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Alleluia!

*"Yes, Christ, my hope is arisen; To Galilee He goes before you"
(Easter Sequence)*

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY: 8:15 A.M.
10:45 A.M.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
9:00 A.M.

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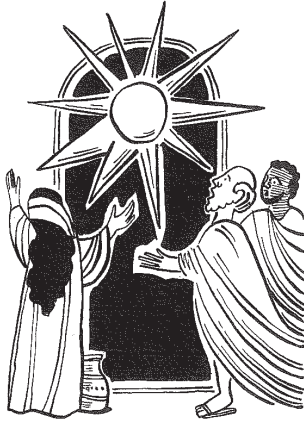
MONDAY: 9:30 A.M.-12:00 NOON
FRIDAY: 9:30 A.M.-12:00 NOON

CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAY: 4:00-4:30 P.M.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

MONDAY NOON
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MASSSES THIS WEEK

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday, April 4

- 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members
of St. Edward Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members
of St. Edward Parish
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members
of St. Edward Parish

Monday, April 5

- 9:00 a.m. Joseph Halla (RIP) by Joan Halla Family

Tuesday, April 6

- 9:00 a.m. Michelina Smith (RIP) by Linda Platt

Wednesday, April 7

- 9:00 a.m. Jaron Shook (RIP) by Gerry & MaryAnn Moses

Thursday, April 8

- No 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Gaul/Behan
Mass Families by David & Patricia Gaul

Friday, April 9

- 9:00 a.m. John Crecca by Cheryl Boggess

Saturday, April 10

- 5:00 p.m. Keifer Boggess (RIP) by Mark & Paula Coleman

Sunday, April 11

- 8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members
of St. Edward Parish
- 10:45 a.m. David Tibone (RIP) by Joe & Mary LoPresti

Participate in weekend Mass from your home via Online Mass at the parish website www.saintedwards.org.



*"I rejoiced when they said unto me,
let us go into the house of the Lord."*

Psalm 122:1

We welcome all visitors and parishioners who have come to St. Edward Church to celebrate Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord! We wish you all a Blessed Easter!

To our visitors, you may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 4, 2021 – YEAR B

Music and readings are printed in the worship aid that will be available at this weekend's Masses.

CANTORS (subject to change)

- 8:00 p.m. Vigil: Zachary & Maya Ratliff
- 7:30 a.m.: TBD
- 9:00 a.m.: Randy Kerr
- 11:00 a.m.: Kayla Drummond

INSTRUMENTALISTS (subject to change)

- 8:00 p.m.: Dave DeCarolus, trumpet
- 7:30 a.m.: Dave DeCarolus, trumpet
- 9:00 a.m.: Handbell ringers
- 11:00 a.m.: Jeffrey Korak, trumpet; handbell ringers

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

"Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His name"

Psalm 96

- ♪ Alleluia! He is risen! Let us rejoice and be glad, today and throughout this blessed Easter season. Christ has conquered death! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- ♪ Many, many thanks to all of our musicians who have sung, rung, and played throughout Holy Week – and also to their families.

Prayers for a blessed Easter!

~ Paul Radkowski, Music Director
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SUPPORTING ST. EDWARD CHURCH

"Each one must do as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7

*~ Thank you for your generous support
of St. Edward Church ~*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory for the week of March 28 was \$5,952.50
Online Giving was \$5,865.00

OFFERTORY BASKET

Please place your offertory envelope in the basket as you enter or exit the church.

[Donate Online](#)

If you donate online and no longer need envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Online Offertory and donating to SVdP is easy to do online. Go to the St. Edward website www.saintedwards.org and click on the "Donate Online" button.

Note: With any changes to your credit card, please log in to update your online account for making online contributions. As a safeguard, the program automatically suspends your contributions if changes have occurred to your card. For help, contact Cheryl Boggess at the Parish Office.

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR



A Happy and Blessed Easter Day to all and to your loved ones near and far. Our parish staff and Deacon John join me in this prayer for all of you.

We congratulate Michael Seifert on this day of his Baptism and Shayne Miller and Ann Fleck as they are received into the Catholic Church. Thanks to Sarah Rundell, RCIA Director, who guided them in their joining.

