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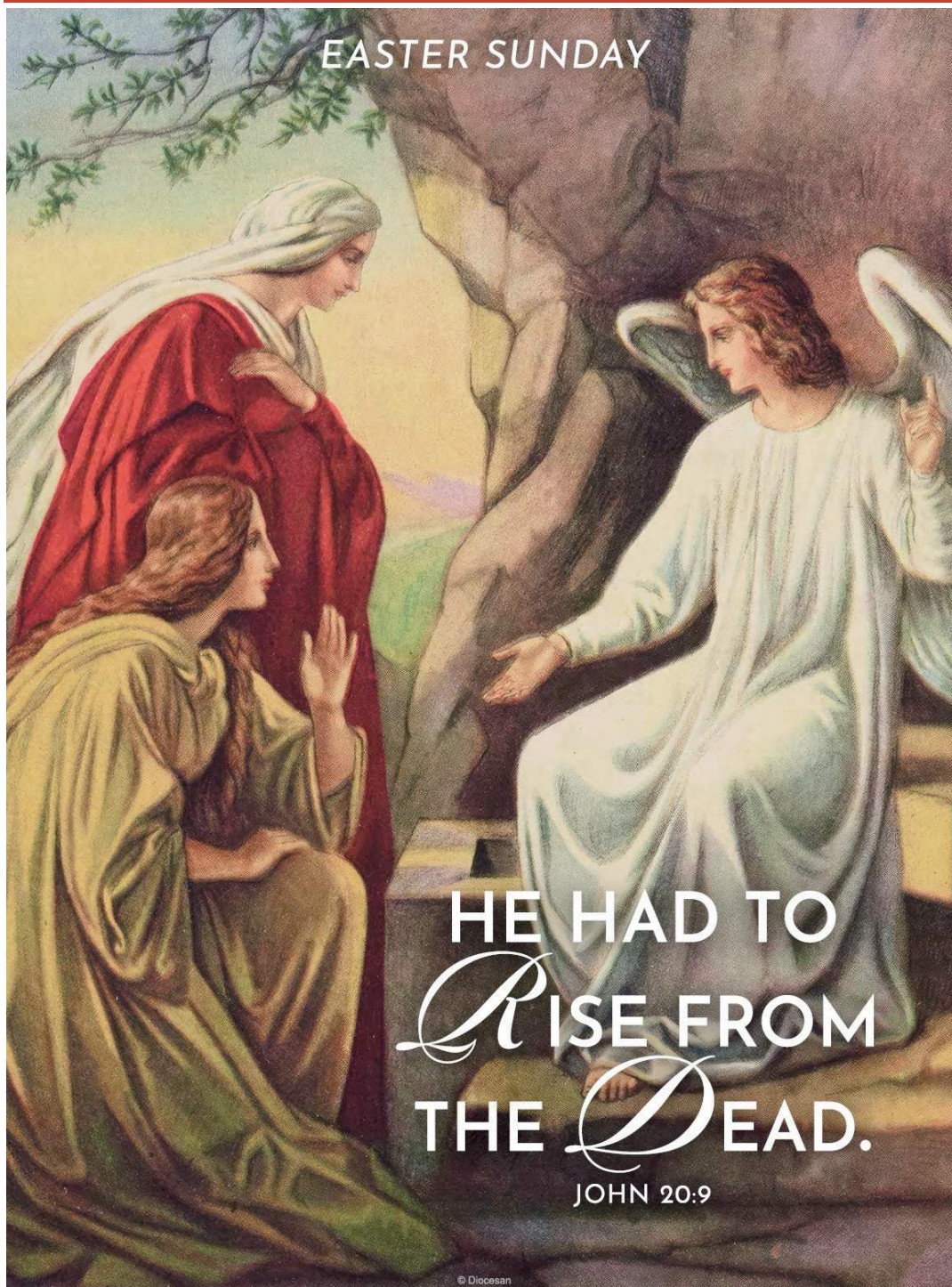
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April 5, 2026



SUNDAY MASSES:

SAINT MARTHA

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

SAINT MARTHA

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday
8:00 a.m.

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

Weekday Services are
Suspended until further
notice

ADORATION HOURS

SAINT MARTHA

First Friday of month,
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Weekend Masses
Anytime by Appointment

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

8:30 & 10:30 MASS

Spring Potluck Supper

& Fr. Lich's Birthday Celebration:

*Join us for a delightful community gathering filled
with laughter, friendship, and the flavors of spring!*

*Bring your favorite dish to
share as we celebrate together.*

Sat., April 11, 2026
St. Martha Parish Hall
After 5:30 p.m. Mass

Easter Sunday Believing Is Seeing

You've heard the saying "Seeing is believing." Today's first reading seems to say just the opposite. You might think that when Jesus rose from the dead, everyone would see him. Then his friends would rejoice and those who had put him to death would repent (or run as fast as they could). Yet Peter says that he was only visible to some of the disciples. Jesus did not appear to Herod or Pilate or Caiaphas. The Pharisees and scribes did not see him, either. Even the disciples did not immediately see him. The first thing they saw was the empty tomb, with burial cloths lying on the ground. They may have thought that if his enemies had stolen Jesus' body, they would not have removed the burial cloths; touching a corpse would have made them unclean.

