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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm Mass

Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am Mass

Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri - 8am Mass

Tuesday - 6:30pm Mass

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays – 4:00-5:00pm or by Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays – 8:30am-10pm (*ends with Benediction*)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you or someone you know is homebound, wants to receive Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the parish office.

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office.

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Weddings: Call Fr. Paschal at least 6 months in advance of the planned date.

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God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!

Dear friends in Christ, we give glory and honor to God, who guided us through this year's Lenten activities and Holy week ceremonies due to his unquantifiable love. The fruits of the three pillars of lent (Fasting, praying, and almsgiving) should radiate in all we do as we step into the paschal festivities and other seasons of the year. Last Sunday, the Son of God made a unique royal entry to his city of Jerusalem to accomplish the Father's will. The journey to accepting death on the cross for the salvation of sinful humanity. His free acceptance of suffering and death portrayed his humility and obedience to the Father. Though he was in the form of God, Christ did not regard equality with God, which is a powerful lesson for all. Instead, he emptied himself, culminating in his death on the cross. (Philippians 2:6-7). As those saved by his precious death on the cross, we commemorated Christ's suffering and death on Good Friday and marked the vigil of his resurrection on Holy Saturday night.

Alleluia! We gather today to celebrate Christ's resurrection from the tomb. A celebration that concisely speaks and emits hope: The hope that God does not disappoint in his promises especially unto those who accomplish his will. God the Father raised his Son because he fully completed his saving will. A splendid message of hope that the crucified Son of God was not held captive in the tomb but has risen to the incredulity of all. The resurrection story is a solemn story that changed the world; Christ is risen, never to die again. Easter Sunday celebration is the joyful end to the Lenten season of fasting and penitence. And the beginning of fifty days of exultant and powerful Easter celebration, which will come to an end on Pentecost Sunday.

In today's gospel passage, the evangelist John painted a vivid picture of the discovery of the empty tomb. John's account stresses the fact that the tomb was empty, indicating that the Prince of life had risen from the dead as he said. John begins the powerful and captivating famous resurrection story with, "On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb." (20:1). The ardent follower of Christ, the beautiful Mary of Magdala, came to Jesus' grave with a mission to anoint his body. The love of God that overwhelms Mary's beautiful soul for the Son of God propelled her to make that lonely trip when it was still dark. Above all, Mary dauntlessly made the trip to fulfill what Jesus said to Judas, "Leave her alone, let her keep this for the day of my burial." (John 12:7). Love for crucified Jesus overtook her every fear and empowered her to hurry to the tomb to fulfill her mission. However, what she saw was beyond her; therefore, she hastily returned and delivered the unexpected news to the head of the apostles and the beloved disciple.

Jesus' emphasis that he would rise from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion did not register in her memory and that of the other disciples. On seeing Peter and John, she made a profound report, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." Compounding their fears of the memory of Jesus' vicious torture, crucifixion, and burial, Peter and John apprehensively raced to the tomb and sadly discovered the empty tomb. Anxiously, both went into the grave, though Peter entered first. Their discovery gradually peeled off the scales from their eyes of faith and memory, for they saw and believed. The passage concludes by saying, "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." (20:9). John's resurrection account portrayed that those who visited the tomb discovered an empty tomb, and what they saw helped them remember Jesus' word. In a way, the power of the resurrection/empty tomb ignited their faith, dissipated their fears, and enabled them to proclaim the message of the crucified and risen Christ with unparalleled determination.

Indeed, the effect of the power of the resurrection is visible in the first reading. Suddenly, petrified Peter, due to the resurrection power, daringly proceeded to speak to the crowd before whom he couldn't stand during Jesus' arrest and execution. In his speech, Peter, in a nutshell, recounted Jesus' ministry, beginning with his baptism. Above all, he pointed out how they put Jesus to death by hanging him on a tree. However, to the world's disbelief, God raised him on the third day. He appeared to us his close followers and announced his resurrection. Peter affirmed that Jesus, after His resurrection dined with them and commissioned them to preach and bear witness to his name. Peter stresses that God's message is first sent to Israel, then to a smaller group of witnesses to reach other nations; the message is universal. Jesus is the judge of the living and the dead; his forgiveness extends to everyone who believes in him.