Please see below the words of Pope Francis on this Easter Feast:

Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome Him as a friend, with trust: He is life! If up till now you have kept Him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed. If following Him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust Him, be confident that He is close to you, He is with you and He will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as He would have you do.



OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on Monday, April 5.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

You can register for Spiritual Adoption, a Catholic response to end abortion. Spiritual adoption prayer cards are available at the table in the gathering space.

To spiritually adopt an unborn child who is in danger of being aborted, pray a short prayer to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph every day for nine months.

To receive monthly spiritual adoption mailings, register at the table, contact St. Edward Spiritual Adoption at rlcommittee785@gmail.com, or leave a message at 740-587-0720.



THE RICE BOWL PROGRAM HAS ENDED.

Please return your Rice Bowl to the box in the Gathering Space.

This Week at St. Edward


Sunday, April 4 ~ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Mass – 7:30 a.m. ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.

Monday, April 5

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 6

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 7

Mass – 9:00 a.m.


Friday, April 9

Mass – 9:00 a.m., Adoration after Mass until noon.

Saturday, April 10

Confession – 4:00 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m.

Participate in Online Mass via the parish website www.saintedwards.org.


DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CHAPLET

St. Edward parish is invited to join the parish of Blessed Sacrament for the **Divine Mercy Novena** and the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**.

The Novena starts on Good Friday, April 2, at 2:00 p.m. The Novena will be prayed on Holy Saturday, April 3, at 3:00 p.m., Easter Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and Monday, April 5 through Saturday, April 10 at 3:00 p.m. each day at

Blessed Sacrament.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11 at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this very beautiful and moving devotion.

LIVING I DO



What is at the center of your family life? If it's not God, it's a false god. As spouses, you have the responsibility of orienting your family toward Heaven, which is a matter of small daily decisions. What aspect of your family life needs to decrease, so that God's presence can increase in your home? Commit to displacing any idol – this false god – and make a course correction today.

Know Your Saints

These holy men and women were forever changed by the Passion of Our Lord.

St. Veronica ~ is known as the woman who wiped Jesus' face as He was led to Calvary. Various legends explain where she went afterwards, all of which regard her as a holy woman. There are also relics that claim to be Veronica's veil, bearing a miraculous image of Christ on it. (The name Veronica comes from the Latin/Greek phrase vera icon, "true image.") One of these relics is kept in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and is often displayed on the 5th Sunday of Lent. Her feast day is July 12.

St. Simon of Cyrene ~ It is believed that Simon, at first a reluctant bystander when he was pressed into service to help Jesus carry His burden, became a changed man after bearing the wood of the cross and gazing into the eyes of the suffering Jesus. Little is known of what happened to Simon after the crucifixion, but tradition says that he and his sons became faithful disciples. This is deduced from the fact that Mark mentions the sons, Alexander and Rufus, by name (Mark 15:21), which seems to indicate that they were known figures in the early Church. His feast day is December 1.

St. Dismas ~ Only mentioned in the Gospel of Luke, the "good thief" defended Jesus on the cross from the mockery of the other thief. Jesus saw the faith and repentance of the thief and boldly proclaimed, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43). Based on this statement of Jesus, the early Church recognized he was in heaven and therefore, a saint. Unnamed in the Gospel, he is given the name Dismas in an apocryphal account. His feast day is March 25, considered the traditional date of the crucifixion.

St. Longinus ~ After Jesus expired on the cross, a centurion pierced the side of Jesus and blood and water flowed out. It is believed that at that moment he became a faithful Christian. He is recorded in Mark as saying, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" (Mark 15:39) His name is not mentioned in Scripture, but he was given the name Longinus in later accounts. Various legends surround his life, and some believe he was martyred by order of Pontius Pilate. His feast day is March 15.

St. Joseph of Arimathea ~ A wealthy man of Israel, he provided his own prepared tomb for Jesus' body. The tomb became the site of Jesus' Resurrection. It is recorded in John that he was, "a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews" (John 19:38). Some traditions claim he traveled to Britain with the Holy Grail and founded a monastery at Glastonbury. His feast day is March 17.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



"No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit." – John 3:5

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Congratulations on the upcoming birth of your child! To prepare for a Baptism, expectant parents attend the Baptismal Preparation Class and choose godparents for their child. Godparents are models of faith for their godchildren. A godparent must be a fully initiated Catholic who is *actively* living a life of faith and is at least 16 years old. For information about Baptismal Preparation and godparents, contact Cheryl Boggess in the Parish Office at 740-587-3254.

