

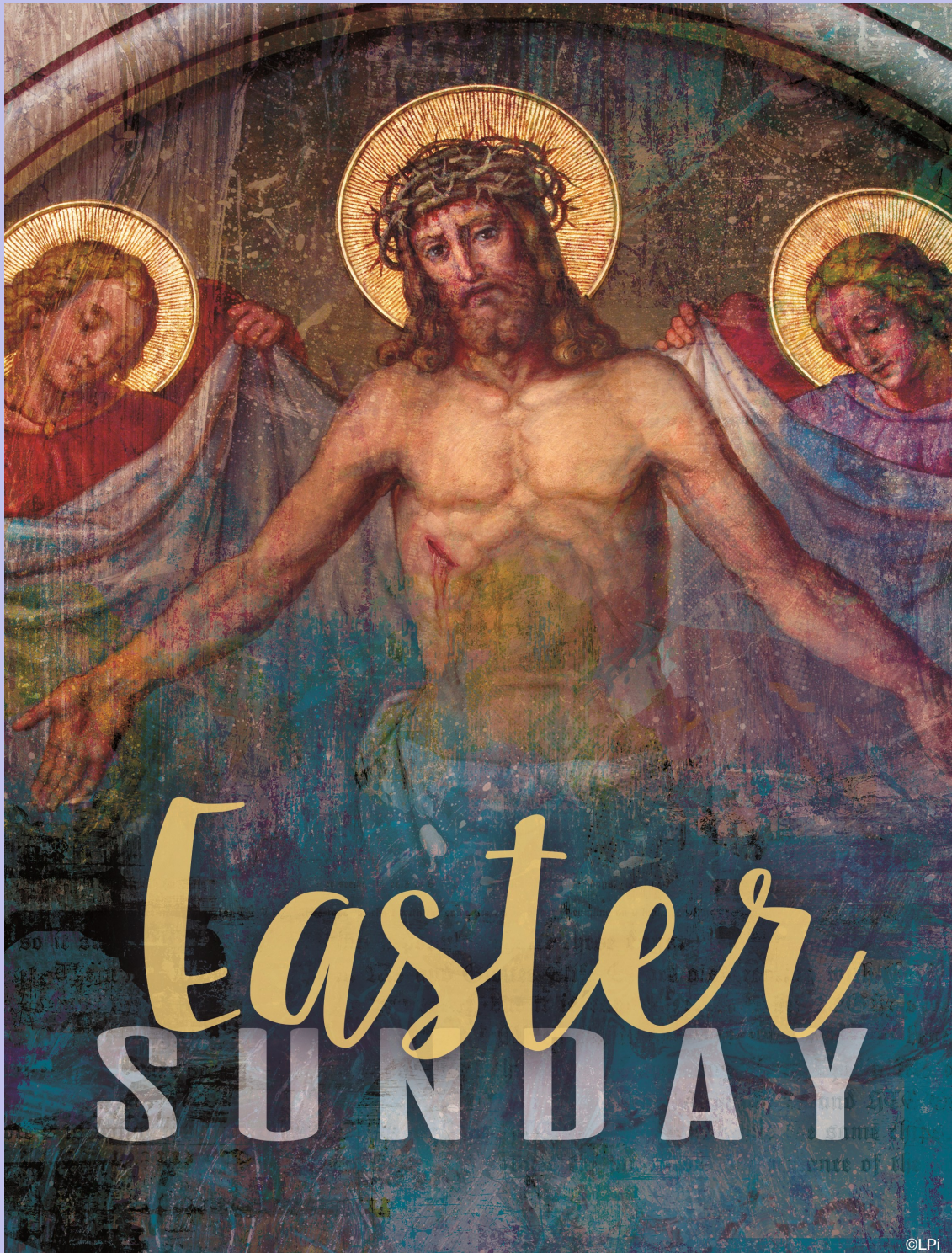


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## Easter Week was originally an entire week of rest

*Philip Kosloski - published on 04/18/22- updated on 03/27/24*

*The Church used to forbid any type of servile work for the entire week of Easter.*

**F**or many Christians, the celebration of Easter ends on Sunday night. Easter decorations are put away and the house returns to normal life.

However, historically speaking, the Church used to **forbid any servile work during Easter Week, the week following Easter.**

Dom Prosper Gueranger explains this tradition in his *Liturgical Year*.

