

THIS WEEK

SAT, April 11	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; Holy Saturday
SUN, April 12	Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord
MON, April 13	Monday within the Octave of Easter
TUE, April 14	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
WED, April 15	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
THU, April 16	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
FRI, April 17	Friday within the Octave of Easter
SAT, April 18	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
SUN, April 19	Sunday of Divine Mercy

THE EASTER OCTAVE

Easter time lasts fifty days: seven weeks of seven days (seven equals Biblical perfection) plus one day: perfection plus! Like an eight-day Jewish wedding, or a child who can't bear to let go of Christmas, birthdays, and school vacation, the Church celebrates the Easter Octave: "the marriage of heaven and earth," as the Vigil calls Jesus' resurrection; our new members' baptismal rebirth; our renewal of baptismal vows; our hearts' "divine vacation" (Latin vacare, "to be empty"), newfound time and space for love of God and neighbor. Make home an Easter garden! Adorn the dining table with a pillar candle (your "paschal candle"), a bowl full of water (ideally, from the parish's baptismal font), a vase of flowers or bowl of sprouting grain with Easter eggs. Even non-singers can handle the three-fold Gospel Alleluia! Let that be your grace before meals, perhaps with a prayer recalling Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): "Be known to us, Risen Lord Jesus, as you were to the first disciples, in your word, in the breaking of bread, and in everyone we meet."

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and
I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already
there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



MINISTRY AT HOME

Check Holy Cross's website for our Easter Sunday Mass:
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April 5, 2020	Holy Cross	San Luis	St. Ann
Saturday/Sunday	\$ 2,635.00	\$ 225.00	
Second Collection	\$ 484.00	\$ 30.00	

The Church Doors are open for private prayer and reflection.

You may mail in your *contributions* to Holy Cross, 1214 Zorn Road, Yorktown, TX 78164 or stop by the office to drop them off in our new "through the door" mail slot.

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PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers the souls of all who have passed away last week, especially: **Helen Warwas and Jessie Chavez**
"Eternal rest grant unto them Lord & let perpetual light shine upon them"



Also pray for physical and spiritual healing of:

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Reminder: If you have listed someone on the Prayer List and they are doing better, please call the office to remove them from this list. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The "A" Word

We plan to host a gathering for those who want to learn about the "A" word ("Annulment"). This can bring about healing and happiness, which allows a person to return to a sacramental life.

If you or someone you know are interested in attending, please contact the office at (361) 564-2893.



The San Luis Jamaica has been canceled for 2020. Watch for raffle tickets in June.

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APRIL 12, 2020

SEEDS OF FAITH

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter’s speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul’s letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information “bullet points.” Scripture scholars call them kerygmata, or “kernels” of our faith. Actually, “kernels” or “seeds” are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul, and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection exactly how these kerygmata began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter “seeds” of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).
Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).
(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or
(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacri-ficed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).
Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Matthew 28:1-10 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday
8:30 AM -12:00 PM
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

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By appointment

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