



**“WHY DO YOU SEEK  
THE LIVING ONE  
AMONG THE DEAD?  
HE IS NOT HERE,  
BUT HE HAS BEEN RAISED.”**

LUKE 24:5-6

# EASTER SUNDAY

## APRIL 17, 2022

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Our Gospel reading from John captures the initial confusion of Jesus’ followers on Easter morning. Mary thinks the body has been stolen, and the two disciples see an empty tomb, but do not understand. We can sympathize with their initial misreading, as they are interpreting what happened within how they understand the way the world works: Jesus was crushed by the authorities—end of story. Jesus’ later appearances to them will dramatically shift their perception of God, the world, and themselves.

This work of re-interpreting the world in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus continues today. In his passion and death, Jesus showed that true power, God’s power, emerges through humility and forgiveness. We join in the death and resurrection of Jesus when we surrender the attractions of power, status, and comfort, and embrace non-violence, service, and care for the suffering. The path to bringing peace and goodness to the world is not through seeking control, but through sacrificial love.

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### BOTH PETER AND CORNELIUS

Peter’s speech in today’s passage from Acts summarizes the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The speech occurs within his encounter with Cornelius, a Roman centurion and his household. We can perhaps imagine being Cornelius, led by God to hear the story of Jesus. Or we can imagine being Peter, led by the Spirit to share the Good News of Jesus. As followers of Christ, we are called to embrace both, in our imaginations and our lives.

We are continually called to hear the story of Jesus. We know that God’s Good News has entered us, but also know that it has not. There is much in our hearts that needs conversion and begs for God’s mercy, so we always seek God’s challenging and healing word. We are also continually called to share the story of Jesus, sometimes directly but more often in our actions. Our lives can speak of God’s love, healing and encouraging others. We are both Peter and Cornelius.

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 Lk 24:1–12

**PASTOR:** Rev. Michael T. “Mike” Snider

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# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

Marcia Boswank. Peggy Boultinghouse. Richard & Dottie Schuetz. Tom Fabitz. Jodie Woods. Ken Davis. Roy Langhoff. Russell Jackson. Dana Moffatt. Bob Quinn. Mike Stephens. Yolanda & Eldon Boyd. Jim Hickey. Doris Hoffman. Wanda & George Duke. Lonnie & Tammy McClung. Jean Hamilton. Randy & Louise Beard. Sven Sterner. Nancy Rasca. Jess Corrigan Jr. Clifford & Frances Jo Moore. Fran & Kathleen Fleming. Dave Cormier. Thomas Holzmann. Joe Fazio. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Greg Mooney. Gary Fetsch. Karee Haney. Charlie Parker. Jo Ann Crowell. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Avery Boultinghouse. 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: John Cochrane (brother-in-law of Kathy Boman.)**

**Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:** Dawn Quinn, US Army PFC (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jemigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday  
**Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter  
**Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter  
**Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter  
**Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter Friday;  
**Friday** within the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday; Earth Day  
**Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter

## TODAY'S READINGS

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

**Psalms:** 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 Luke 24:1-12 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 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 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

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

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

**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

## Mass—Intentions

**Holy Saturday 4/16 Parishioners**

**Easter Sun 4/17 Parishioners**

**Tue 4/19 Parishioners**

**Wed 4/20 Rusty Anderson+** (Ruddie)

**Thursday 4/21 Leandra Reyes+** (Ellis Family)

**Friday 4/22 Communion Service**

**Saturday 4/23 Wanda Stephens+** (Ellis Family)

## PARISH SUPPORT

**Average weekly amounts for the year of 2021**

**Expenditures** \$ 3,666

**Regular and debt & maintenance collections** \$ 3,799

**Attendance:** 4/9 Saturday: 65 4/10 Sunday: 101

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

## Pope's Intention for April:



**For health care workers.** We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

## Reflection question:

How can I keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection in my daily life?

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, who on this day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

## EVERYTHING IS CHANGED

Easter changes everything. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus shatters the frightful images that haunt humanity. Betrayal, torture, crucifixion, death, burial—these terrors pale in the brilliant glory of Jesus resurrected. Today's psalm guides our response to God's power: "it is wonderful in our eyes." Today is indeed a day for wonder, for gasping in astonishment at Jesus' resurrection. For all of human history, death had been final. In the Acts of the Apostles, though, Peter testifies that Jesus, who was publicly executed, was raised to life by God. John's Gospel admits that the disciples "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Even Jesus' closest friends were not expecting this innovation: life after death. In response to the Easter miracle, Paul tells us to become "a fresh batch of dough." Everything, even our very selves, must become new. Easter changes everything.



