



Easter

SUNDAY

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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HE IS RISEN!

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	OBSERVANCES	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	
Sunday April 12	Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10	7:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Sobieski and Jaber Families +Richard Scheid +Arcelia Brizal and +Ruth Boyd For the people of St. Peter
Monday April 13	Monday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2:14, 22-33 Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Matthew 28:8-1	12:10 PM	+Carl Ray Baca
Tuesday April 14	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2:36-41 Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 John 20:11-1	12:10 PM	Shirley Johnson
Wednesday April 15	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3:1-10 Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Luke 24:13-35	12:10 PM	Virginia Sorenson
Thursday April 16	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3:11-26 Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Luke 24:35-48	12:10 PM	Gwen Neff
Friday April 17	Friday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4:1-12 Psalm 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a John 21:1-1	12:10 PM	Mary Reis
Saturday April 18	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4:13-21 Psalm 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 Mark 16:9-15	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	Krys Obrzut Dr. Mary Blattner
Sunday April 19	Divine Mercy Sunday	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-3		

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy Allen, Kathleen Alvarado, Kay Anderson, +Sue Asche, Luke Barden, Staci Behne, Lisa Biem, Claudean Boatman, Kathryn Bonar, Diane Brown, Mary Ellen and Dick Budd, Ray Burns, Corrina Cantrell, Frani Castaneda, Roman Castaneda, Lydia Castillo, John Casynn, Lea Ciothe, Betty Clark, Mallory Cranwell, Jeremy Cruz, Chad Dunfee, Karen Eicher, Jackie J. and Family, Priscilla French, Heidi Gaiser, Merle Gaspers, Jeanette Gau-Moore, Rodriguez Gonzalez, Victor Gonzalez, Kelly Graybill, Aaron Greber, Gimena Gunderson, Denise Gustafson, Bryce Hares, Jean Hawkins, Margaret Hernandez, Elliot Hitchcock, Marcella Holguin, Frank Holland, Judy Houston, Karen Johns, Louise Kessler, N. J. King, Geni Koenig, Rodney Kontz, Estson and Karen and Sherlene Kontz, Randy Koski, Carolyn Lafferty, Gavin Landwehr, Larue Lara, Laronda Leigh, Carla Martinez, Kevin McKenzie, Chrissy Moore, Barbara Morales, John Muniz, Phyllis Murphy, Rose Pargas, Carol Murphy, Nestia Nuanez, Luci and Salem O'Leary, Donna Olson, Carmen and Alvin Padilla, Rose Pargas, Carlos Pena, +Michael Prieto, Deloris Potterfield, Zachary Quick, Tony Quigley, Joel Redman, Virginia Rodriguez, Andrea Romero, Jackie Rowe, Cheryl Rubino, Kendall Scheiderer, Tyson Schaffer, Fred Sieber, Debie Simonton, Mildred Skonksner, Virginia Sorenson, Pauline Soto, Henry Smith, Eleanor Sneddon, Neva Spencer, Wilmena Stahla, Bob and Lorene Steele, Jon Stoson, Judy Stryker, Sonny Subia, Mabel Tapia, Joe Trujillo, Pauline Trujillo, Sonny Unrein, Mary Frances Villarreal, Patricia Marie Villarreal, Justine Wahlert, Terry Walsh, Majorie Whittington, Tamara Wilkinson, Joe Yates, Bonnie Youngman



FIRST READING

"He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead." (Acts 10:42)

PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) or Alleluia

SECOND READING

When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. (Col 3:4)

GOSPEL

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:8)

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

Peter's speech about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus offers us a glimpse into the Church's earliest kerygma (oral proclamation) about Jesus. How is Peter's testimony persuasive to you? Can you share your Catholic faith with others using this kerygma?

Second Reading

Using the metaphors of yeast and unleavened bread, Paul viewed the death and resurrection of Jesus as bringing a new life of "sincerity and truth" to the community of believers. How does the celebration of Easter unite your family, your circle of Catholic friends and your community?

