

# Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

*April 20, 2025*

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*



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# ABOUT OUR PARISH

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday  
5:00 p.m.

Sunday  
7:00 a.m.  
8:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

## HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

## SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

**Tuesday:** St. Jude Novena following  
8:00 a.m. Mass

**Thursday:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Thursday:** Patriotic Rosary in Church  
6:30 p.m.

**First Friday:** The Most Blessed Sacrament  
and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m.  
Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing with Benediction

**First Saturday:** Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed  
by the Rosary and Confession

## RECONCILIATION

Sat 4:00-4:45 p.m.  
Wed 6:00-6:15 p.m.  
Or by request

## YOUR CLERGY

Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond, D.D.  
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## REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

## SACRAMENTS

### **Baptism**

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

### **Matrimony**

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

### **Communion for Ill/Shut-In**

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

### **Funerals**

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

## Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."



## WEEKLY EVENTS

Office Closed—Monday for Easter. Will reopen Tuesday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

OCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

PSR—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass

## SAINT ANSELM (1033-1109)

### APRIL 21

For anyone disheartened at how easily contemporary discussions of disputed Church-State issues escalate from civil discourse to shrill polemic, Anselm provides perspective. Grounded in the Benedictine Rule's balanced "prayer and work," this monk-scholar, called from his Abbey to become Archbishop of Canterbury, was thrust into firestorms of political intrigue, himself the target of warring bishops and nobles, kings and popes. Yet from depths of inner peace, Anselm wrote this moving exhortation by which today's *Liturgy of the Hours* celebrates him: "Rise up, insignificant man! From your preoccupations, flee a while. From your turbulent thoughts, hide for a time. Your crushing responsibilities cast aside. Your burdensome business lay down. Free a little space for God. Rest a little while in him!" "Faith seeking understanding" was his strikingly contemporary motto; and though renowned as an erudite philosopher-theologian, Anselm also left personal letters, profound for their insights on Christian friendship. Along with those, he composed "A Prayer for My Friends" and "A Prayer for My Enemies," reminding us that those who love God most passionately are also those who love others most humanly.

—Peter Scagnelli

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Israel & Joyce Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Joseph Decaro, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim & Eydie Richmond, Ed & Carol Wallace, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm, Landon Jeffrey, Glenn Bunting, Lucy D'Antoni, Don & Judy Aleman, Isabella & Dylan Gornor, Vaughn Gay, Cathy Stanford, Herbert Landry, Dave Anderson, Maria Kalcic, James White

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 21

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No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, April 22

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8:00 a.m. Danny Ragusa, Sr.†

Wednesday, April 23

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6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, April 24

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8:00 a.m. Debra Goodey†

Friday, April 25

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8:00 a.m. Robert Carlin

Saturday, April 26

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5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Lawrence Otilio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Judy Woods†, Patti & Vaughn Gay, The Carlin Families, Devin Perez, Skyla Guidry, Linda & Carlis Carlin, Noah Gaudet, Lisa & Dale Theriot & Family, Linette & Rob Carlin, Lynn & Lisa Coupel & Family, Wanda Ruiz†

Sunday, April 27

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7:00 a.m. Margaret & Henry Jorns†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, J.C. Spiers, C.J. Lightell, Henry & Lois Rubli†, John McKelvey†, Joann Bonin†, Shirley Lightell, Willie & Sandra Harvey

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

## PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Weekly Rosaries: week 1: 409,  
week 2: 285, week 3: 343

Year to Date: 4922







### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR APRIL

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



### TABERNACLE LAMP

This week, the Tabernacle Lamp in the Sanctuary burns for

† Wallace & Jewel Bailey †

## CHILDISH OR CHILD-LIKE?

The Gospel for Easter this year reminds me of little children. Mary of Magdala runs from the tomb when she sees it has been opened. Then Peter and the other disciple race each other to the tomb. The other one wins the race but Peter goes in first (John 20:1-5). I can picture the disciple stopping suddenly and Peter running into him, tripping and ending up in the tomb. But putting slapstick aside, there is another way they are like children.

Remember the Gospel about St. Thomas, who would not believe Jesus' resurrection until he could see him? Compare that to the disciple in today's reading, who "saw [the empty tomb] and believed" (John 20:9). That is real faith. For all he knew, someone could have taken Jesus' body and left the cloths behind. But he must have remembered Jesus saying that he would rise again. That is the kind of faith we find in a little child.

