

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 9, 2023

“When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.”

— Colossians 3:4

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

If Christmas is the “most wonderful time of the year,” then Easter is the most joyous, glorious, awesome time of the year! Really? Today’s readings don’t exactly brim over with the kind of holiday cheer we find at Christmas—except for the responsorial psalm, which admittedly rings with gleeful joy. But otherwise, not so much. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter gives a dry, condensed rendering of the story of Jesus to a group of Gentiles in Caesarea. The Colossians reading actually does have us looking forward to glory. Most underwhelming, though, is the Gospel proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we want to hear about angels and earthquakes and trumpets and glory, we hear about a dark, silent, empty tomb. This Easter Sunday story from John’s Gospel is startling in its emptiness. Like Peter in the story, we must enter into this mystery.

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TODAY’S READINGS

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

Psalm — Let us be joyful in this day of the Lord (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* Matthew 28:1-10.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$2,261.00	\$1,527.00
Number of Families contributing	83	63
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (13 Weeks)	\$43,879.00	\$44,516.00
Received to Date	\$36,168.00	28,600.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,711.00	\$15,916.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$245.00	\$2,798.00

Twenty-four ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$3,711.00	\$36,232.00

Three people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$2,221.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$134.00.

9 **CHILDREN** contributed \$32.00

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“When John looked into the empty tomb, he saw and believed.”

—John 10:8

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 divine surprise.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Wife and Daughters of Jim Carroll in loving memory of him on the Anniversary of his death;
2. Noah in loving memory of Mary Burke on her Birthday;
3. the Family of Jack Suedle in loving memory of him on the 24th Anniversary of his death and in loving memory of Blockie’s Shirley on the 22nd Anniversary of her death;
4. 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.

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday, April 8th

8:30 P.M. Easter Vigil Services

Easter Sunday, April 9th

10:00 A.M. Mass

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

AS LONG AS WE HAVE

As long as we have MEMORIES, yesterday remains.

As long as we have HOPE, tomorrow awaits.

As long as we have LOVE, today is beautiful.

As long as we have GOD, anything and everything is possible.

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.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

CHRIST IS RISEN

**Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate.
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen.
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing.
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty.
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the
sleepers, glory and power are His forever and ever.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK A man, his wife, and his cranky mother-in-law went on vacation to the Holy Land. While they were there, the mother-in-law passed way. The undertaker told them, "You can have her shipped home for \$5,000, or you can bury her here in the Holy Land for \$150."

The man thought about it for a while and told the undertaker he would just have her shipped home. The undertaker asked, "Why would you spend \$5,000 to your mother-in-law home when it would be wonderful to be buried here and spend only \$150."

The man said, "A man died here about 2,000 years ago. He was buried here and three days later, he rose from the dead."

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 within the Octave of Easter
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Jack Suedle on the 24th Anniversary of his death and for the repose of the soul of Scully's Ann on her Birthday.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Mary Burke on her Birthday.
Wednesday: *Wedding.*
Thursday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; in thanks for Trust on his 4th Birthday; for the repose of the soul of Little Ollie Harrison on the 20th Anniversary of his death; for the repose of the soul of Barney Turner Riley on the Anniversary of his death; and for the repose of the soul of Jim Carroll on the Anniversary of his death.
Friday: *Wedding.*

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. 8th, 8:30 P.M.

Proclamation Dayna
1st Reading Leah
3rd Reading Mary Martha
5th Reading Montela
7th Reading Macy
Epistle Marlo

Sun. Apr. 9th, 10:00 A.M.

1st Reading Jimmy Joseph
2nd Reading Blue
Sequence Jimmy Joseph

Sat. Apr. 15th, 4:00 P.M.

Julie Ann & Macy

Sat. Apr. 15th, 7:00 P.M.

Christina & Bridgette Anna

Sun. Apr. 16th, 10:00 A.M.

Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Dayna
Tuesday - Marlo
Wednesday - Julie Ann
Thursday - Ashley Carroll
Friday - Lauren Ashley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday - Theresa Hun
Tuesday - Jack's Mary Rita
Wednesday - Julie Ann
Thursday - Betty Jo
Friday - Ned's Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 8:30 P.M.

Right
Left

April 8th

Winnie Ann
Bridget Rita

Saturday 7:00 P.M.

April

Mary Margaret & Mary Cat

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

April 9th

Nora

April 16th

Ned's Rose Marie

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!

EASTER SUNDAY PRAYER

Lord God, You love this world so much, that you gave Your one and only Son, that we might be called Your children, too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. 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.