YOUTH GROUP

"Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather show yourself as an example of those who believe."

1 Timothy 4:12



We're not settling for just knowing "about" Jesus. We want to know Him personally!

Happy Easter! No Youth Group on Easter Sunday. See you Sunday, April 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We'll be diving into the Gospel of Mark and the incredible accounts of Jesus' Resurrection!

~Zachary Ratliff, Youth Minister
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Alleluia! He Is Risen!

Alleluia! He is risen!
Father, you make all things new,
beginning with your work in creation,
making us in your image and likeness,
giving us all good gifts.
And now, you give more.

Jesus is risen. You have raised him!
We receive this life!
Help us to respond.
Help us to offer our lives as pure gift
in imitation of the one who first loved us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

April 4, 2021

He Is Not Here! He Is Risen!



Today's readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; Sequence: Victimae Paschali Laudes; John 20:1–9 or Mark 16:1–7 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13–35. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. We can picture them, walking, carrying their spices, wondering about how they would move the stone. Perhaps these grieving women were thinking about Jesus' life and telling stories about him. They were probably raw with the emotions of the past few days.

In an instant, everything has changed. The stone is rolled back. The man in white tells them Jesus is not there, that he is risen. They are the first witnesses, the first ones to

see the completely new thing God was doing. What must it have been like to see this? The Gospel of Mark says that they were amazed. They did not understand that this was good news. News that would change all of history.

Imagine that you are with the women. What do you see, smell, and hear? Write a first-person account, recording your reaction as the meaning of what you have seen comes over you, as your mind comes to the realization that Jesus is risen. Does it seem like a light has been turned on? Reread the Gospel account aloud, and invite those you are with to illustrate the story. Discuss how it feels to have this good news proclaimed. How will your life reflect the joy of this good news to all you encounter?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 5

God Raised This Jesus

“God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses.” Peter’s speech summarizes the whole of the paschal mystery: the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. During the Octave of Easter, the first eight days of our season of celebration, the Church celebrates as fully as she does on Easter Sunday. Each day is a solemnity. How can you continue your celebration? *Today’s readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; Matthew 28:8–15.*

Tuesday, April 6

Secret Eggs

A fun activity to carry the celebration forward makes use of watercolor paints, a white crayon, and paper to make Easter eggs with hidden messages or pictures. Cut out an egg shape from paper. Use a white crayon to draw designs, and write messages such as “Alleluia!” “Jesus is Lord!” or “He is risen!” You might draw a cross, lilies, or other traditional Christian symbols. Paint over the designs with watercolors to reveal the words and pictures. *Today’s readings: Acts 2:36–41; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20 and 22; John 20:11–18.*

Wednesday, April 7

On the Road

The road to Emmaus is an image frequently depicted in Christian art and literature as an image of discipleship. People have long reflected on the Eucharistic image, recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and of their hearts burning as they opened the Scriptures. Engage the text for yourself. Copy the Scripture, in its entirety or just a phrase that stands out, such as “their eyes were opened” or “were not our hearts burning within us?” You might also choose to illustrate your image or to decorate the Scripture you copied with a beautiful border. *Today’s readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:13–35.*

Thursday, April 8

Witnesses

In these resurrection appearances, Jesus helps the disciples to understand what has happened with both words and actions. When he eats and invites human touch, he is showing them that he is not a ghost. He is sharing his resurrected body. When he opens the Scriptures, he is explaining how God has been working in the world throughout salvation history, culminating in this moment. Jesus is forming them as witnesses. *Today’s readings: Acts 3:11–26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:35–48.*

Friday, April 9

All of the World

Peter proclaims, “There is no salvation through anyone else.” In the vastness of the catch at the sea of Tiberias, we also see illustrated the universal nature of the Gospel imperative. They really are to go out to all of the world and spread the good news. We are too. What can you do today to share in this mission of bringing all to Christ? *Today’s readings: Acts 4:1–12; Psalm 118:1–2 and 4, 22–24, 25–27a; John 21:1–14.*