Gospel Reading

Mary Magdalene is the first to realize that Jesus had risen from the dead, and twice is told, "Do not be afraid." What fears are alleviated in your knowing that Jesus rose from the dead? How does the knowledge that Jesus's overcame the world help you during this difficult time?



Easter Message from Fr. Tomasz

I wanted to take the opportunity, at this very special time of the year, to send my greetings to you, and wish you a most blessed and joyous Easter Season. In the midst of a tremendous trial for all of us, as a Nation, as the World, but most importantly as Christians, He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!

I continue in prayer for a quick and lasting resolution to the worldwide pandemic, strengthened and heartened to know so many of you are living out your faith in real-time. I also want to encourage you to take this opportunity God has given us to draw closer to Him. Surround yourself with the things that will speak peace and healing to your heart, such as the Word of God, the remote participation in the Sacred Liturgies, and the people you love that will inspire you to trust God even in the midst of difficult circumstances.

Like the disciples in the Upper Room on the day of Resurrection we are locked in, sad and afraid. But through the word of a pious woman, Mary of Magdala, we are reminded that even in the midst of the worst day of our lives, God is still in control, there is nothing impossible for Him. We, like the Apostles Peter and John, don't always understand why God lets certain things happen the way they do, but we believe in Him and we trust.

Even though we cannot be together physically, we unite in spirit under the name of St. Peter our patron, with trust inspired by our Blessed Mother Mary, knowing that God is not bound by neither space nor time, and inspired by the hope flowing from the wonderful message of Resurrection, we join in singing:

*Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!*

Please know that you are in my and Fr. Crispin's prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Tomasz Strzeboński



Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. We celebrate Easter, the oldest and most important holiday for Christians every year. But maybe we got used to it, maybe it has become for us just one of the many days in the calendar. The same liturgy of the Sacred Triduum, Passion, Death, Grave, Resurrection. Maybe we needed this time to understand better the greatest secret of our Faith?

This year more than ever we understand the conversation between Jesus and the doubting Thomas: *"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."* Are we like Thomas, demanding to see Jesus, requesting the possibility to place our hand in His side, our finger in the nail marks? Or are we the people of Faith Jesus is talking about? What do we even believe in?

This year's Easter reminds us, unlike any other time in the history of Salvation, that we cannot live our lives without Faith. We are reminded that even in the time of the great plague, in the period of the persecution, in the reign of darkness, there is one thing that can never be taken away from us, our Faith. But do we even have Faith?

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a revolution, a complete overhaul of humanity. It is not a matter of chance that Christ the Lord rose from the dead on Sunday. The light of His Resurrection lit up the morning of the first day of the week. With His rising from the dead, Jesus ushered in a new era in human history. He illuminated the whole earth with the light of the future age.

The Resurrection itself, however, brings with it many questions that still need answering. So many generations of the scholars, theologians, disciples, great minds of this world were trying to give answers, and yet it still remains a secret. And it must be so. Because otherwise Faith would not be necessary to embrace the victory of the Easter morning. It would be enough to just read the chronicle of the events in a daily newspaper, or maybe a Pilate's report or to watch the evening news special.

Victory takes place in us through Faith. After suffering and death, after the pain and uncertainty of tomorrow, there is a Resurrection. Faith raises us up, begins in us a new life, eternal life. The Gospel of life spreads from the empty tomb of Jesus. The Risen One shows that life and Faith are inextricably linked. However, many stones appear in the world that block access to the grace of the Resurrection. Jesus pushes these stones away so that we can enter a life full of joy, hope and freedom.

Jesus is truly risen! Do I believe that I will rise again with Him? *"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!*



Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times.

Easter is the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind. God promised that through the seed of a woman would come one who would crush the head of Satan. This was the first promise of a Savior and the first great act of God's grace after our tragic act of rebellion and disobedience in the garden of Eden.

Jesus' resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. Jesus' obedience restores our relationship with our loving Father and we live a new life with Christ and look forward to an everlasting life with Him in heaven. Easter Sunday begins the season of Easter which lasts for seven weeks, ending with Pentecost.

It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: *Alleluia!* All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49).