This week at SPB and Upcoming Parish/Archdiocesan Events

Sunday, 4/17/2022 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00am Mass: +Cheryl Kluempke (Dryden Family)
10:30am Mass: +Carmen Begley (Al & Joyce Wetzel)



Monday, 4/18/2022

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
8:00am Mass: +Denise Shields (Marc & Carol Jenquin)

Tuesday, 4/19/2022

6:30pm Mass: +Thomas Dale (Fred & Carolyn DeLange)
7:00pm: RICA/Hall

Wednesday, 4/20/2022

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
8:00am Mass: +Donald P. (Michelle Harrington)

Thursday, 4/21/2022

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
8:00am Mass: +Maria Potoczny
(Anna & Jacek Wiktorowicz)

8:30am-10:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration



Friday, 4/22/2022

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
8:00am Mass: +Butlen Family (Jerome Welle)

Saturday, 4/23/2022

4:00-5:00pm: Reconciliation/Church
5:30pm Mass: +Nicole Payne (Don & Loretta Payne)

Sunday, 4/24/2022 Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00am Mass: +Dorsey Posedel (Patti Gosser)
10:30am Mass: All Parishioners

April 17th: *Happy Easter*

Easter Sunday Masses: 8am & 10:30am

April 24th: Adoration/dinner discussion 6:00pm
Second collection for Home Missions Appeal



Novena for Divine Mercy began on Good Friday and continues through April 23rd. Pick up a copy of the Novena at the side door.

Bring back your full CRS Rice Bowls. Place them in the basket at the side door of the Church or bring them to the office. "What you give up for Lent changes lives."

We officially welcome Angela Hartman into the Church this Easter. Prayers that the Holy Spirit Enlighten your heart and Soul to live faithfully to the Gospel teachings. Congratulations!

Come to the Church at 6:00pm Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24th, for our first Adoration and dinner event. We will spend 1 hour in adoration and then go to the Hall for dinner and discussion.

Question? Could you commit to pray for 15 minutes to help complete a 24 hour parish prayer chain? Could you fast all or part of May 5th as a personal devotion? Could you pray for a specific national, state or local leader who will be notified of your commitment by postcard? Please join St. Philip Benizi's involvement in the **71st National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 5th.** We are called to **Pray!**

Sign ups after Masses on April 22-23 and April 30-May 1. Please submit names of law enforcement officers, fire fighters and military personnel in our parish family to Heather Hannam 503-631-7354 hahannam@juno.com
For information or to help contact Heather



Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today nearly 40% of dioceses in the US and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. More info at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Adopt a Road will be held on Saturday April 30th at 9:00 AM. We will meet in front of the hall. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring garden type gloves. No children allowed (must be at least 16 years old). Pickers, garbage bags, and reflector vest will be provided.



Congratulations to Henry Joseph Kazmierowicz and his family on his Baptism on April 3rd. May he grow in faith and love of God.

The Youth Group will be working on putting a fence around Father's Garden on April 30th. See list of needed items at the side door. If you have items that you would like to donate, please let Katy know and drop off at Father's back patio before the 23rd (so we know if we need to buy anything).

Finance Corner

Registered Household 218	WEEK OF 4/10/2022 Actual	Budget
Donors 58	\$3,603 (online: \$3,146)	\$6,331
Fiscal Year	\$196,130	\$193,571

Next Weeks Assignments

Ushers

4/23~5:30pm: Tom Muldoon
4/24~8:00am: Paul Lowry
4/24~10:30am: Kevin Horace

Lector/Commentator

Heather Hannam
John Buxman
Jerry Siler

April Church Cleaners: Michelle Harrington (971-409-5664)

April Altar Linens: Janet Tankersly (503-545-2229)



4/24 9:00: Youth Group
11:30: Lydia Roskey & JoAnna Bryden



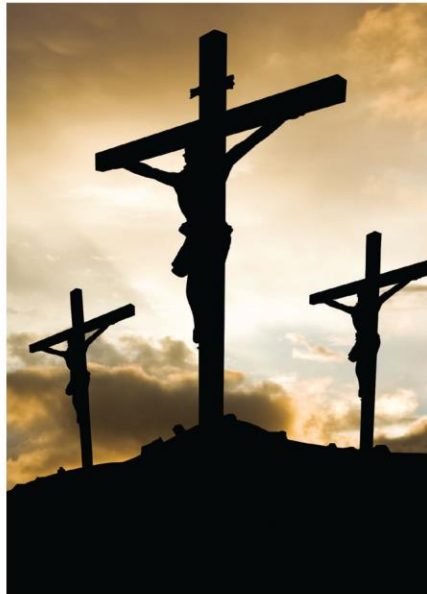
Dear Padre,

The Church says unless you're baptized, you will not enter heaven. So how was the unbaptized good thief able to enter paradise?