Saturday, April 10

What We Have Seen and Heard

In the Gospel, Jesus says, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” We know that God is calling all people into relationship, creating a new heavens and new earth, bringing about a kingdom of peace and justice. Set a timer for five to ten minutes, and silently reflect on what this kingdom will be like. Ponder what God may have planned for you in this kingdom. *Today’s readings: Acts 4:13–21; Psalm 118:1 and 14–15ab, 16–18, 19–21; Mark 16:9–15.*



Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

"The power of Easter has burst upon us with the resurrection of Christ. Now we find in ourselves a strength which is not our own, and which is freely given to us whenever we need it, raising us above the Law, giving us a new law which is hidden in Christ: the law of His merciful love for us. Now we no longer strive to be good because we have to, because it is a duty, but because our joy is to please Him who has given all His love to us! Now our life is full of meaning!" ~FATHER THOMAS MERTON, OCSO

Monday, April 5 ~ Monday in the Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:8-15 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce the news to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had happened. The chief priests assembled with the elders and took counsel; then they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole him while we were asleep.' And if this gets to the ears of the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." The soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has circulated among the Jews to the present day.

Meditation: Have you ever asked what the basis is of our faith in the resurrection? The scriptures tell us that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. Our faith is a free assent to the whole truth which God reveals to us through his word. Faith is certain because it is based on the very word of God who cannot lie. Faith also seeks understanding. That is why God enlightens the "eyes of our hearts" that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us (Ephesians 1:18). Peter the Apostle says we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3). Through the gift of faith, the Lord reveals himself to those who believe in his word and he fills them with "new life in his Holy Spirit". Do you live in the joy and hope of the resurrection? And do you recognize the presence of the Risen Lord in his word, in the "breaking of the bread", and in his church, the body of Christ?

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, though in our weakness we fail, we may be revived through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Are you always prepared to meet the Risen Lord? The disciples of Jesus were as unprepared for his resurrection as they were for his death. The empty tomb made them fearful and joyful at the same time. "Where did they put the body or did he really rise just as he predicted?" Even though Jesus had spoken to them before of his death and rising, they could not believe until they saw the empty tomb and met the risen Lord. Aren't we the same? We want to see with our own eyes before we believe! The guards brought their testimony to the chief priests and elders who met the news with denial. They were resolved to not believe that Jesus had risen and they bribed the guards in the hope of keeping others from believing.

Tuesday, April 6 ~ Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 20:11-18 Mary Magdalene stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the Body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you

carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and then reported what he had told her.

Meditation: The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our hope – the hope that we will see God face to face and share in his everlasting glory and joy. "Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:8-9). And so, do you recognize the Lord's presence with you, in his word, in the "breaking of the bread", and in his church, the body of Christ?

Prayer: O God, who have bestowed on us paschal remedies, endow your people with heavenly gifts, so that, possessed of perfect freedom, they may rejoice in heaven over what gladdens them now on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: How easy it can be to miss the Lord when our focus is on ourselves! Mary did not at first recognize the Lord because her focus was on the empty tomb and on her own grief. It took only one word from the Master, when he called her by name, for Mary to recognize him. Mary's message to the disciples, I have seen the Lord, is the very essence of Christianity. It is not enough that a Christian know about the Lord, but that we know him personally. It is not enough to argue about him, but to meet him. In the resurrection we encounter the living Lord who loves us personally and shares his glory with us. The Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to see the truth of his resurrection and victory over sin and death (Ephesians 1:18).

Wednesday, April 7 ~ Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his Body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the Eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Meditation: St. Augustine provides a reflection on the dimness of their perception: "They were so disturbed when they saw him hanging on the cross that they forgot his teaching, did not look for his resurrection, and failed to keep his promises in mind" (Sermon 235.1). "Their eyes were obstructed, that they should not recognize him until the breaking of the bread. And thus, in accordance with the state of their minds, which was still ignorant of the truth "that the Christ would die and rise again, their eyes were similarly hindered. It was not that the truth himself was misleading them, but rather that they were themselves unable to perceive the truth" (from The Harmony of the Gospels, 3.25.72) How often do we

fail to recognize the Lord when he speaks to our hearts and opens his mind to us? The Risen Lord is ever ready to speak his word to us and to give us understanding of his ways. Do you listen attentively to the Word of God and allow his word to challenge and transform you to living a life in Christ?