Formerly the whole of this week was kept as a Feast, with the **obligation of resting from servile work.** The edict published by Theodosius in 389 forbidding all law proceedings during the same period was supplementary to this liturgical law.

The Council of Macon thus words its decree: "It behooves us all to fervently celebrate the feast of the Pasch, in which our great High Priest was slain for our sins and honor it by carefully observing all it prescribes. **Let no one therefore do any servile work during these six days which followed the Sunday,** but let all come together to sing the Easter Hymns and assist at the daily Sacrifice and praise our Creator and Redeemer in the evening, morning and mid day.

The Church still celebrates this week as an octave, meaning that each day is a liturgical continuation of Easter Sunday.

However, modern society no longer recognizes this special week,

*Continued . . .*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 4, Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. Raymond George Fisher, Jr. (dec)

### Sunday, April 5, The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Elly McManus (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Stanley Conniglio (dec)

### Monday, April 6, Monday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Fred Deuel (dec)

### Tuesday, April 7, Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mrs. Cunningham (dec)

### Wednesday, April 8, Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

### Thursday, April 9, Thursday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Olga Alzate (liv)

### Friday, April 10, Friday Monday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Abelino Sarmiento (liv)

### Saturday, April 11, Vigil for Divine Mercy

4:00 p.m. The Comeau and LaRosa Families (dec)

### Sunday, April 12, Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 a.m. Yeimy Quintana and Family (liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. David Blaszyński (liv)



*... Continued from Week of Rest*

though on occasion Catholic schools, or certain Catholic countries, will delay their spring break until the week following Easter.

Even if you are unable to take off of work for this week, it is still meant to be a week of celebration and rejoicing, as the Easter season has only begun!

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April 5, 2026

## The Resurrection of the Lord

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 | Jn 20:1-9

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today we celebrate the Lord's resurrection, the pinnacle of the Church's entire liturgical year. As disciples, we know that Christ's resurrection is not something that happened to him alone; his resurrection offers us the promise that all who believe in him will one day rise with him. But the new life Christ promises is not something we have to wait for the next life to experience! Everything we have been doing throughout Lent to prepare for today's celebration also gives us a foretaste of the fullness of life we will share with him at our own resurrection. By God's grace, we have been inwardly renewed by Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our minds and hearts have been lifted from the things of earth to the things of heaven. As disciples of the risen Christ, let us continue to "seek what is above," deepening our own participation here and now in the life he won for us through his cross and glorious resurrection.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The scene in today's Gospel offers us a helpful insight for evangelization. Peter and John run to the empty tomb. While John gets there faster, he waits outside and allows Peter to enter first. We can think of Peter as symbolic of faith (he is the one, after all, who confesses Jesus as the Christ (Mt.16:16)), and John, as symbolic of love (in our Gospel, John is referred to not by name, but as "the other disciple whom Jesus loved.") Although Peter and John see the empty tomb and believe, our Gospel reading ends with this interesting detail: "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." I think what the text is showing us is that *love* and *faith* often precede *understanding*. In our efforts of evangelization, apologetics and theology have their place. But we must not forget that sometimes inviting someone to love and trust in the Lord - before they have all the answers worked out - is more effective than trying to help a person reason their way to faith by perfect explanations. Love and faith draw us to encounter the risen Lord, and understanding comes later.

### CELEBRATE

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad" our psalm tells us. Today is the Solemnity of solemnities, the Feast of all feasts! Take some time to rejoice and give thanks for all that God has done for us through his death and glorious resurrection. Today nothing else should be on our "to do" list other than to celebrate well!



By James Tissot, Saint Peter and Saint John Run to the Sepulchre, Online Collection of Brooklyn Museum, Public Domain



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## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### While It Is Still Dark

If you are a person who is religious in any way, chances are that at some point, someone has asked you to give a reason why.

I meet lots of people who identify as *spiritual* but not *religious*, lots of people who are more comfortable splashing in the shallow end of belief but hesitating to wade into the more uncertain depths of doctrine. So when they ask the question “Why do you believe what you believe?” it usually comes out as “Why do you go to church?”

They want to know why I come to this specific place at this specific time. What am I expecting to happen?

We read that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb “while it was still dark.” I imagine she could not sleep. She was traumatized. Grieving. Confused. Angry, perhaps. Doubting? Maybe. It’s possible. We cannot know what was in her heart.