**PLEASE READ THE BULLETIN. CUT & PASTE THIS SECTION & POST ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR OR WRITE DATES DOWN IN YOUR CALENDAR. PLEASE & THANK YOU.**

### **APRIL NEWS & EVENTS**

**Holy Thurs., Apr. 14th—Easter Sunday, Apr. 17th** (See Holy Week Schedule. (Easter Sunday, no donuts & coffee).

**EASTER SUNDAY:** Balloon release and easter egg hunt immediately following the 9:00am Mass. Those who wish to participate need to meet in St. Jude's Hall. We have extra Walmart bags for any child who did not bring and Easter basket. All are welcome!

**Thurs., Apr 14th; Fri., Apr. 15th & Mon. Apr. 16th** Diocese & Church Office Closed.

**Tues., Apr. 19th:** 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

**Wed., Apr. 20th:** CASINO MEETING 6:00-7:00PM in St. Jude's Hall. **Volunteers please attend this meeting.**

**Fri., Apr. 22nd:** Communion Service at 9:00am.

**Sun., Apr. 24th:** 9:00am Mass, donuts, coffee & juice, in St. Jude's Hall.

#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAES on DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!**

Everyone is invited to the Divine Mercy devotions of stations and chaplet at 3:00pm, Sunday, Apr. 24th. Following that, we will be serving Divine Mercy sundaes in St. Jude's Hall. This is a very special feast honoring Jesus' mercy which is "...open for everyone-whether they are far away from God, nearby, believers, or nonbelievers." Pray on behalf of yourself or others and join us as we celebrate Jesus' mercy manifested in the resurrection and won through His suffering in the Triduum.

**Tues., Apr. 26th:** 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

**Sat., Apr. 30th:** Fr. Mike is moving the **5:00pm Mass to 4:30pm** for tonight only. Attendees with purchased event tickets **DINNER/CASINO NIGHT** doors open at 6:00pm, dinner served at 6:30pm

### **MAY NEWS & EVENTS**

**Sun., May 1st:** **No coffee & donuts** following the 9:00am Mass.

**Tues., May 3rd:** 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

**Sat., May 7th:** 9:00am Mass of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart & Patriotic Rosary

**Sun., May 8th:** **Happy Mother's Day!** Immediately following 9:00am Mass, donuts, coffee & juice, in St. Jude's Hall.

Watch the bulletin for more news & events in May.



In order to make our major fundraiser a success, we are in need of volunteers (sign up sheet located in Narthex); donations (ie gift cards from restaurants, stores, etc.) for ideas look at sign up sheet in Narthex. Please sell your raffle tickets, and return to Bridget's office before April 30th. Need more tickets come see me.....Bridget

**April Second Collections:** Apr. 15th: "Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land." Apr. 16th & 17th: "Caring for Priests Collection." Apr. 23rd & 24th: "Catholic Home Missions."

**Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue:** Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

*The Roaring 20's*

**DINNER & CASINO NIGHT SAT., APR. 30, 2022**

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**Holy Thursday, Apr. 14th:** 7:00pm Mass of our Lord's Supper, with the Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet. In St. Jude's Hall the Altar of Repose from 8:00—10:00pm.

**Good Friday, Apr. 15th:** Church will be open from noon-3:00pm. Then 3:00pm Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Communion.

**Holy Saturday, Apr. 16th:** 8:30pm Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday, Apr. 17th:** 9:00am Mass of the Resurrection

#### **EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS!**

**Easter egg hunt & balloon release** immediately following the 9:00am Mass. Those who wish to participate need to meet in St. Jude's Hall. We have extra Walmart bags for any child who did not bring an Easter basket. All are welcome!



**Rosary Makers:** Sent 1,300 handmade rosaries to the Ukrainian Refugees in Poland by way of one of the sisters of Holy Family of Nazareth who serve in the Diocese.

**Easter Food Box Donations:** On behalf of the Food Ministry we would like to thank all that gave, participated, prayed for fulfilling each of the Easter Food Boxes this year. We had 19 families totaling 103 individuals. Many Blessings to our Parish!!