Prayer: O God, who gladden us year by year with the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection, graciously grant that, by celebrating these present festivities, we may merit through them to reach eternal joys. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: We often wonder how it would have been difficult for the disciples to recognize the risen Lord? To put it simply, Jesus' death scattered his disciples and shattered their hopes and dreams. They had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. They saw the cross as defeat and could not comprehend the empty tomb until the Lord appeared to them and gave them understanding. Jesus chided the disciples on the road to Emmaus for their slowness of heart to believe what the scriptures had said concerning the Messiah. They did not recognize the risen Jesus until he had broken bread with them. Do you recognize the Lord in his word and in the breaking of the bread?

Thursday, April 8 ~ Thursday in the Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 The disciples of Jesus recounted what had taken place along the way, and how they had come to recognize him in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Meditation: Isn't amazing how much we are like the apostles? We won't believe unless we can see with our own eyes. The gospels attest to the reality of the resurrection. Jesus goes to great lengths to assure his disciples that he is no mere ghost or illusion. He shows them the marks of his crucifixion and he explains how the scriptures foretold his death and rising. Saint Jerome, a Bible scholar, comments: "As he showed them real hands and a real side, he really ate with his disciples; really walked with Cleophas; conversed with men with a real tongue; really reclined at supper; with real hands took bread, blessed and broke it, and was offering it to them...Do not put the power of the Lord on the level with the tricks of magicians, so that he may appear to have been what he was not, and may be thought to have eaten without teeth, walked without feet, broken bread without hands, spoken without a tongue, and showed a side which had no ribs." (*From a letter to Pammachius against John of Jerusalem 34, 5th century*)

Prayer: O God, who have united the many nations in confessing your name, grant that those reborn in the font of Baptism may be one in the faith of their hearts and the homage of their deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: A central teaching of the gospel is the cross; but it does not stop there. Through the cross Jesus defeated our enemies – death and Satan and won pardon for our sins. His cross is the door to heaven and the key to paradise. The way to glory is through the cross. When the disciples saw the risen Lord they disbelieved for joy! How can death lead to life, the cross to victory? Jesus shows us the way and he gives us the power to overcome sin and despair, and everything else that would stand in the way of his love and truth. Just as the first disciples were commissioned to bring the good news of salvation to all the nations, so, we, too, are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to all who live on the face of the earth. Do you witness the joy of the gospel to those around you?

Friday, April 9 ~ Friday in the Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 21:1-14 Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."

They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

Meditation: Why didn't the apostles immediately recognize the Lord when he greeted them at the Sea of Tiberias? John gives us a clue. He states that Peter decided to return to his home district of Galilee, very likely so he could resume his fishing career. Peter was discouraged and didn't know what to do after the tragedy of Jesus' death! He went back to his previous career out of despair and uncertainty. The other apostles followed him back to Galilee. When was the last time Peter was commanded to let down his net after a futile night of fishing? It was at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee when the Lord dramatically approached Peter in his fishing boat after a futile night of fishing and commanded him to lower his nets (see Luke 5:4-11). After the miraculous catch, Jesus told Peter that he would be 'catching people' for the kingdom of God. Now Jesus repeats the same miracle. John, the beloved disciple, is the first to recognize the Lord. Peter impulsively leaps from the boat and runs to the Lord. Do you run to the Lord when you meet setbacks, disappointments, or trials? The Lord is ever ready to renew us in faith and to give us fresh hope in his promises.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who gave us the Paschal Mystery in the covenant you established for reconciling the human race, so dispose our minds, we pray, that what we celebrate by professing the faith we may express in deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Skeptics who disbelieve the resurrection say the disciples only saw a vision of Jesus. The gospels, however, give us a vivid picture of the reality of the resurrection. Jesus went out of his way to offer his disciples various proofs of his resurrection – that he is real and true flesh, not just a spirit or ghost. In his third appearance to the apostles, after Jesus performed the miraculous catch of fish, he prepared a breakfast and ate with them. Peter's prompt recognition of the Master and exclamation, "It is the Lord!" stands in sharp contrast to his previous denial of his Master during the night of arrest. The Lord Jesus reveals himself to each of us as we open our hearts to receive his word. Do you recognize the Lord's presence in your life and do you receive his word with faith?

