

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MARCH 27, 2016

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.
— Acts 10:43

DRAWN INTO THE STORY

"We are witnesses!" The scripture readings for Easter Sunday concentrate on details reported by eyewitnesses. Listen carefully and you will be drawn into the stories yourself. Peter reports the good works Jesus did, his death on the cross, and his resurrection. The passage from John's Gospel has us running to the empty tomb with Peter and John and peering inside to see the cloths used to cover Jesus' body. Psalm 118 sums up our response: "It is wonderful in our eyes!"

What resurrection details do we see in our lives today? How have we died to our old lives and been raised up again with Jesus? Let us pay attention to the new life around us. It is wonderful in our eyes.

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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).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$4,461.00	\$4,299.00
Number of Families contributing	109	94
Total Pledge for 2016	\$172,351.00	\$185,388.00
Pledged to Date (12 Weeks)	\$39,810.00	\$43,696.00
Received to Date	\$32,677.80	\$29,390.80
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,132.20	\$14,305.20

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$117.00	\$2,385.00

Sixteen ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$771.00
Amount Outstanding	\$22,559.00

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

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$260.00	\$2,830.00

Five people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$7.00.

POOR BOX \$150.00.

18 **CHILDREN** contributed \$66.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 195, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 90, and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 180.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Back in the 1880's the philosopher Nietzsche declared that "God is dead," and before the turn of the Twentieth Century the writer Shaw and the historian Wells chimed in saying the 20th Century would mark the end of the world's "religious phase."

Yet, today a church now meets in Russia's Museum of Religion and Atheism- the former center atheism. Nearly half of the United States population attends Worship on a regular basis while revival is sweeping through Latin America and Christianity grows behind China's iron curtain.

Nietzsche, Shaw and Wells have long since decayed in their graves, and God continues to live! That's the message of Easter. He is risen. He is Risen, indeed!

Muhammad died, and was buried. His faithful followers take pilgrimages to visit his remains; the same is of Buddha and other religious leaders. But it is not true of Jesus. You cannot visit His remains, you can only visit His empty grave, because He isn't here. He Arose. He is Risen.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Wife and Family of Cracker in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
2. The Family of Kaiser's Lillie Sherlock on loving memory of her on the 1st Anniversary of her death and her Birthday;
3. The Family of John and Bessie Riley on the Anniversary of their deaths;
4. Black Pete and Bridget Anna in thanks for Juda and Johnny Ringo on his 8th Birthday;
5. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite;

GOD BLESS THE CHILDREN

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

*Arrington Bates
Hayden Carroll
Lacoste Carroll
Miami Carroll
Nolan Carroll
Patrick Dempsey Carroll
Ritz Carroll
Cavalli Mack
Aniston McNally
Koley McNally
Brazil O'Hara*

*Italia O'Hara
Mike Harley O'Hara
Danton Riley
Raquel Riley
Royal Riley
Skeet Peterson Riley
Brady Sherlock
Dakota Sherlock
Johnny Ringo Sherlock
Kendalyn Sherlock
Wealth Sherlock*

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.**

ST. EDWARD EASTER EGG HUNT organized by the Youth Group will be held Easter Sunday at 4:00 P.M.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Church Office will be closed this Monday, March 28th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES There will be no Religious Education classes this week. Classes will resume Monday, April 4th.

THANK YOU to two Parish Family members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph and the Infant of Atocha; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy and St. Joseph, and Mother of Preputial Help; and two members for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A gentleman goes to see Mel Gibson's 'The Passion of Christ' and is inspired to take his family to Israel to see the places where Jesus lived and died. While on vacation, his mother-in-law dies. And undertaker in Tel Aviv explains that they can ship the body home to Wisconsin at a cost of \$10,000 or the mother-in-law could be buried here in Israel for \$500.

The man says, "We'll ship her home."
 The undertaker asks, "Are you sure? That's an awfully big expense and we can do a very nice burial here."
 The man replied, "Look 2000 years ago they buried a guy here and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance"

EASTER QUOTATIONS

"Christianity has died many times and risen again, for it has a God who knows the way out of the grave." - **G.K. Chesterton**
 "Easter means you can put truth in the grave, but it won't stay there."
Clarence W. Hull
 "The empty tomb proves the value of Christianity; the empty church denies it." - **Rev. Denny Brake, Pomeroy, IA**

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday: In loving memory of Kaiser's Lillie on the 1st Anniversary of her death.
Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Thursday: In thanks to St. Expedite.
Friday: In thanks for Coston on his 4th Birthday.

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; First Friday
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter; First Saturday

HEALING HANDS

May God bless the hands that heal,
 And bring comfort with their touch!
 Yes, comfort and compassion,
 Because these both mean so much.

To the worried, weary heart,
 That's burdened with pain and grief.
 But through God's amazing grace
 These hands offer sweet relief....

The Lord's great loving kindness,
 Working through their fingertips.
 Those wonderful, healing hands
 Are blessed instruments of His!

Steven Michael Schumacher

READERS

Sat. Mar. 26th, 8:00 P.M.		Sun. March 27th, 10:00 A.M.
<i>Proclamation</i>	Rose Marie	<i>1st Reading</i> Jay
<i>1st Reading</i>	Dayna	<i>2nd Reading</i> Jimmy Joseph
<i>3rd Reading</i>	Julie Ann	<i>Sequence</i> Jay
<i>5th Reading</i>	Macy	
<i>7th Reading</i>	Dominique	
<i>Epistle</i>	Christina	

Sat. Apr. 2nd, 4:00 P.M.	Sat. Apr. 2nd, 7:00 P.M.
Kathy Boo & Ann T.	Jay & Mary Melissa

Sun. Apr. 3rd, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie
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READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Erin
Tuesday	Julie Ann
Wednesday	Christina
Thursday	Natalie
Friday	Mary Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 8:00 P.M.	March 26th
Front	Bridget Ann
Front Left	Mary Regina
Left Cup	Catherine Ann
Front Right	Rose Melissa
Right Cup	Ann T.
Sick	Rita Weaver

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

March 27th	April 3rd
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	Betty Jo
Friday	Bridget Ann

YOUR TONGUE It takes 3 years to learn how to *USE* it. But it takes a lifetime to learn *WHEN* and *WHERE* to use it.

3 GOLDEND RULES

Who is Helping you. Don't Forget them.
 Who is Loving you. Don't Hate them.
 Who is Believing in you. Don't Cheat them.

PRAYER CORNER

THANKS FOR THE WORLD

Heavenly Father, I thank You for the life You gave me and for all the things You do to make me happy in this world.
 I thank you for the stars and sky, for hills and fields and lakes, for flowers, trees, and grass, for birds and all the animals.
 You made all these things. Never let me forget Your love for me. I give You all my love, and all that I do.
 I want to be good to please You as Your loving child.
 Thank You my dearest God, for being my Father. Amen