The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **Cake & muffin mix; cereal and pudding cups.**

**Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry.** Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net

Thank you, Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin. Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team

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**Everything You Need to Know about the Sacred Triduum** by Gretchen Filz Apr 04, 2017

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine/the-easter-triduum-what-is-it-6028>

Holy Week is the most solemn and glorious week in Christianity, the pinnacle of the liturgical year. It's more sacred than Christmas! ... it commemorates the final week of Our Lord's life, the very purpose for which Christmas happened. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday (when Jesus made his final entrance into Jerusalem) and culminates with Easter Sunday. ...

**THE SACRED TRIDUUM** – Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is ... the most solemn part of the liturgical year. This 3-day period is referred to as the Easter Triduum, also known as the Sacred Triduum, or Paschal Triduum. The word "triduum" comes from the Latin word triduum, which comes from tris ("three") + dies ("day"). Basically, the Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last 3 days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins. ["Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery" (USCCB).] It is known as the "Paschal Mystery" because it is the ultimate fulfillment of the ancient Jewish Passover (or Pasch), which itself was a recollection of how God brought the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt. The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the Passover meal and consumed – that same night, the destroying angel "passed over" the homes marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb, and ... were saved. This was the Old Testament prefigurement of Jesus' work at the Last Supper – where he inserted himself as the Paschal Lamb – and Calvary, where the sacrifice was offered to save us from our slavery to sin. With the Holy Eucharist, we consume the victim that died for our sins. The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the passion, death, and resurrection of the God-man Jesus Christ. It is one marvelous event stretched out over three days. ...

**HOLY THURSDAY** – The evening Mass on Holy Thursday is referred to as The Mass of the Lord's Supper. This is where the Church re-lives the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood, which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified. After the homily there is an optional "washing of the feet" ceremony, where the priest washes the feet of others to signify his role as servant—just as Jesus did with his disciples. Extra hosts are consecrated at this Mass to be used on Good Friday ... The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the "altar of repose," ... where the consecrated Host is kept, away from the main altar where Mass is normally celebrated. Many parishes will create space for people to stay/pray with the reposed Eucharist ... late into the night, remembering Jesus' request in the Garden of Gethsemane for someone to "watch and pray" with Him.

**GOOD FRIDAY** – Good Friday is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is the day of the crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world. The parish altar looks very different on Good Friday: it is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Host in the tabernacle at the main altar of the church; it was carried away on Holy Thursday night to the "altar of repose" to signify Jesus' death. The candle by the tabernacle is blown out, and the tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone. This is a dramatic reminder that Good Friday is a solemn day of mourning and prayer. The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass – it is a communion service using the hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday. **Good Friday is the only day of the year on which no Masses are offered.** These Good Friday services often take place at 3 p.m., the hour that Jesus breathed his last on the cross. Often the priest will begin the service by prostrating himself in front of the altar. Veneration of the Cross usually takes place at this service, in which the priest and the faithful kneel before a cross and kiss it.

**HOLY SATURDAY** – On this day Christ is in the tomb. There is no daytime Mass on Holy Saturday. It is still a day of fasting and sorrow before the Easter Vigil begins that evening. We recall, with Mary and the disciples, that Jesus died and was separated from them for the first time as He lay in the tomb. The faithful often continue their Good Friday fast through Holy Saturday. In the Apostles Creed we pray "He descended into hell" (translated hades, that is, the temporary abode of the dead – not the eternal lake of fire) which describes what Jesus did in the time between his burial and Resurrection. Jesus descended to the realm of the dead on Holy Saturday to save the righteous souls – the Old Testament patriarchs, for example – who died before his crucifixion. The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls Jesus' descent into the realm of the dead "the last phase of Jesus' messianic mission," during which he "opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before him." Before Holy Saturday, there were no souls enjoying the beatific vision of God in heaven! Christ's work on Holy Saturday is also known as the "Harrowing of Hell." **EASTER VIGIL / EASTER SUNDAY** – A vigil Mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is called the Easter Vigil: the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy for the Church. The vigil is divided into four parts and can last up to three hours: 1) the Service of Light, 2) the Liturgy of the Word, 3) the Liturgy of Baptism, and 4) the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This is also the Mass in which many RCIA catechumens are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church.



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