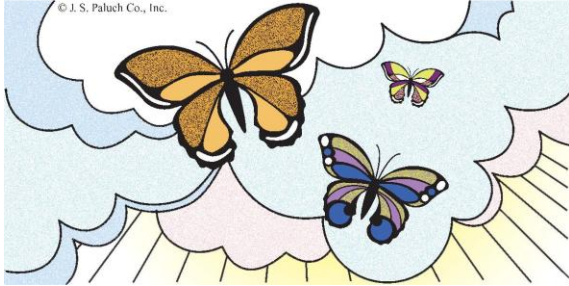


EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Alleluia!

Alleluia! is back. We can sing it every Sunday until the earth journeys around the sun again. We are focused today on a new kind of light, the light of Christ, the Morning Star that will not ever set. Though our earth spins like a top through twenty-four-hour cycles of day and night, the Church insists that this day that the Lord has made will not end.

COMMENT

The great step from chaos to creation opens the book of Genesis and the Hebrew Testament: "In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth ..." On this Easter day, we hear of a new beginning on earth when we learn that Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb in the darkness of a new "first day," the day of the Resurrection.

Out of the terrible darkness comes a new day on the face of the earth. Mary discovers the open tomb and reports this amazing fact to Peter and John. Her message discloses alarming news, but not good news, at least not yet. So, alarmed and confused, Peter and John run to the place of burial to see for themselves. John arrives at the tomb first, then waits for Peter. After Peter enters, John too enters into the empty tomb. Nothing is ominous about the details he records, but plenty is mysterious.

It is not at all clear to Peter and John that Jesus "had to rise from the dead." Before this new day has expired, however, Peter and John and the other disciples will all have encountered their risen Lord. Nevertheless, it will take all the years Peter has left in his life to understand the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus.

That is what the New Testament readings help us ponder today. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles is a case in point. Peter is summoned to the household of Cornelius, a Roman soldier and a good and upright man. The speech Peter delivers at Cornelius' house is a well-honed one. It gives evidence of a strong and clear grasp of the sweep of the Scriptures. God's saving power in Jesus' death and resurrection is for the whole earth and for all time, and everyone who believes in the risen Christ will be forgiven their sins.

Paul explains to the Colossians in the second reading that there is nothing scholarly or philosophical about Jesus'

message. It is clear and simple. We have died with Christ. We will appear with him in glory.

In the alternate second reading, Paul reminds the Christians of Corinth that their baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection has brought them into a new life. Paul uses a homespun image. His readers know that in preparation for Passover, Jewish households rid themselves of the old yeast used for leavening their life-sustaining bread. Paul uses this old yeast as an image of the old corrupting ways that must be cast aside to make way for the new bread of sincerity and truth.

REFLECTION

We have a new day, a new life, a new bread. We can name those few privileged days that are truly new beginnings. We can remember how deeply moved we were or how high we were, depending on how we are affected by unmistakable joy.

Easter is the first day of the rest of the life of the Church. It is a day for high celebration and quiet meditation. The repeated refrain of the responsorial psalm can be our refrain too: "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad." The first day of the new creation began when Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, rose from the dead and shed peaceful light on all humankind. There is no end to this first day of the rest of our lives. The rest of our lives must bear witness to this. Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

next Sunday, April 12th

EXTRAORDINARY GRACES

What graces are available and how do we receive them? In her Diary, St. Faustina records a special promise given to her by Jesus. He told her to communicate it to the whole world:

In three places in her Diary, St. Faustina records our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces:

I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (1109).

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (300).

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699).

●To receive these graces, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy.

●**Fr. Josh will be available for confession at Immaculate Heart, from 12 noon-3pm; The Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow.**



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HOLY SATURDAY, *Easter Vigil*, April 4th - 8:30PM-IHM – Guadalupanas living and deceased; +Antonio Villegas; Thanksgiving to St. Judas Tadeo

***Easter Sunday*, April 5th – 8:00AM – IHM** Por la Gente de Nolan County
11:00AM – IHM For our seminarians Cameron Moore and Martin Luna; +Jaime Montealvo; +Vicky Soto

Tuesday, April 7th 9:00AM-HF
+Elias Soto and +Serafin Miskell

Wednesday, April 8th 6:00PM - IHM
+Ruben, Francisca y Angela Aguilera

Thursday, April 9th 9:00AM-HF
+Sam and Luz Rivera

Friday, April 10th 9:00AM HF
+Ricardo Velez

Saturday, April 11th - 5:00-IHM – For our seminarians Cameron Moore and Martin Luna; +Sarah Gomez, Ysidro & Elvira Navarrette; Eulalio & Sarita Olvera; +David Garcia

***Sunday*, April 12th – 8:00AM – IHM** +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira; +Lupe “Lulu” Martinez; En acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Juan Francisco Solis, Adam, Cynthia y Charlie Galvan
11:00AM – IHM For the People of Nolan County

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

- **CCD - NO CLASSES:** Sunday, April 5–*Easter*
Wednesday classes *resume* April 8th
Sunday classes *resume* April 12th
- **OCIA** – Class *resumse* Thursday, April 9th.

THANK YOU to all the ladies who provided the great sandwiches for the Holy Week Lunch at Trinity Baptist on Tuesday, March 31st. Thank you Joe for taking care of the delivery!
God's Blessings

CONGRATULATIONS to the children of our parish who received their First Holy Communion on Holy Thursday! May they continue to receive this greatest gift of love.

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR CRS RICE BOWLS

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 8:30pm @IHM.

WHY AM I CATHOLIC?- Deacon Bill’s sharing session every Tuesday at his home, @6:00pm.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE – The Guadalupanas are selling Raffle tickets after the weekend Masses. Proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund. Applications are available in the parish office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Couples’ Retreat in Spanish – scheduled for May 31st, IHM hall; beginning after the 8 o’clock morning Mass. More information will follow.

Celebrate the Baby by Helping Babies!

The parish will be collecting baby items during the month of April to donate to the Women’s Pregnancy Crisis Center.

► **BABY DONATIONS to include:**

- Diapers – Sizes 4-6, Wipes,
- New or gently used Baby Clothes, preferably 12 months and up,
- Baby Lotions, and Baby Shampoo.

You can bring your donations to any of the Masses.

¡Celebra al Bebé ayudando a los bebés!

La parroquia estará recolectando artículos para bebés durante el mes de abril para donarlos al Centro de Crisis de Embarazo de Mujeres.

► **DONACIONES PARA BEBÉS para incluir:**

- Pañales - Tallas 4-6, Toallitas húmedas,
- Ropa de bebé nueva o poco usada,
- preferiblemente de 12 meses en adelante,
- Lociones para bebés y Champú para bebés.

Puedes llevar tus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas.

March 28/29, 2026 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$4059.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1788.85
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	\$5847.85

Thank you for your generosity!

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

April 11 – Cursillo April 18 – Finance

OUR APPRECIATION–to David Alvarez & the CCD Confirmation students who reenacted the Live Stations of the Cross on Good Friday; to the parents of the Confirmation Class -- thank you for bringing and sharing the food with all of us after the stations. We thank our choir, ministers, all who decorated our church, and everyone else who participated in any way for the Holy Week & Easter Liturgies.



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CHRIST HAS RISEN

Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen, and you are overthrown. Christ has risen, and the demons have fallen. Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen, and life reigns. Christ has risen, and not one dead rests in the grave. For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept. To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages. Amen.

—Byzantine Pentekostarion