Jesus was crucified with two thieves. One taunted Jesus, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, rebuking him, said Jesus had done nothing criminal adding, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied to him, saying, "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:39-40, 42-43).

When the good thief rebuked the other, how did he know Jesus had done nothing wrong or that Jesus was going to his kingdom when he died? Scripture provides no background on the good thief to suggest he was baptized, but he's evidently familiar with Jesus' reputation before the crucifixion.

Regardless, even to his dying breath, Jesus desired for all a conversion experience with our compassionate God. God desires salvation for everyone. However, "God has bound salvation to the sacrament of baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1257). So while the typical way of salvation is through baptism, our merciful God can also give baptismal grace without the sacrament being conferred! For example, when unbaptized infants die, we have "hope that God will save [them] when we have not been able to do for them what we would have wished to do, namely, to baptize them" (2007 Vatican Commission, "The Hope of Salvation for Infants Who Die Without Being Baptized," 103).



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus' answer does not leave [the good thief] waiting; he speaks of the present. He says, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." In the hour of the cross, the salvation of Christ reaches its height; and his promise to the good thief reveals the fulfillment of his mission: that is, to save sinners.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 18

Easter Weekday
Acts 2:14, 22-33
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

APRIL 19

Easter Weekday
Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

APRIL 20

Easter Weekday
Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

APRIL 21

Easter Weekday
Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

Friday

APRIL 22

Easter Weekday
Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

APRIL 23

Easter Weekday
Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

APRIL 24

Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 5:12-16
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13,
17-19
Jn 20:19-31

**Do you have
a question for
the Padre?**

Go to DearPadre.org
to send your question
and to learn more
about *Dear Padre*.



I Can't Believe It!

This sentence can mean two very contradictory things. It might express skepticism, similar to: "You've got to be kidding!" It means that what we are asked to accept as fact is just too far-fetched. Or we might marvel at something we think is magnificent, far beyond our expectations. Here it means: "I'm speechless!"

Lest we think that the empty tomb alone is proof of Jesus' resurrection, today's Gospel shows us that even his closest friends had initial problems with the idea. When Mary of Magdala found the tomb empty, she did not immediately conclude Jesus had risen. By itself, an empty tomb proves nothing. She thought his body had been taken. In the first reading, Peter describes how later several of Jesus' followers experienced him alive. This experience certainly changed their thinking. Like Peter, they then went out and proclaimed the truth of the resurrection. However, only those who had the experience were sure.

