trouble as opposed to the real AustinBank.com. If you have any doubt about a link, please don't click it. It's always better to be safe than sorry! Remember also that law enforcement, the IRS, attorneys, etc., will not request personal information via email or send you links to click. If these folks want to contact you for a legitimate purpose, they will mail you a letter or knock on your door.

Hoping the last few weeks our resources that we have shared with you have helped. Just remember we cannot gather for our sacred, sacrificial banquet, the Eucharist, we must keep Sunday, the Lord's Day, holy through prayer. You are especially invited to reflect on the daily Mass scriptures (<http://usccb.org/>), make a spiritual communion (see below), and even consider watching Mass which is available on our **diocesan web site**: <https://www.dioceseoftyler.org/en/> and <https://stphilipinstitute.org/> or EWTN Channel on tv. If you have a cell phone you can add the **Laudate app** for daily readings and prayers, etc.

April Second Collections: Apr. 26th: "Catholic Home Missions".

Let us continue to pray for one another, united in God's love.

Rev. Fr. Michael Snider

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Or

Oh Jesus, I turn toward the holy tabernacle where You live hidden for love of me. I love you, O my God. I cannot receive you in Holy Communion. Come, nevertheless, and visit me with Your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto Your own. Amen.

Guidance for Churches Under Stay-at-Home/Shelter-in-Place-Orders
Fr. Mike is expected to fully observe the local orders for Wood County

1. **Chancery and Parish Office closed.** You may call and leave a message on the office # 903-769-3235 and Bridget will be checking messages through out the day and will return your call as soon as possible. Or, call Fr. Mike cell# 903-490-3883 and leave a message. You may also, send an email to Bridget's personal email address Bridgetarich@Live.com
2. **Baptisms** are suspended. Where there is a real danger of death, call Fr. Mike 903-490-3883.
3. **Funerals** are suspended. Call Fr. Mike's cell# 903-490-3883 and he will coordinate with family and funeral directors. Especially, when the family request the rites proper to funerals. Graveside services may be still permitted, depending on our local provisions and provided those who attend observe proper social distancing.
4. **Fr. Mike will continue to celebrate private Mass except on Saturday and Monday mornings.** Along with Mass Fr. will fulfill Mass Intentions.
5. **Confessions are canceled except for those that are in dire need of the sacrament.**
Where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (*cf.* CCC, no. 1452).
6. **Anointing of the Sick** for those in dire need of the sacrament Fr. Mike will performed the sacrament on your front porch of your home. Call him on his cell 903-490-3883.

Update on Measures to Keep the Diocese of Tyler Safe: April 1

On March 17, 2020, I issued a decree suspending the public celebration of Mass and enacting other measures in support of the effort to keep our communities safe and prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease. I also noted that I would provide a brief, general update to the diocese on April 1.

Because we must continue to remain isolated and do our part to slow the spread of this terrible disease, and following the guidelines and orders from our local, state, and national leaders, the measures taken in the March 17 decree remain in effect until further notice.

All of our priests feel a great sorrow that our communities cannot be together for our public worship, especially for the special celebrations of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection during Holy Week. Yet, we know that on Easter morning, in our homes, we will celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death and that this is our source of joy even now.

Please continue to be comforted knowing that priests here in the diocese are praying for you and celebrating Mass for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Let us remain united in the love of Jesus, praying for the sick, the lonely, and for those who are working to keep our communities safe, particularly the doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals.

Finally, I once again strongly encourage everyone in the Diocese of Tyler to listen to and follow the directions of our state and local authorities. Our president has told us that tough days are ahead. It is our behaviors that will change the course of this pandemic. Whether you are sick or not, please stay in your homes except for essential needs. In doing this, combined with our prayers, we will be helping to bring this crisis to an end so that we can once again come together. Bishop Joseph Strickland

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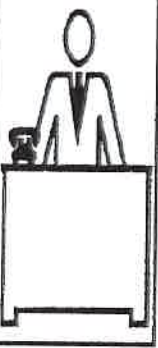
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