

Dear Padre,

Why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not?

We ring bells because they make a beautiful sound for the Lord and for our ears. They signal something important; they bring us comfort in sorrow, and they double our joy. The official name for the bell ringing is *tintinnabulation*. As with many practices, tintinnabulation is present in many traditions worldwide. It's a beautiful way to focus the mind and heart, lifting the soul to God. I'll never forget the stirring sunrise tintinnabulation at Assisi on Easter Sunday.

Catholics ring bells at the Eucharist, during the singing of the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil, at the showing of the consecrated bread and wine and, in some places, at the beginning of the preparation of the gifts and the Communion procession. We also ring bells to mark the morning, noon, and evening hours, at which times devotion recalls the Incarnation of Christ and the praying of the Angelus. Bells are rung to assemble the community for prayer and festivities. At weddings and funerals, bells declare that something important is happening—an event to be surrounded by beautiful sound.

But why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not? The books of the revised liturgy give an option, so some parish leaders choose to ring bells and others do not. However, in the Latin Mass, there is no option—the bells must be rung at set times.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

You cannot give [courage] to yourself, but you can receive it as a gift. All you have to do is open your heart in prayer and roll away, however slightly, that stone placed at the entrance to your heart so that Jesus' light can enter.... With you, Lord, we will be tested but not shaken.

EASTER VIGIL HOMILY, APRIL 11, 2020



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Calendar

Monday
APRIL 5
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday
APRIL 6
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36–41
Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday
APRIL 7
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1–10
Lk 24:13–35

Thursday
APRIL 8
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11–26
Lk 24:35–48

Friday
APRIL 9
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1–12
Jn 21:1–14

Saturday
APRIL 10
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13–21
Mk 16:9–15

Sunday
APRIL 11
Second Sunday
of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 4:32–35
1 Jn 5:1–6
Jn 20:19–31



Our Parish COMMUNITY

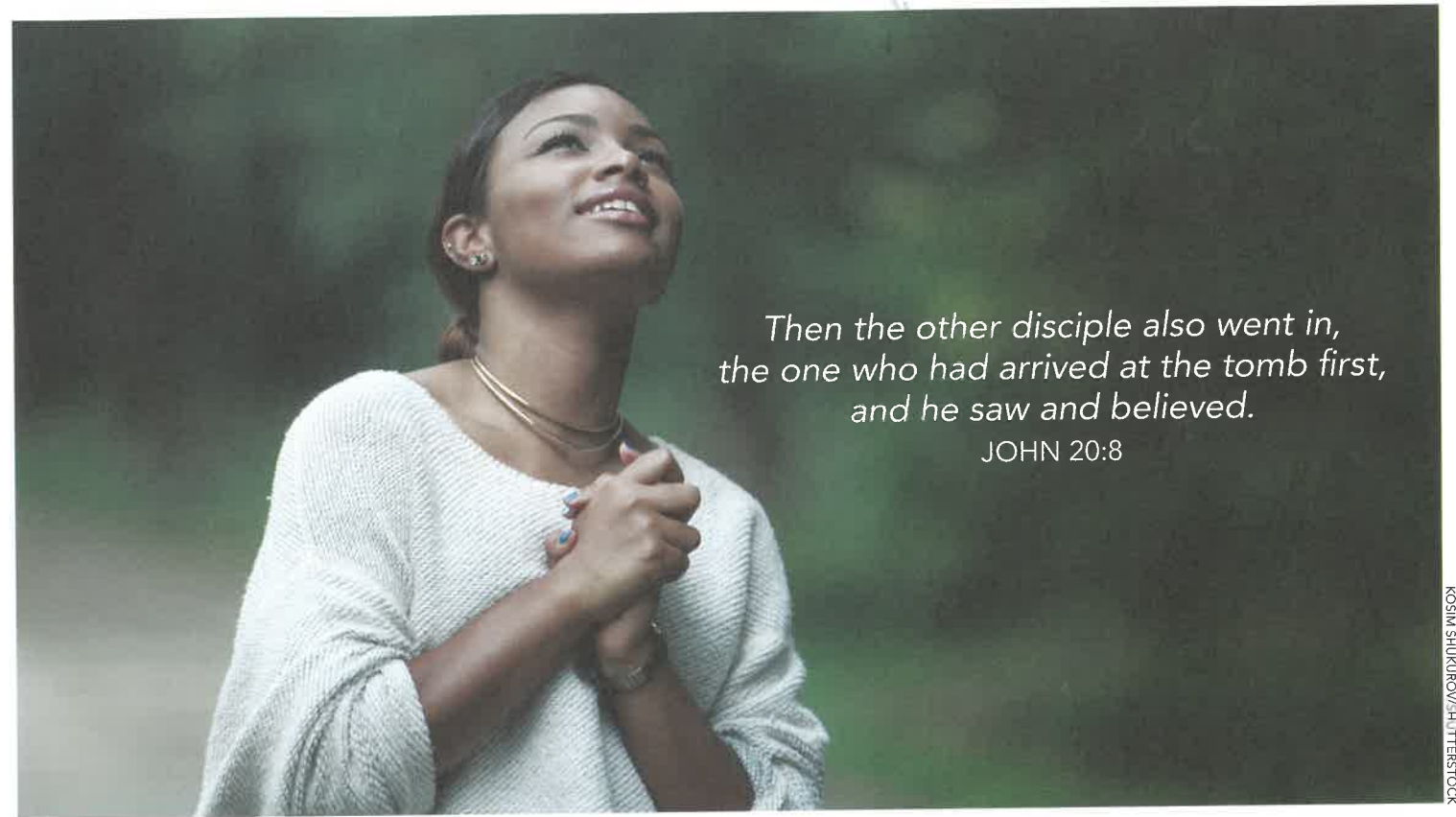
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Easter (B)

