

March 27, 2016

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



## *He Has Been Raised; He Is Not Here*

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead demonstrates God's ultimate power over all other forces, including death. By his resurrection, Jesus opens the doors of eternity to all believers. The mystery of our redemption, first initiated at the incarnation, reaches its purpose in the Resurrection of Christ. Belief in the Resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of our Christian faith.

## MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, April 2  
2:30 p.m. McDaniel-Prichard Wedding  
4:30 p.m. Katherine & John Pokluda  
Sunday, April 3  
8:00 a.m. Gerald Kalina

## Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Second Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16  
**Responsorial Psalm:** 118  
**Second Reading:** Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19  
**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

*No Bible Study Wednesday, March 30*

*C.C.D. Wednesday, March 30*

## CHURCH DOORS OPEN IN TIME FOR EASTER SERVICES THIS WEEKEND

We welcome all parishioners and visitors to our newly restored Church.

*Church Rededication Mass  
scheduled for June 12, 10:00 a.m.*

## HAPPY EASTER



St. Mary's Parish Family welcomes all visitors to the Easter celebrations. It is a pleasure to have you join us.

*Easter Egg Hunt* for Pre-school through Third Grade students after Mass.

## EASTER PROCLAMATION (EXSULTET)

Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honor of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night.



Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.

May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star: the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## The Easter Vigil In The Holy Night

### *Night of Nights*

In today's Gospel we read the passage describing the empty tomb event. Its purpose is to show us the implications of Jesus' resurrection in our lives. It signals the beginning of a terrific adventure. It makes us think of how the risen Jesus comes to us. Are we, like the women at the tomb, afraid to deal with the presence of the one who has brought us from death to life? What a night to start that reflective process?

## Restoring Maticka Praha



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### WEDDING BANNES

*Mandi Danielle McDaniel & Matthew Scott Prichard*

## REFLECTION



### History Is Broken Open

Though we know well the Easter story, we never fully grasp its meaning. The stone has been rolled back and the tomb is empty; resurrected life cannot be contained. Like the first believers, we so often must continue to live even with our dashed hopes and our misunderstanding of God's mysterious power. Like the first believers, we come to the tomb and expect to find death, but instead we find signs of a new life we cannot even begin to comprehend. Like the first believers, we do not realize that history has been broken open and is now filled with the resurrected presence of Christ.

History no longer makes sense. The one who was maliciously singled out and shamefully hung on a tree was really the one set apart by God to judge the living and the dead. Who can comprehend such a paradox? But then, who goes to a tomb expecting to find life? History has been broken open, and now we really do not know what to expect!

This same resurrection power works in our lives today. "This is the day the LORD has made ... it is wonderful in our eyes! We too hear the Easter proclamation. By it, we too are brought into the power of the resurrection.

– Dianne Bergant

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



March 28 – Staci Bartos

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# Alleluia!

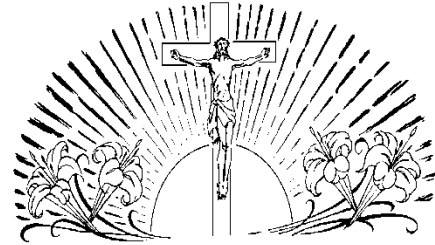
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### Collection for the Poor and Needy

Your contributions help our area brothers and sisters in need. *Be generous.*

## OVERVIEW

### THE FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER



#### Seven Weeks From Easter to Pentecost

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday." These above all others are the days for the singing of the *Alleluia*.

The Sundays of this season rank as the Paschal Sundays and, after Easter Sunday itself, are called the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Sundays of Easter. The period of fifty sacred days end on Pentecost Sunday.

The first eight days of the Easter season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord.

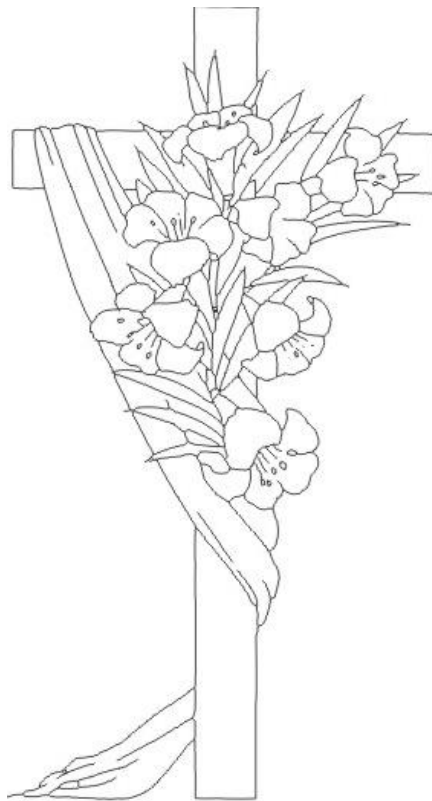
Easter Sunday is both "the first day of the week" and the eighth day after Saturday. The solemnity celebrated "on the first day" extends throughout Easter Week as well as the following Sundays. These Sundays are called Sundays *of* Easter, not *after* Easter. Each of these successive Sundays is a celebration of the solemnity of Easter: this is the underlying unity of the Easter season. Each day of this season is said to be celebrated "as one feast day" – one "great Sunday."

The seven Sundays of Easter very clearly celebrate the paschal mystery under one or another of its aspects, as found in the biblical readings.

All the biblical readings during the Easter season, both for the Mass (Sundays and Weekdays) are taken from the New Testament. On Sunday, the first reading always comes from the Acts of Apostles, the second reading comes from either the First Letter of Peter (Year A), or the First Letter of John (Year B), or the Book of Revelation (Year C); and the Gospel readings are all from John, except for the Third Sunday in Years A and B.



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