

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 1, 2018

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

— Psalm 118:17

PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST

On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music—everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today's scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing "Alleluia!"

In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John's Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives.

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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* Mark 16:1-7.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,015.00	\$1,750.00
Number of Families contributing	142	104
Total Pledge for 2018	\$166,199.00	\$167,136.00
Pledged to Date (12 Weeks)	\$37,999.00	\$37,076.00
Received to Date	\$32,898.00	\$25,956.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,101.00	\$11,120.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$270.00	\$2,483.00

Thirty-one ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2018 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$2,585.00
Amount Outstanding	\$23,120.00

Seven people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$0.00	\$1,385.00

No one made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

POOR BOX totaled \$22.00.

PARKING LOT totaled \$8.00.

16 **CHILDREN** contributed \$53.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 150, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 170 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 100.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When John looked into the empty tomb, he saw and believed. —JOHN 20:8

The good news of Easter is that Jesus has triumphed over sin and evil – and so will we if we open our hearts to His Easter power.

The good news of Easter is that every Good Friday in our lives can be turned into an Easter Sunday.

The good news of Easter is that nothing can defeat us anymore – not pain, not sorrow, not even death.

The good news of Easter is that Jesus will work a miracle in our lives on this very day if we will but open our hearts to His Easter power.

What miracle might I ask Jesus to work in my life this Easter day? How might I open my heart, in a special Easter way, to let the risen Jesus do this?

The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of the divine surprise.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Eddie "O" Riley in loving memory of him on the 7th Anniversary of his death;
2. Ralph and Rose in loving memory of Tom "Popeye" Sherlock on the 25th Anniversary of his death;
3. the Wife and Family of Tommy Cowboy Riley in loving memory of him on his 75th Birthday;
4. the Family of Catherine Gorman in loving memory of her on her birthday;
5. the Family of John and Bessie Riley in loving memory of them on the Anniversaries of their deaths;
6. the Family of Kaiser's Lillie in loving memory of her on the 3rd Anniversary of her death and 67th Birthday;
7. the Skully's in loving memory of Skully's Pat on his 54th Birthday and Bonnie on her 50th Birthday;
8. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

EASTER GREETINGS FROM FR.CHERIAN

Easter Greetings to all members of St. Edward Parish Family.
May our Risen Christ and His Loving Mother bless you with the
happiest Easter of your life.

GOD BLESS THE CHILDREN

who are going to receive Holy Communion for the first time this Monday, April 2nd. Mass will be at 5:00 P.M. All are invited to participate in the Mass. The children who have been prepared are:

Rose Mary Burke

Danny Jolan Carroll

Evita Carroll

Ireland Carroll

Scotland Costello

Alden Gorman

Montela Gorman

Tom Glavine Gorman

Jim Barron Mack

Polaris Mack

Rivers Mayson

Gemslynn O'Hara

Mike Thomas O'Hara

Michael Xavier Ryan

Britain Sherlock

DeLancey Sherlock

Gemzel Sherlock

Heidi Sherlock

Hyness Sherlock

Jim Patrick Sherlock

Johnny Dempsey Sherlock

Kingsley Sherlock

Rylie Sherlock

Sybella Sherlock

Haggie Richard Smith

Pete Jonathon Taylor

THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE are announced for the second time for Pete Joshua Sherlock and Kara Carroll.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed this Monday, April 2nd.

THANK YOU to two members for a donation in thanks of St. Expedite.

MASTER'S TABLE Ann T's Legion Group, Our Lady of Presentation, is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to the clients of the Master's Table in Augusta on this Thursday, April 5th. If you would like to participate in this very rewarding opportunity, please contact Ann T.

ST. EDWARD EASTER EGG HUNT organized by the Youth Group will be held this Easter Sunday at 5:00 P.M.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

The Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

JESUS

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master. He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher. He had no medicine, yet they called Him Healer. He had no armies, yet rulers feared Him. He won no military battles, but He conquered the world. He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him. He was buried in a tomb, yet he lives today.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** *FIRST COMMUNION.*
- Tuesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul Eddie 'O' Riley on the 7th Anniversary of his death and Tommy Cowboy Riley on the 1st Anniversary of his death.
- Thursday:** In thanks for Coston Carroll on his 6th Birthday.
- Friday:** For the repose of the souls of Brian Carroll on the 16th Anniversary of his death and Pat "Brute" Costello on his Birthday.

EASTER LOVE

On Easter we celebrate love,
Love coming down from heaven,
Love blanketing the earth
In a transforming embrace;
Unique and infinite love,
Giving more than we can imagine
For us, to cleanse our sin, a perfect sacrifice,
Lamb of God, the walking talking Word.
He is teacher, role model, friend,
This God in human form,
Dying, then rising from the dead,
Proving all who believe will also rise
To have eternal life with Him, Lord of all.
Oh, Happy Easter!

READERS

Sat. Mar. 31st, 8:30 P.M.		Sun. April 1st, 10:00 A.M.
<i>Proclamation</i>	Rose Marie	<i>1st Reading</i> Miranda
<i>1st Reading</i>	Josie	<i>2nd Reading</i> Jimmy Joseph
<i>3rd Reading</i>	Rita Riley	<i>Sequence</i> Jay
<i>5th Reading</i>	Cathy Lisa	
<i>7th Reading</i>	Dominique	
<i>Epistle</i>	Cheryl	

Sat. April 7th, 4:00 P.M.	Sat. April 7th, 7:00 P.M.
Grace & Rita Riley	Jay & Mary Melissa

Sun. April 8th, 10:00 A.M. Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Joy
Tuesday	Cathy Lisa Butts
Wednesday	Mary Martha
Thursday	Allison
Friday	Karen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 8:30 P.M.	March 31st
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

April 1st	April 8th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Bibbie's Catherine Ann
Friday	Bridget Ann

EASTER JOKES

Q. What happened to the Easter Bunny when he misbehaved at school?

A. He was egg-spelled!

Q. Why was the father Easter egg so strict?

A. He was hard-boiled.

Q. Why did the Easter egg hide?

A. He was a little chicken?

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**EASTER SUNDAY PRAYER**

*Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for Your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell Your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord. Amen.*