Children will believe in things they cannot see, especially if there is a good reason. We "bribe" them into believing in Santa Claus or the tooth fairy by giving them Christmas presents or money under the pillow. They will also believe in Someone real who they cannot see. If we teach them that God made them and loves them, if we love them ourselves and teach them to love others, they will have good reasons to believe in God. As they get older, we can teach them how to pray, save money for the poor, visit the sick, or volunteer to help the homeless. We can reinforce what they learn in religion class and encourage them as they prepare for First Communion or confirmation.

Jesus didn't say that only children could enter the Kingdom. He said we must become like children if we want to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:3). What he means is that not only can we help teach children how to have faith, we can also learn from them about faith. Becoming like children does not mean being selfish or stubborn, throwing tantrums when we don't get our way. Those are childish behaviors that we put aside. Instead, we can keep a child-like faith and trust in God. Teaching them about God is a great way to help our own faith to grow. By giving them real examples of God's love for them, they will continue to believe long after they have given up the fairy tales of childhood.

Tom Schmidt

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ "Easter in us."

—James Field

## THE EMPTY TOMB CHANGED THE WORLD

The significance of the empty tomb cannot be overstated. It is the foundation of our faith and the source of our hope. As Catholics, our actions would be in vain if the tomb was not empty. But it was, and this is what gives our faith its purpose and our hope its substance. We are called to live out this faith and pass it on to others, just as previous generations have done for over two thousand years.

As Catholics, Easter is not a one-day event but a life-changing reality that transforms our perspective and gives us hope to be with the Lord for all eternity. Our faith is not fantasy but reality, a reality that we get to live and share with our family and those we interact with on a daily basis. The Church affirms this reality by inviting us to celebrate the Octave of Easter (8 days ending on Divine Mercy Sunday) and the Easter Season (50 days ending on Pentecost).

As we read in the Gospel, Mary Magdalene was the first to witness the empty tomb, the first to enter into it. St. Thomas Aquinas called her the "Apostle of the Apostles." Imagine sharing the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection with His very own followers!

This Easter, may we worship, thank the Lord, celebrate, and be filled with the joy of Jesus, just like the first witnesses of His resurrection did. May the powerful truth of this greatest of Feasts pour into the ordinary moments of our lives and sanctify them. The details of how we live the faith matter, for from our heart spills out our love, belief, and faith in Jesus, which we then share with our family, friends and the greater community.

The tomb is empty, just as He said!

Have a blessed and joyful Easter!

By Emily Jaminet





Hallelujah He has risen as He said. Today we celebrate the most important and most wonderful celebration of the Church's calendar, Easter. This day we celebrate Jesus' triumph over death, His resurrection from the dead, and the salvation of humankind. Without this most important event I am sure that human beings would have perished a long time ago.

The other day, as I was praying the Liturgy of the Hours, the prayer of the church that priests, deacons and religious are required to pray, I came upon a section of the Letter to the Hebrews in the Bible. This letter, written by an unknown author, is a very beautiful exhortation on the High Priesthood of Jesus Christ and is very helpful in many ways for explaining the new priesthood passed on by Jesus Himself. There was also a beautiful reflection by St. John Fisher, a bishop and martyr, on Jesus' self-sacrifice. This sacrifice is what the Easter Triduum is all about. Especially since the Triduum starts with Holy Thursday, the mass of the Lord's Supper, where Jesus institutes the First Eucharist, continues with His passion on Good Friday and ends with His triumphant Resurrection on the third day.

So let us look at this section from the Letter to the Hebrews, in which the author of the letter tells us that, "What is man that you should be mindful of him, or the Son of man that you should care for Him? You made him, for a little while, lower than the angels; you crowned Him with glory and honor, and put all things under His feet."

"In subjecting all things to him, God left nothing un-subjected. At present we do not see all things thus subject, but we do see Jesus crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death: Jesus, who was made for a little while, lower than the angels, that through God's gracious will he might taste death for the sake of all men." (Hebrews 2: 6-9)

This passage first starts out by telling us that, for a little while Jesus, the Son of God in the flesh, became lower than the angels and that He was crowned in glory. This explanation of Jesus being lower than the angels is a reminder of why Lucifer rebelled and turned away from God. Because God became lower than the angels for a time, this was of course for our salvation. But this action infuriated Lucifer who was the highest of the angels, because God lowered Himself below the angels by becoming a human being, which by our very nature is lower than the angels.