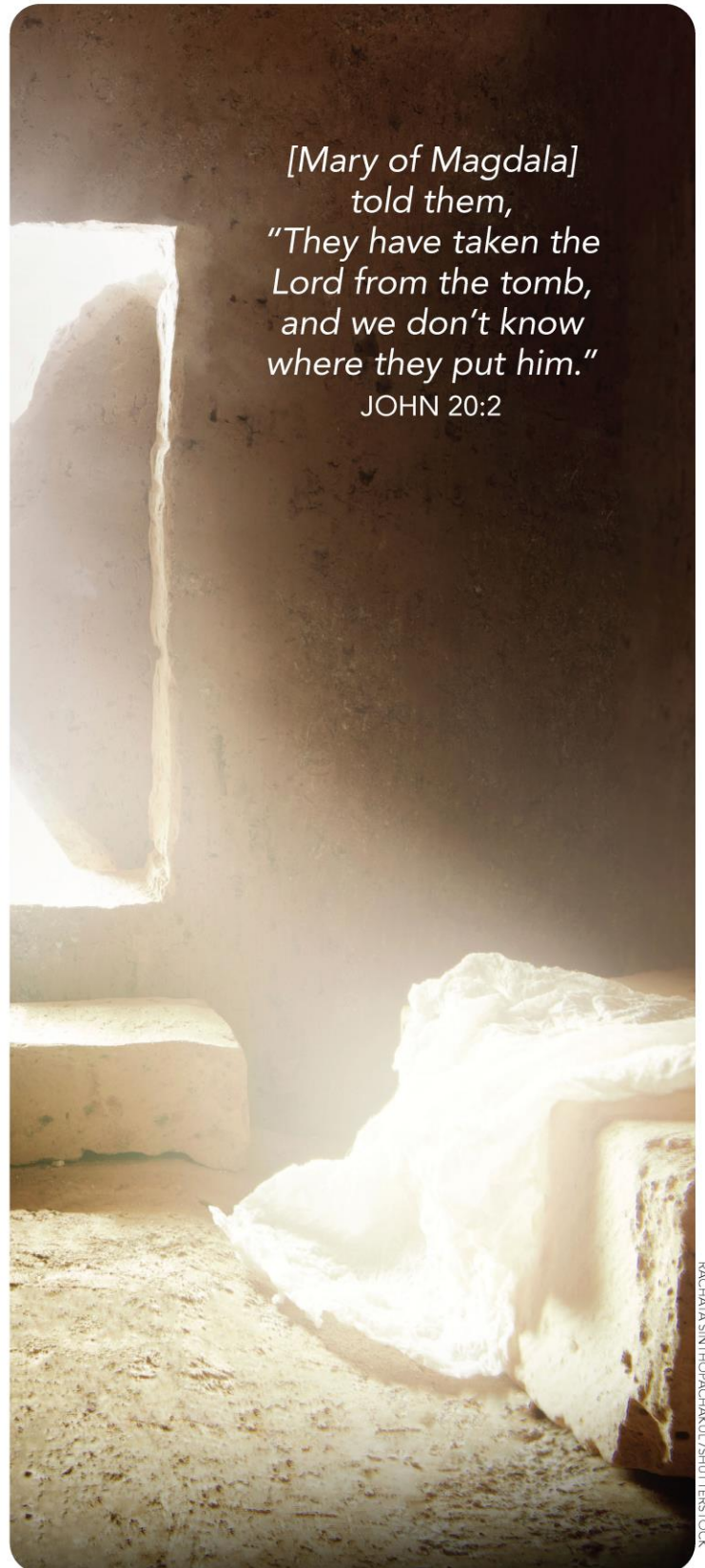
Neither empty tomb nor someone else's personal experience are by themselves certain evidence of the resurrection. Then what is? We find the beginning of an answer in the even-later writing of Paul. Speaking to the Colossians he says: "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (3:3). In other words, the real proof of the resurrection is the faith of centuries of Christians whose lives have been changed by that faith. In other words, the way you and I live proclaims whether Jesus is alive and well in us.

I can hardly believe it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *We may have to wait for our own resurrection to get insight into the resurrection of Jesus. Pray for a deepened faith.*
- ✦ *What might you do to make your own life a stronger witness of Jesus' resurrection?*



*[Mary of Magdala]
told them,
"They have taken the
Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know
where they put him."
JOHN 20:2*

She longed for Christ, though she thought he had been taken away

When Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and did not find the Lord's body, she thought it had been taken away and so informed the disciples. After they came and saw the tomb, they too believed what Mary had told them. The text then says: The disciples went back home, and it adds: but Mary wept and remained standing outside the tomb.

We should reflect on Mary's attitude and the great love she felt for Christ; for though the disciples had left the tomb, she remained. She was still seeking the one she had not found, and while she sought, she wept; burning with the fire of love, she longed for him who she thought had been taken away. And so it happened that the woman who stayed behind to seek Christ was the only one to see him. For perseverance is essential to any good deed, as the voice of truth tells us: Whoever perseveres to the end will be saved.

At first, she sought but did not find, but when she persevered it happened that she found what she was looking for. When our desires are not satisfied, they grow stronger, and becoming stronger they take hold of their object. Holy desires likewise grow with anticipation, and if they do not grow, they are not really desires. Anyone who succeeds in attaining the truth has burned with such a great love. As David says: My soul has thirsted for the living God; when shall I come and appear before the face of God? And so also in the Song of Songs the Church says: I was wounded by love; and again: My soul is melted with love.

Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek? She is asked why she is sorrowing so that her desire might be strengthened; for when she mentions whom she is seeking, her love is kindled all the more ardently.

Jesus says to her: Mary. Jesus is not recognized when he calls her "woman"; so he calls her by name, as though he were saying: Recognize me as I recognize you; for I do not know you as I know others; I know you as yourself. And so, Mary, once addressed by name, recognizes who is speaking. She immediately calls him rabboni, that is to say, teacher, because the one whom she sought outwardly was the one who inwardly taught her to keep on searching.