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CONFIRMATION TIME CHANGE

Confirmation Mass will now begin at 6:00 p.m. The date remains on Thursday, May 6th. Confirmandi are asked to arrive in their pews between 5:00 and 5:15 p.m. to meet with the Bishop. More details online at saintedwards.org/PSR.

In-person Confirmation Class is on Sunday, April 11 in the Parish Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This is our last in-person class! Drop-off and safety protocols will be the same. Class will also be interactive online for those who need it. All remaining classes will be on ZOOM.

Rebecca Bucknam, PSR Director



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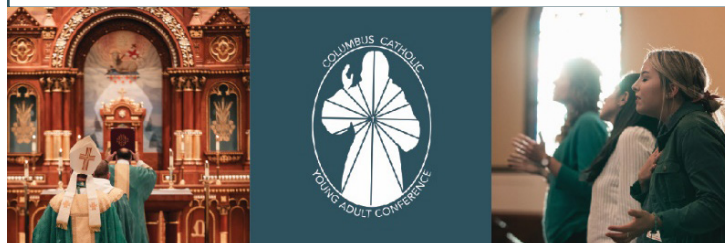
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ACTS 10:34A, 37-43; PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; COL 3:1-4; JN 20:1-9

Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! This event is the greatest event in our Catholic faith. It is through the Resurrection that Christ defeated sin and death and opened for us the gates to eternal life. All of God's promises are fulfilled through this glorious event. We have been preparing for 40 long days, through prayer and penance, so that we might be better prepared to receive Christ this day, and to better prepare our hearts to one day rise with Christ in eternal life. Today, we do not fast, but rather, celebrate and rejoice because of our great and merciful God!



The meaning and joy of Easter is not just a "one-day" affair, but is an essential element of our Catholic faith. We are called to live out the joy of Easter all year long. Our readings today reveal how we can do this here and now in our day-to-day lives.

In our First Reading, St. Luke preaches the Good News to us. He gives a synopsis of who Christ is and what He did for us. He opens the door for people to partake in all that God wants to give us by saying, "everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." He radically educates and invites people into a life with Christ.

St. Luke's vocation was to evangelize to the ends of the earth, and as Catholics, that is our vocation, too. If we step back and think about how incredible our faith is, how could we not want to share this goodness with others? Oftentimes, we can focus on life's many hardships, but if we recognize how truly blessed we are – we have a God who died and rose for us, and we have the most intimate way of receiving Him through Holy Communion – then we can become a people of joy, an Easter people. And if we are living our lives with this joy, then every moment becomes a moment of evangelization – how we greet people on the street or in our parish; how we do chores around the house; how we respond to our spouse. We are blessed with the knowledge of our faith – it is our job to faithfully share it in word and with the witness of our lives.

Our Gospel portrays the third day after Jesus' death when Mary of Magdala visits Jesus' tomb early in the morning. Once she saw the stone removed, she ran to tell Simon Peter and John in fear that someone had taken Jesus' body. Simon Peter and John ran to the tomb as well, and upon seeing, they believed. Each figure in our Gospel today "ran." We can tell the relationship that these disciples had with Jesus because of the way they responded about Him. Mary didn't see the empty tomb and think, "someone else will figure it out." Peter and John didn't hear the news and think, "I will check on it in a little bit." They each responded with conviction as they "ran" for Jesus.

As we reflect on this Gospel, we must ask ourselves, "Do I have a relationship with Christ to the point where I am running to Him each day?" The way these disciples responded with willingness and eagerness is how we should respond to Christ. We must avoid complacency, and as intentional disciples, we must stop rationalizing our choices by telling ourselves we will someday get around to putting God first – "I am too busy now, but I will pray later" or "I will eventually get around to spending less on material things and increase my gifts to the church." Every moment throughout our day is an opportunity to respond to God in gratitude, compassion, and eagerness. And although there will be moments when we do not "feel" like responding to Him, it is in those moments when we faithfully respond anyway that matters the most.

Let us celebrate this glorious day with prayer and feasting, for Christ is risen! And let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by the way we live our lives and how we respond to Christ each day. Happy Easter!

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