Acts 10:34a, 37–43

Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8

Jn 20:1–9 or Mk 16:1–7



Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

JOHN 20:8

Seeing Is Believing

Clever phrase. But is it accurate? Believing means that we sometimes accept as true something for which we have no positive proof. We might base our belief on the word of someone we consider reliable, but we ourselves have no undeniable evidence. We may use this phrase in everyday conversation and know what we really mean, but when it comes to the resurrection of Jesus, the phrase “seeing is believing” really doesn’t fit well.

In today’s first reading, Peter states that Jesus was visible to some of his followers. What does this mean? It’s clear from most of the Easter narratives that many people had a profound, life-transforming experience of the risen Jesus. They may not have realized this at first, but they were convinced of it when he allowed them to recognize him. Was it a visual experience? Was it auditory as Paul describes (Acts 9:4)? Or was it

touch as Thomas demanded (John 20:25)? Every mystic describes a revelation of Christ as an experience of one or more senses. For example, St. Bernadette saw our Lady, while St. Francis heard a voice. This isn’t to say that the revelations weren’t real. It is to say that our senses are our only way of experiencing it or talking about it. We are, after all, only human.

Maybe when referring to the resurrection we should modify this phrase: believing is seeing or hearing or feeling or being somehow convinced that he is really here. And this can be true for all of us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ★ Have you ever had a moment of profound religious insight? If so, how would you describe it?
- ★ The risen Christ is with us still. Think about that for a moment.



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Second Collections

A second collection will be taken on Easter weekend for the Diocese of Shreveport Church Vocations.

Parish Support (Thank you for your generosity!) March 27th-28th, 2021	
St John	\$ 3446.80
St Terence	\$ 1497.02

This Week in our Parish

Weekend Masses at St John:

Sat, 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sun, 11:00 AM

Sunday Mass at St Terence: 8:00 AM

Weekday Masses at St. John:

All weekday Masses cancelled this week

Sunday April 4th

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

5:00 PM Spanish Mass

Tuesday, April 6th

9:30 AM Bible Study

6:00 PM Youth Worship Team Meets

Wednesday, April 7th

8:30AM-6:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:00PM CCD

Thursday, April 8th

6:00 PM Choir Practice

6:00 PM Anniversary Planning Committee Meets

6:00 AM Bible Study

Anointing of the Sick /Ministry to the Sick

Please call the church office if someone is in a hospital, nursing home, shut-in, and would like to be visited or receive the sacraments.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the office in advance to register for seminar.

