

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 4, 2021

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

— Psalm 118:17

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

During the first three or four centuries of Christianity, if you asked a Christian to name the feast days of the church, your answer would have been a puzzled stare, for there was only one feast: the Resurrection of the Lord. Every Sunday was a feast celebrating the one great feast. Even though our calendar now has many beautiful and holy feasts, we must continually be called back to the fact that all these other feasts exist because of the feast of Christ's passover from death to life. The psalm today proclaims this message well: "This is the day." It is not one of many days, but it is the day of all days, the one that gives all the others their origin, purpose, meaning, and destiny. Listen carefully to Peter's speech in Acts with its recollection of the Passion, to the words of the apostle Paul, and to the account of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter finding the empty tomb, and you will hear the many wonderful works that God has done for us through Christ. Rejoice and be glad!

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

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$1,895.00	\$1,390.00
Number of Families contributing	82	69
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (12 Weeks)	\$41,431.00	\$41,890.00
Received to Date	\$32,714.00	\$26,354.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$8,717.00	\$15,536.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$298.00	\$2,705.00.00

Twenty-three ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$10.00	\$72,847.00

No one made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

POOR BOX totaled \$100.00.

22 **CHILDREN** contributed \$92.00.

BAA totaled \$30.00.

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. in loving memory of him on the 10th Anniversary of his death;
2. the Family of John & Bessie in loving memory of them on the Anniversaries of their deaths;
3. and a Parish 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.

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday, April 3rd 8:30 P.M. Easter Vigil Services
Easter Sunday, April 4th 10:00 A.M. Mass

EASTER EGG HUNT will be held Easter Sunday at 4:00 P.M. It will be a fun-filled event for all children. Thank you to the Youth Group for organizing this event.

EASTER JOKES

- **How does Easter end?**
With the letter r!
- **How does the Easter bunny travel?**
By hare plane.
- **What do you call a sleeping egg?**
Eggzosted!
- **What do you call an egg from outer space?**
An eggstraterrestrial!
- **What do you call a rabbit who tells jokes?**
A funny bunny!

TRUTH OF LIFE

*Do a million good things nobody will care...
But commit a single mistake and everybody will judge you.*

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

<u>MORNING PRAYER</u>	Monday thru Friday	9:30 a.m.
<u>EVENING PRAYER</u>	Monday thru Thursday	3:30 p.m.
	Friday	6:30 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA will be held next Sunday, April 11th at 3:00 P.M. in the Church.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation of \$500 in thanks to St. Expedite for a favor received; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Theresa and St. Raphael; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A guy goes into his barber, and he's all excited. He says, "I am going to Rome. I'm going to see the Pope.

The barber says, "Ha! When you see the Pope, you'll probably be standing in back of about 10,000 people."

So, the guy goes to Rome and comes back. His barber asks, "How was it?"

"Great," he says. "I got to meet the Pope."

"And what did he say?"

"He said, 'Where did you get that crummy haircut?'"

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
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 in the Octave of Easter
Saturday:	Saturday within the Octave of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday:	For the repose of the soul of Eddie O. on the 10 th Anniversary of his death.
Tuesday:	In thanks to St. Joseph.
Wednesday:	In thanks to the Infant Jesus for the sick and the Holy Souls.
Thursday:	For the repose of the soul of Blockey's Shirley on the 20 th Anniversary of her death.
Friday:	For the repose of the soul of Beasley on his Birthday.

WITHOUT EASTER

*Without Easter,
there would be no hope of Heaven.
Without the hope of Heaven,
there would be no repentance,
no personal transformation,
no attempt to follow biblical principles.
Without Easter,
the world would be in chaos and darkness.
Jesus' death and resurrection
means we can be reborn,
to live better, to do better,
to shine light into the shadows.
Hallelujah!
Happy, Happy Easter.*

READERS

Sat. Apr. 3rd, 8:30 P.M		Sun. Apr. 4th, 10:00 A.M.
Proclamation	Leah	1st Reading Jimmy Joseph
1st Reading	Cathy Lisa	2nd Reading Blue
3rd Reading	Dayna	Sequence Jimmy Joseph
5th Reading	Christina	
7th Reading	Ritz	
Epistle	Savannah	

Sat., April 10th, 4:00 P.M.	Sat. April 10th, 7:00 P.M.
Cathy Lisa & Reed	Bridgette Anna & Carolyn

Sun. Apr. 11th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Marilyn
Tuesday	-	Ann Rita
Wednesday	-	Cathy Lisa
Thursday	-	Natalie
Friday	-	Christina

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	-	Cathy Pole
Tuesday	-	Kim Gallon
Wednesday	-	Rosie Cat
Thursday	-	Mary Cat
Friday	-	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 8:30 P.M.	April 3rd
Front	Mary Margaret
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Kim Gallon

Saturday 7:00 P.M.

April 10th	April 17th
Rosie Cat	Mary Cat

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

April 11th	April 18th
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

CANDLE

**No candle loses its light while lightening another candle.
Never stop sharing, caring and helping others,
because it makes our life more meaningful.**

ONE LINERS

- ❖ If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?
- ❖ Always remember you're unique, just like everybody else.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~
EASTER SUNDAY PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, You have triumphed over the grave and You have won for us new life and resurrection power. Give me the eyes of faith to see You in Your glory. Help me to draw near to You and to grow in the knowledge of Your great love for us and Your great victory over sin and death. Amen.