THE OLD CATHEDRAL
BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS, KING OF FRANCE

First Catholic Cathedral West of the Mississippi River

Founded in 1770 present Church dedicated in 1834

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 4, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses
5:30 PM (Sunday Vigil)
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM,
and 5:00 PM

Daily Masses
Monday through Friday
7:00 AM and 12:10 PM
Saturday—7:00 AM

Live Stream Mass
7:00 AM Weekdays
10:30 AM Sunday
Access the live streams at:
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SACRAMENTS

Confessions
Daily, 11:30 AM—12:00 PM
Saturdays, 4:30 PM—5:15 PM

Marriage
Please arrange at least six months in advance of the desired date.
To reserve a date, or for more information, please contact
Tracy Marklein at 314.231.3250.

Devotions
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Tuesdays, 12:00 PM
The Old Cathedral has long been recognized as one of the most historic and beautiful churches of its time. Our parish is proud of its more than 240 year history as a self-supporting Roman Catholic Parish. Your presence, prayer, and generous kindness continue to make it so.

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**Mass Intentions**

Easter Sunday, April 4
8:00 AM Agnes H. & Louis F. Bonacors
10:30 AM Jacquelyn C. Blaha
(2926.00 (Live Streamed)
12:00 PM Parish Family

Monday, April 5
7:00 AM Mark Mannion
12:10 PM Celebrant’s Intentions

Tuesday, April 6
7:00 AM Robert Geisz
12:10 PM Celebrant’s Intentions

Wednesday, April 7
7:00 AM Celebrant’s Intentions
12:10 PM Tim Powers

April 8
7:00 AM William Bray
12:10 PM Thomas Landholt

April 9
7:00 AM Marie Hong Tran
12:10 PM Celebrant’s Intentions

Saturday, April 10
7:00 AM Mario Luis Ventura
5:30 PM Leah Lorendo

Sunday, April 11
8:00 AM Parish Family
10:30 AM Simone Betrand
(Live Streamed)
12:00 PM Marian Menolascino
5:00 PM Celebrant’s Intentions

**Readings for the week of April 4, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48


Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15


**Observations for the week of April 4, 2021**

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

The passage from John’s Gospel takes place on the first day of the week. This is reminiscent of the Creation account in Genesis which narrates the events of creation and the Fall in a garden. So, now again, God brings life in the garden where Jesus’ tomb was located. Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark. In John’s Gospel, darkness represents a time of lack of faith. Mary is not expecting the Resurrection; she comes to mourn the death of Jesus. When she discovers that the tomb is empty, her first thought is that the body of Jesus has been stolen. She returns to the disciples and tells them, we don’t know where they put him.

When the two disciples arrive at the tomb, they find it just as she described it. But while Peter seems to not understand, the other disciple ... saw and believed. He understands what the others will come to know when the risen Christ appears to them: Jesus is risen. The burial cloths that were left behind are of no need to one who has conquered death.

We have no burial cloths here – but we do have the bread and wine that will become the body and blood of our Lord. Easter is the oldest feast in the Church year. From that day of Resurrection, through this moment (and into the future), the disciples of Jesus gather to celebrate and remember the saving events of his death and being raised from the dead.

Saint Peter, at the house of the Roman centurion Cornelius, recounts what has happened all over Judea concerning Jesus. Peter’s sermon describes the good deeds of Jesus, who was anointed with the Holy Spirit. But, they put him to death by hanging him on a tree. After God raised him from the dead, Jesus appeared to his disciples and commissioned them to preach the Gospel. This is what Peter is doing for Cornelius’ household. We learn in subsequent verses that their response to Peter’s words is to accept the faith and be baptized.

Saint Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is our Paschal Lamb who has been sacrificed for us. This imagery, reminiscent of the first Passover, indicates that the shedding of Jesus’ blood has redeemed us. In light of this, Paul calls us to live in newness of life, putting aside our old ways and embracing the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

From that first Easter moment, the Church began to grow. This is the core belief of our Christian faith: It is the risen Lord who gathers us together around his table to listen to the sacred stories about our faith, and then he gives himself to us in the form of bread and wine, as he did with his disciples on the night before he died. We share in the life of the risen Christ now, as Cornelius and his family did; as Paul and the Corinthians did; and, until Christ comes again, as our children will. God be praised for this gift of salvation to the world.

Prayers for a holy Easter!! Stay safe!

-Father Smith

May the Lord of life come into your hearts and homes in a special way during this holy Easter season.

The priests and staff of the Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France (Old Cathedral) extend our prayerful best wishes for a blessed Easter Season. May the risen Savior fill you with His love and peace!

PRAYING THE ROSARY

The Rosary will be recited 25 minutes prior to the 12:00 PM Sunday Mass beginning on The Second Sunday of Easter (April 11th).

A special thank you to parishioner Logan Prasse for volunteering to lead us in this beautiful prayer.
Easter Memorial Flowers

Through your generous donations, the beautiful Easter flowers that adorn our Cathedral are in honor and remembrance of loved ones and friends which we recognize here:

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What’s your experience of time?

In this week after Easter, the Church’s calendar and readings are trying to teach us a different sense of time. Every day is celebrated as Easter, and we hear about an appearance of the Risen Lord. We’re not moving through a sequence and on to the next thing. We’re taking all week to unpack this one day, as though time were working differently.

And that’s precisely the point: Time does work differently, and has acquired a new meaning, in light of the resurrection of Jesus. This is one of the intriguing themes of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, especially in its section on prayer. The Catechism speaks of “the today of the Lord.” In doing so, it’s articulating the fact that God is beyond time, a truth articulated in 2 Peter 3:8 this way: “With the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day.” When we enter into relationship with God, time works differently.

We have intimations of that in our experience when time moves quickly or slowly, when time seems empty or full. Clock time doesn’t change; our experience of time does. The meaning of that experience is revealed in the resurrection: we are called to live in time in a way that rises above time.

In the Incarnation, the infinite God entered into the finite world and transformed it. Similarly, in the Resurrection, God’s eternity breaks into the temporal universe and transforms it. The Church’s calendar and the readings for Easter week are meant to be a school for entering into that new sense of time — for entering into “the today of the Lord.”

What are we meant to do with this new sense of time? Fortunately, the readings give guidance on that.

Every day this week, in almost every reading, the pattern is the same: A person encounters the risen Lord and then gives witness to what they have seen.

Regarding the encounters, it’s interesting to note that some people recognize the risen Jesus right away, while others experience Him before they recognize Him. That mirrors our own experience. Sometimes we know we’re encountering Jesus. Sometimes we don’t know we’ve encountered Him until we reflect on it afterward. We need some help opening our eyes! This week we’re meant to slow down, return to the place of encounter and savor the presence of Jesus.

When it comes to bearing witness, we have some work to do. St. Peter says: “It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard.” Sometimes it seems like this is the point at which Catholic practice simply contradicts Scripture. We try to find every excuse not to speak about what we have seen and heard! The news media doesn’t hesitate to speak about its perspectives. They know it matters what people think, because how people think shapes how they act.

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The chief priests knew this as well. That’s why they told the guards, “Tell people that His disciples stole the body of Jesus while we slept — that’s why the tomb is empty.” It matters what story gets told. How the facts are interpreted and understood shapes how people live.

We need to tell our story. We need to get in the game, to speak about what we have heard and seen. It’s not just a fact of human nature that this matters, it’s the command of Jesus: “You are witnesses of these things. Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel.” That’s how we’re meant to use our new sense of time.

Christ is Risen. He is risen, indeed. Happy Easter!