

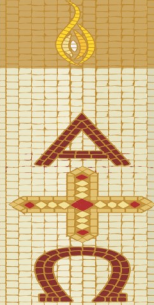
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Easter Sunday

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

MATTHEW 28:7

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Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Kevin O'Keefe

Deacon Ray Brown

Deacon Steven Mancuso

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
9:00AM - 3:00PM

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
No classes until further notice

Sunday Masses
NO PUBLIC MASS
Daily Mass
NO PUBLIC MASS
Confessions Sundays
BY REQUEST

THE MYSTERY OF EMPTINESS

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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Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



**WEDNESDAY
ADORATION
10AM TO 12PM**

ATTENTION PARENTS

Children under 12 years must be
accompanied by an adult to use the
restroom
The safety of your child is very
important to us

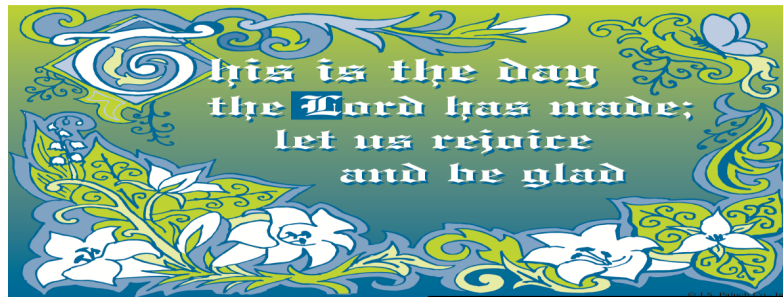


THE EASTER OCTAVE

Sunday, April 5 - Sunday, April 12, 2020

Easter time lasts fifty days: seven weeks of seven days (seven equals Biblical perfection) plus one day: perfection plus! Like an eight-day Jewish wedding, or a child who can't bear to let go of Christmas, birthdays, and school vacation, the Church celebrates the Easter Octave: "the marriage of heaven and earth," as the Vigil calls Jesus' resurrection; our new members' baptismal rebirth; our renewal of baptismal vows; our hearts' "divine vacation" (Latin *vacare*, "to be empty"), newfound time and space for love of God and neighbor. Make home an Easter garden! Adorn the dining table with a pillar candle (your "paschal candle"), a bowl full of water (ideally, from the parish's baptismal font), a vase of flowers or bowl of sprouting grain with Easter eggs. Even non-singers can handle the three-fold Gospel Alleluia! Let that be your grace before meals, perhaps with a prayer recalling Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): "Be known to us, Risen Lord Jesus, as you were to the first disciples, in your word, in the breaking of bread, and in everyone we meet."

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St. Anthony of Padua Prayer Garden

Support us by ordering a memorial brick for our prayer garden. The cost is \$100 we do offer *payment plan*. To order a brick or if you have any question about our engraved bricks, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.



TODAY TOPIC

NO CLASS

Adult Faith Formation Classes

Meet every Sunday at 11:15 in Church conference room. For more information please contact our office or Mrs. Lukens (229) 794-9140



Leoncio Orozco
Mary Woody
Lamberto Hernandez
Paul Hamilton
Larry Sirmans
Jerry Purvis
Eliselda Rodriguez
Jonathan Bautista
Lidia Guajardo

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament First Saturday 7:00PM to 10:00PM



Knights of Columbus

Round table meeting
Parish Hall
Second Sunday of the month
at 11:15AM

Rosary Ministry

Our Rosary makers meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. For more information please contact Kathy Giddens at (229)482-2364



Let us pray for the health of:

Ray O' Keefe, Eva and Alfonso Angel, Bonnie Cornwell, Naina Waters, Nayar Prado Bisogno, José Hernández, Alan Moore, Fran LaRock, Consuelo Sterling, Michael Kunai Anna Marie Gould, David Stidham, Phylli Fletcher, Lida Paredes Patricia Hunter, Tripp Lasseter, Don & Angi Christiano, Lisa Salomon, Madalyn Touchton, Daniela Borrero, Carol Leaverton Alvaro Borrero, Angela Hood

For the Eternal rest of:

Kevin Ward, Stephanie Nelson, Vincent Mancuso, Helen Scaff, Vinh Bui, Maria de Jesus Gallegos, Kelle Jackson, Chris Remick, Misty Lasseter, All faithful Departed



April 5, 2020
Collections

Regular Collection

\$1895

Building Fund

\$2354

Bishop Annual Appeal

\$52