Funerals

Arrangements may be made by calling the office

Parish calendar online:

<http://www.stjohnmany.org/calendar>

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples are required to call the church office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date

CCD Schedule

CCD classes resume this week at the regular day and time.



The Sanctuary Candle Week of April 4th—April 10th

St John + Janice Murphy

St. Terence +

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 3rd

- 8:00PM
- + Joyce Santos
 - + Steven Jenkins
 - + Ann & Phillip Rivers & Kim Bedsole
 - +Janice Murphy
 - +Henry & Elvie Parrie
 - +Ben Partida

Sunday April 4th

- 8:00AM
- The Parish Family
 - +Christy Wriborg
 - Tia Airhart Fontenot (SI)
 - Rufus Shuff (SI)
 - Cyndi Rowe Eyre (SI)
 - +Virginia Gatti
- 11:00AM
- + Taylor Ledoux
 - + Fr. Kenneth Williams
 - +Bobbie & Billy Ezernack
 - + Janice Murphy
 - +Darci Johnson

Mass Notes: There will be no daily Mass this week. Mass will resume on Saturday, April 10th at 4PM.

Donations Needed

At long last, we will be replacing the ice machine in the cafeteria. If you would like to donate to defray this expense, all help would be appreciated. You can drop off your contribution at the church office, or place it in the contribution basket and clearly mark it "COLD DRINKS."

Anniversary Committee Meets

Anyone interested in serving on the Anniversary Planning Committee, please join us for a meeting this Thursday, April 8th at 6PM.

Reminder

All Rice Bowls should be turned in no later than this Friday, April 9th.

Experience the Mercy of the Lord

The second Sunday of Easter, April 11th, is the Feast of Divine Mercy. The devotion to the Divine Mercy began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s and is based upon private revelations to a young Polish nun we now know as St. Faustina. The message of the Divine Mercy devotion calls people to a deeper understanding that God's Love is unlimited and available to everyone – especially the greatest sinners.

There is a plenary indulgence associated with Mercy Sunday. The usual conditions apply: sacramental Confession (typically eight days before or after the indulgenced act), Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The faithful are asked to gather in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and



devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!"

Jesus told Saint Faustina "It is My desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners." He promised that everyone who went to Confession and received Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy would receive complete forgiveness of sin and punishment. On April 11, Saint John the Baptist will have a Divine Mercy Service beginning at 3:00PM which will include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song and veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. Confessions will be heard from 2 to 3PM and after the service. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to experience God's unfathomable mercy!

Message from the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The SVDP Society wants to talk all of you for your generosity and your willingness to always help where needed! In essence, this is exactly what the mission of SVDP is all about: helping parishioners and other individuals in our community! SVDP provides services to those in need. Through generous contributions by our fellow parishioners, we have helped to pay prescription medications, utility assistance, food and food gift cards, and other miscellaneous expenses that are listed under the guidelines of the National SVDP society. The only money we receive comes from members of our church. There are no public or federal funds to support the mission. Financial records of income and expenditures are transparent and are reported anonymously at each SVDP meeting.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We always welcome new members! It is good to have members who live throughout our community and parish. This enables SVDP to better serve the needs of all our citizens, especially the elderly. Since the pandemic and other natural disasters within the last year, including the recent ice storm, we continue to address the increasing needs of assistance for utilities and food!

If you are interested in becoming a member of our society, please call our church office and leave your name and phone number. I will call you and further explain the mission of SVDP and personally invite you to attend our meetings. The next SVDP meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in our school cafeteria. This is a rewarding way to show our love for God and our church. If you want to donate to the SVDP society, you will find donation envelopes in the box of envelopes given to parishioners at the beginning of each calendar year. Donations are tax deductible, and a printout of your financial contributions can be obtained upon request.



From Father Francis Kamau, FMH

I wish all of you a very Blessed and Glorious Easter! Christ Has Risen! God bless you all!