We only know what she did. We only know where she went. And we know that it was dark, that the light of Easter’s dawn had not yet pierced the sky.

Often, I am grieving when I go to church, or angry, or confused, or all three. I have gone many times with a doubting and resentful heart.

Because, you see, it is still dark. The dawn of eternity, which will illuminate all understanding, has not yet even begun to creep across my horizon.

My answer to the question, when I am asked, is that I go to church — to Catholic Mass, specifically — for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again. ©LPi





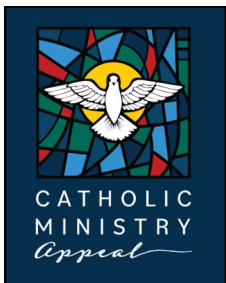
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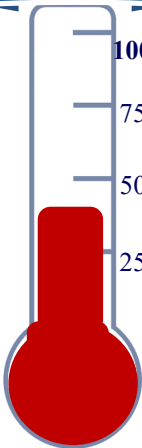
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God's Mercy and **Justice**

Message from Fr Chris Alar (video clip)

Preparing to receive the Radical Graces of

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

With Rachel and Joe

Date: Tuesday March 31 at 7pm

Place: Parish Center

### Everyday Stewardship

At Easter, we celebrate that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered death, rose from the dead, and remains very much alive. To the world of non-believers: what!? It is quite a big reality to swallow. But for the believer, it is a reality that inspires us to the point where we find ourselves constantly sharing the Gospel with everyone we meet! Right?

So what does Easter mean to you? The question is not what do you believe. The question is what impact does Easter have on you? How do your actions demonstrate the power of Easter? What does it mean we you hear that we, the Church, are an Easter people?

You may be saying right now that you have no intention of becoming an evangelist, passing out Bibles to all you meet. But I would like to suggest that you actually have a more powerful way of evangelizing others: everyday stewardship. Actions speak louder than words and the way you live your life can be a great testimony to all those you encounter. By acknowledging the gifts you have been given, cultivating those so they grow to an increase, and then sharing them fully with God and with others in God's name will give testimony to your belief that Jesus is alive and seeking a relationship with each of his people.

If more of us won't live our lives in this manner, then non-believers and non-intentional disciples will ask the question, "What difference does Easter make anyway?" Jesus died and rose for you and me. To be sure, it DOES make a difference.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, April 4, Holy Saturday

\*No 8:00 am Mass

\*No Confessions today

\*No 4:00 pm Mass

6:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet CH  
8:00 pm Easter Vigil CH

### Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday

Masses at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am CH  
7:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet CH

### Monday, April 6

#### Easter Monday

6:30 pm Life in the Spirit CYH  
7:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet CH

### Tuesday, April 7

10:00 am Scripture Class CYH  
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting FF  
7:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet CH

### Wednesday, April 8

Adoration  
5:30 pm Rosary CH  
6:00- 7:00 pm Holy Hour CH  
7:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet CH

### Thursday, April 9

7:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet CH

### Friday, April 10

7:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet CH

### Saturday, April 11

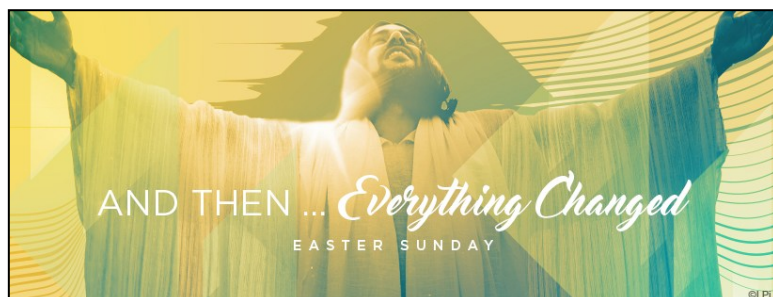
2:30 Confessions CR  
7:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet CH

### Sunday, April 12

Coffee and Donuts IS BACK CYH  
After the 8:00 am and 9:30 Masses  
\*New Location- Courtyard Hall (by the fountain)

#### Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CH=Church,  
CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CR=Choir Room, FF=Faith Formation Room,  
PL=Parking Lot



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Fr. Victor Bartolotta  
Fr. Eric Peters

#### Mass Schedule

##### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

##### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

##### Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

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Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

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