

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

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#### 4-20-2025

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

#### **EVERYTHING IS CHANGED**

Easter changes everything. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus shatters the frightful images that haunt humanity. Betrayal, torture, crucifixion, death, burial—these terrors pale in the brilliant glory of Jesus resurrected. Today's psalm guides our response to God's power: "it is wonderful in our eyes." Today is indeed a day for wonder, for gasping in astonishment at Jesus' resurrection. For all of human history, death had been final. In the Acts of the Apostles, though, Peter testifies that Jesus, who was publicly executed, was raised to life by God. John's Gospel admits that the disciples "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Even Jesus' closest friends were not expecting this innovation: life after death. In response to the Easter miracle, Paul tells us to become "a fresh batch of dough." Everything, even our very selves, must become new. Easter changes everything.

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age20 of wish that Christ "Easter in us."

THE ANNUAL YARD SALE IS GOING TO BE AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup> .YOUR DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT AT ANY TIME THEY CAN BE STORED IN THE BACK ROOM .

The annual spaghetti dinner is going to be September 19th this year .Volunteers will be needed .A sign- up sheet will be posted at the front of the church so anyone can plan to be here for the preparation and work schedule. Many hands make light work . Please try to make plans to help.

#### **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)
- **(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)

## Readings for the week

Monday: Acts 2:14,22-33; Ps16:1-2a & 5-11;G Mt 28:8-15

Suesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps33:4-5, 18-19, 20 &22; G John

20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts: 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; G Luke 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts:3:3-26; Ps 8:2ab & 5-9; G Luke 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 & 2, 22-24,25-27a:

G John 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-21;

G Mark 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16(45C); Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24:

G John 20:19-31

## Office will be closed on Monday April 21st

**Save the Date:** April 26th, at 4:30: Knights of Columbus will attend Mass, and have their Exemplification. A potluck dinner will follow.

# SUNDAY COLLECTION 4.13-2025 \$944.00 B&M \$65.00 Rice Bowl \$50.00

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Lector Beverly Server Carlos

Eucharistic M Jim, Anita ,Peggy
Counter Tom & Beverly

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MAY 11th

Lector Peggy Server Max

Eucharistic M Ann C, Anita, Jim M

Counter Mary & Ann

MAY 18TH

Lector Mary

Server Carlos

Eucharistic M Peggy, Jim, Beverly

Counter Tom & Beverly

MAY 25TH

LECTOR Mark
Server Max

Eucharistic M Florencia, Janet, Ann F.

Counter Mary & Ann

Wednesday Lector

MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> PEGGY

MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> CHERI

MAY21 ST BEVERLY

MAY26<sup>TH</sup> CHERI

### **National Collection**

Sunday April 27, 2025 Catholic Home Missions Appeal