(From a homily on the Gospels by Gregory the Great, pope)

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

“We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song. Let us sing here and now in this life, even though we are oppressed by various worries, so that we may sing it one day in the world to come, when we are set free from all anxiety.” ----- St. Augustine of Hippo.

St. Philip Benizi Mission Statement

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church being part of the universal church shares in its mission: to proclaim Jesus Christ who came to the world to fulfill His father's will; by proclaiming the kingdom of God, building up the parish community as a witness to God's love and care for the world, helping one another to become what God has called us to be. We are therefore encouraged to work toward God's purpose of "wanting all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim 2:4).

THE FALL OF THE ANGELS

Behind the disobedient choice of our first parents lurks a seductive voice, opposed to God, which makes them fall into death out of envy. Scripture and the Church's Tradition see in this being a fallen angel, called "Satan" or the "devil". The Church teaches that Satan was at first a good angel, made by God: "The devil and the other demons were indeed created naturally good by God, but they became evil by their own doing." CCC 391

Scripture speaks of a sin of these angels. This "fall" consists in the free choice of these created spirits, who radically and irrevocably rejected God and his reign. We find a reflection of that rebellion in the tempter's words to our first parents: "You will be like God." The devil "has sinned from the beginning"; he is "a liar and the father of lies". CCC 392

It is the irrevocable character of their choice, and not a defect in the infinite divine mercy, that makes the angels' sin unforgivable. "There is no repentance for the angels after their fall, just as there is no repentance for men after death." CCC 393

Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls "a murderer from the beginning", who would even try to divert Jesus from the mission received from his Father. "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." In its consequences the gravest of these works was the mendacious seduction that led man to disobey God. CCC 394

The power of Satan is, nonetheless, not infinite. He is only a creature, powerful from the fact that he is pure spirit, but still a creature. He cannot prevent the building up of God's reign. Although Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God and his kingdom in Christ Jesus, and although his action may cause grave injuries - of a spiritual nature and, indirectly, even of a physical nature - to each man and to society, the action is permitted by divine providence which with strength and gentleness guides human and cosmic history. It is a great mystery that providence should permit diabolical activity, but "we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him." CCC 395

Continued from page 2. After his resurrection, Jesus repeatedly revealed himself to several of his followers. He taught, encouraged, and empowered them during his unexpected appearances for the mission ahead. The immortal Prince of life invested in his followers with the power of his resurrection to valiantly proclaim and live his message to all the four corners of the earth. The premier followers of Christ who faithfully banked on the resurrection power launched themselves without fear to Jesus' ministry. Their success was unsurpassable because of their focus on Christ. They were preoccupied with the things above, not with passing things. In that line, St. Paul encourages all Christians to seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Colossians 3:1). Since our lives are hidden with Christ in God, we should not only be committed to renouncing sin and walking in a new life but also to an orientation of the heavenly realities, sustained by the awareness of our identity as God's children. Therefore, as baptized Christians, we should constantly make a conscious effort to seek what is above, where Christ is seated at God's right hand.

As we happily launch ourselves with the guidance and direction of the Church to the Easter festivities for the next fifty days, let us be open and allow the power of Christ's resurrection to control our activities. Let the splendid power of the resurrection take away our fears and all the evil beclouding our spiritual antennas so that we would be receptive to all the holy and vital signals for our spiritual growth and transformation. Both the newly baptized and the old followers should not be afraid to oppose all that is sinful, evil, and all that is opposed to love. With the Prophet Isaiah, let us join our voices in saying, "God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage are the Lord, and he has been my savior." (Isaiah 12). Therefore, we should feed on Christ's courage, joy, hope, and love and proudly announce that he lives forever. We pray that as the only begotten Son on this day conquered death and unlocked for us all the path to eternity, may we, through the renewal brought by God's Spirit and power of the resurrection, rise in the light of life and be occupied with the things that are above.

Finally, joining our voices to that of the Psalmist, let's joyfully squeal, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." (Psalm 118:24). Brethren, we are Easter people, and Alleluia is our song. (St. Augustine). Jesus Christ Is Risen, Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Remember, the closer we are to God, the better for us.

***Blessings, Your servant in Christ,
Fr. Paschal Ezurike.***



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He is Risen!

*We thank the Lord
for his blessings
and wish you
an Easter
full of peace
and joy.*



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