So it seems the empty tomb helped them to believe, and believing enabled them to see the Lord. The exception to this may be Thomas, who said he would not believe until he saw and touched Jesus' risen body. Yet when he does see the Lord, Jesus himself declares that believing is primary when he blesses those who have not seen but still believe (John 20:31). Another example could be Mary of Magdala. She saw him, thinking he was the gardener. Then she believed and recognized him.

What does this mean for us? Jesus seems to be hidden again. Yet we say that he is present in the sacraments; Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation show that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in us. So perhaps we just need to believe in order to see him. Mother Teresa could do it. She said she was amazed at the love she felt when she saw Jesus in the poor and the dying people of Calcutta. St. Francis saw him not only in the poor but in all creation. Maybe we need to grow in faith so that we can see Jesus in the poor, the dying, the people who annoy us, even our enemies.

Tom Schmidt

A Special Promise of Mercy

Our Lord's promise to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy is recorded three times in the Diary of St. Faustina, each time in a slightly different way:

I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy (1109).

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (300).

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699).

Thus, to fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter;

Sincerely repent of all our sins;

Place our complete trust in Jesus;

Go to Confession, preferably before that Sunday

Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast;

Venerate* the Image of the Divine Mercy;

Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

*To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents – in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.

Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord



Fr. Lich, Deacon Terry, Deacon Brian, Deacon Scott and our Parish Staff wish you and yours a Blessed and Happy EASTER!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. April 4	7:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Holy Saturday—All Parishioners
Sun. April 5	8:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Easter Sunday—All Parishioners
Sun. April 5	10:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> Easter Sunday—All Parishioners
Sun. April 5	10:30	<u>St. Martha</u> All Parishioners
Tues. April 7	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Joseph Sinh Van Vu, Noni Pascual
Wed. April 8	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Noni Pascual
Thurs. April 9	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Joseph Sinh Van Vu, Noni Pascual
Fri. April 10	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Noni Pascual
Sat. April 11	4:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> All Parishioners, B.J. LeBlanc, Tony Granier, Glenn Morvant, Henry Ball, Harris Lester, Nancy Pitre, Rita & Mack Landry, Gerald & Theresa Causin, Bonnie Parker, Dr. Earl Madere, Doris Corcoran, Ray & Jules Vegas, Lomonaco & Ronquillo Fly., Rodriguez & Strohmeyer Fly., Josie & Bill Peperone & Our Bulletin Sponsor, August Moon
Sat. April 11	5:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Ann Bairnsfather, Joseph Tuan Tran, Joseph Sinh Van Vu, Dennis Baudoin, Ngan Cao, Ray LeBlanc Rose Sanzone, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, August Moon
Sun. April 12	8:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Maria Ly Nguyen, Ana Sophia Nguyen, Joseph Dung Nguyen, Maria Soi La, Joseph John Amedeo Jr., Robert Nguyen Hory Van, Scott Wunderlich, Maria Tran Thi Nhiem, Melanie Alario & Our Bulletin Sponsor, August Moon
Sun. April 12	10:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> Marie Hernandez, Sam Ditta, Sr. Family, Edward, Agnes & Elizabeth Delatte, Vincent Palisi, Tony Mac Palisi, Tony Palisi, Jr., Anthony Peperone Fly., Nolan Seibert, Father Ambrose Udeze & Our Bulletin Sponsor, August Moon
Sun. April 12	10:30	<u>St. Martha</u> All Parishioners
Tues. April 14	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Joseph Sinh Van Vu
Wed. April 15	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Noni Pascual
Thurs. April 16	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Joseph Sinh Van Vu
Fri. April 17	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> World Peace

SANCTUARY LIGHT

St. Martha

The Sanctuary Light will burn the week of April 5th in memory of **All Parishioners** and the week of April 12th in memory of **Ann Bairnsfather**.

Infant Jesus

The Sanctuary Light will burn the week of April 5th in memory of **Lillian Chauvin** and the week of April 12th in memory of **Nolan Seibert**.

IN MEMORIAM

St. Martha

In your masses and prayers please remember **Ray Joseph Leblanc**, husband of Natalie Mallini. Please also remember all those who mourn him.

In your masses and prayers please remember **Betty Hymel Faucheux**, wife of the late Wallace Paul Faucheux, Sr. Please also remember all those who mourn her.

Infant Jesus

In your masses and prayers please remember **Jacqueline Collins Comeaux**, mother of Raylyn Stevens. Please also remember all those who mourn her.



Our 2nd Grade class received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 19, 2026. Congratulations to **Celine Guzman, Leah Hoang, Lesu Jumoad, Norah Pogue, Evie Nguyen and Ian Nguyen** pictured with **Fr. Lich and Ms. Jude**.

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