So in this passage the author goes on to remind us that the reason that Jesus came to earth was for a very specific purpose, namely to become human like us in all ways but sin, to suffer and die on our behalf and to raise from the dead so that He could be crowned with Glory and reign in Heaven, and in doing this He would be able to judge us justly and intercede for us on account of our sins. Jesus is our just judge, because He, who is fully human and fully divine, is the only one who completely knows our human nature and at the same time can make true and complete intercession on our behalf.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews goes on to say "Now, since the children are men of blood and flesh, Jesus likewise had a full share in ours, that by his death he might rob the devil, the prince of death, of his power, and free those who through fear of death had been slaves their whole life long. Surely he did not come to help angels, but rather the children of Abraham; therefore he had to become like his brothers in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God on their behalf, to expiate the sins of the people. Since he was himself tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are tested. (Hebrews 2:14-18)"

In this passage the author helps us to see, that through the death of Jesus, God would rob the devil of his most powerful weapon, death, and in doing so, free us for eternal life. What a wonderful thing. The Easter Exsultet says this in a beautiful way, "Oh death, where is your victory, oh death where is your sting." Of course this means that while death was such a dreadful thing before Jesus' death, now it is simple release from our earthly state in order for us to go to heaven and the ultimate joy of being with God for ever.

The passage goes on to help us see that Jesus' reason for coming to earth was not to help the angels, but to help us human beings who need His salvation. He did this by becoming fully human while still being divine. One in being with God the Father.

This passage also reminds us of the fact that Jesus, who is the true High Priest, is where all other priests get their authority and ministry. Two ministries of note would of course be the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Confession. The sacrifice of the mass comes directly due to Jesus' self-sacrifice on the cross and it is a representation of that sacrifice, which Good Friday is all about. So at every mass Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is re-presented, He is not re-crucified as some Protestants accuse us of doing. But the act of His salvation of all humanity is represented for us at the altar and He gives us the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist at every mass.

The next part where it says Jesus was able to "expiate the sins of the people" helps us to see that Jesus came to wipe out our sins ultimately, however we must still ask for forgiveness of our personal sins. Jesus gave the priests the authority to forgive sins in the sacrament of reconciliation, which comes from Jesus' exhortation to the apostles, "Whose sin you forgive is forgiven, and whose sin you hold bound is held bound." And it is good to hear this to help us remember that frequent confession of our sins helps us overcome the test of our sins. Or in other words, to help us to overcome the near occasion of our sins. Remember here that Jesus Himself was tested and if He was tested, then we better believe that we will be tested as well. The reason the devil is allowed to test us by tempting us to sin, is because as we overcome sin by prayer, with Jesus' help and with the help of frequent confession, we will grow closer to Jesus, which is of course growth in holiness.

So in conclusion I am going to end with this beautiful commentary on the Psalms by St. John Fisher.



From the commentary on the psalms by Saint John Fisher, bishop and martyr. If anyone has sinned, we have an advocate with the Father, Our high priest is Christ Jesus, our sacrifice is his precious body which he immolated on the altar of the cross for the salvation of all men.

The blood that was poured out for our redemption was not that of goats and calves (as in the old law) but that of the most innocent lamb, Christ Jesus, our Savior. The temple in which our high priest offered sacrifice was not one made by hands, but built by the power of God alone. For he shed his blood in the sight of the world, a temple fashioned by the hand of God alone. This temple, however, has two parts. The first is the earth, which we now inhabit. The second is as yet unknown to us mortals. Christ offered sacrifice here on earth, when he underwent his most bitter death. Then, clothed in the new garment of immortality, with his own blood he entered into the holy of holies, that is, into heaven. There he also displayed before the throne of the heavenly Father that blood of immeasurable price which he had poured out seven times on behalf of all men subject to sin. This sacrifice is so pleasing and acceptable to God that as soon as he has seen it he must immediately have pity on us and extend clemency to all who are truly repentant. Moreover, it is eternal. It is offered not only each year (as with the Jews) but also each day for our consolation, and indeed at every hour and moment as well, so that we may have the strongest reason for comfort. That is why the Apostle adds: He has secured an eternal redemption. All who have embarked on true contrition and penance for the sins they have committed, and are firmly resolved not to commit sins again for the future, but to persevere constantly in that pursuit of virtues which they have now begun, all these become sharers in this holy and eternal sacrifice. Saint John sets this before us in these words: My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. And he is the propitiation for our sins, and not only for our sins but also for those of the whole world.





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