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SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

From the Bishop's Pen...

"He is raised from the dead."

He is **RISEN**, Alleluia! Alleluia! In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul says that if Christ had not been raised from the dead, our faith is in vain. If Christ has not been raised from the dead, we are still separated from God.

We now see that Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection bought eternal life with God for us. Long before His passion and crucifixion, Jesus rescued Mary Magdalene from her demons and gave her another chance at life as His disciple. He forgave Peter for his denial of Him during His passion and gave Peter another chance as His Apostle. It was Jesus' obedience to His Father's will, in His suffering, death and resurrection that gave all of mankind another chance at life with God.

Jesus' resurrection from the dead has changed everything! It has changed forever our relationship with God. A relationship with God that Adam and Eve lost for all of mankind by disobedience. A relationship with God that has gone from outcasts to His adopted children.

Mary Magdalene did not realize what had taken place three days after Jesus' burial in the tomb. When Peter and John arrived at the empty tomb, it was John who saw and believed. Why did John believe? He too, did not yet understand Jesus' rising from the dead. Yet John knew that his faith in Jesus was true, that his faith in God's promise to send Israel a Savior was justified. The Father, out of love, gave us His only Son. His Son, out of love, gave His life for us. He sacrificed His Body and shed His Blood for our salvation, so that we could have life as adopted sons and daughters of the Father through our Baptisms.

In Christ and in His resurrection, a new hope dawns for mankind. The hope that if we stay united to Him in truth, through faith and grace, we will also rise in Him, from our tombs. Then, we will live with Him and in Him forever in the eternal peace of heaven.

No one else offers such a hope, because no one else has risen from the dead to be able to offer it, only Jesus. If Jesus had not risen from the dead, our faith is in vain. If Jesus had not risen from the dead, He would have no more authority over our lives than any other person from history.

But He did rise from the dead! Now, Easter has dawned, with the eternal victory of the Resurrection. The tomb is empty. The stone is overturned. The shadow of the cross is replaced by the morning light of a new life in truth. Christ's apparent failure that led to His death has risen in victory. We now have another chance at life with God.

– Bishop Roy Campbell

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The office is closed for business on:

ALL Weekends

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for private meetings)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

ADORATION SCHEDULE

Tuesday

Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm

Benediction 6:45 pm

Friday:

Exposition / Adoration After Morning Mass

Benediction 10:00 am

First Friday:

Exposition / Adoration After Morning Mass

Benediction 6:00 pm

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To The St Joseph Catholic Church Community

Our desire is that every member of our parish family encounters Jesus Christ in a very personal and life-changing way as they journey through life within our community. That now includes you and we welcome you to this very personal, communal journey of faith as part of our parish family. As you begin the next part of your faith journey with us, we encourage you to check in at the Welcome Table and complete the parish registration form. You may also get the form from a Hospitality minister. Stay connected with the St Joseph Community through our Website and Facebook God has given you gifts to share in helping the Church build the kingdom and accomplish her mission. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you discern where you are meant to serve. Please check out our Ministries and Organizations at the Welcome Table or our Website. Pray, discern, then take that leap of faith and get engaged in the life of the parish.

**LET US KNOW YOU ARE HERE
SO WE CAN PROPERLY WELCOME YOU!**

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MASS SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are made in the Parish Office during regular business hours or may be given to Hospitality Minister after the Sunday Masses. You will be contacted if the date requested is not available. Bookings for one name for several days in succession will not be accepted. An offering is **\$10.00 CASH** per date / per envelope. Mass intentions are acknowledged at the Sunday and daily Masses.

**Mass intentions must be received in the office by
Monday 9:00 am to be included in the bulletin for the next week.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

to the printer on Tuesday morning.

Late submissions will go into the next bulletin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the NEXT

bulletin are due in the Church Office NLT 12:00 noon on Monday. The bulletin is sent

COMMUNION CALLS / HOME VISITS

The Eucharistic Ministry is available for communion calls and home visits. If you or someone you know is homebound but would like to receive communion on a regular basis, contact the parish office on 301-773-4838 to schedule a visit. The office is open Monday through Friday 10:00 am- 6:00 pm

Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ N/A March 29, 2026

*Our average weekly parish expenses for
March 2026 \$ N/A*

*Our offertory last week was % N/A
of expenses
ParishSoft Giving: March 2026 \$N/A*

Last Week's Attendance: 1,166

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MASSSES / OBSERVANCES



Monday April 6 2026
**MONDAY WITHIN
THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
Daily Mass 8:30 am

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday April 7, 2026
**TUESDAY WITHIN
THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
Daily Mass: 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration: 6:00 pm
Benediction: 6:45 pm

Wednesday April 8, 2026
**WEDNESDAY WITHIN
THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday April 9, 2026
**THURSDAY WITHIN
THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Friday April 10, 2026
**FRIDAY WITHIN
THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
Daily Mass: 8:30 am
Adoration: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS
Benediction: 10:00 am

Saturday April 11, 2026
**SATURDAY WITHIN
THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
Confession/Reconciliation
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday

- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am

Monday April 6

- **No Activities**

Tuesday April 7

- **KoC Exemplification** (CLR1) 5:30 pm
- **Dr Clarke** (CLR2) 6:30 pm

Wednesday April 8

- **Advance Line Dancing** (RR) 10:30 am
- **Dr Clarke** (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- **Social Justice & Concerns Meeting** (Virtual) 7:00 pm

Thursday April 10

- **Beginners Line Dance Class** (RR) 12:30 pm
- **Denese Clay - Grow Your Own Musicians** (CLR1) 4:00 pm
- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR2) 6:00 pm
- **Denese Clay - Cantor/ VOP Rehearsal** (CH) 6:00 pm

Friday April 10

- **Funeral - Cynthia Jewett** (CH) 10:00 am

Saturday April 11

- **Men's Ministry Meeting** (CLR1) 7:30 am
- **Dr. Clarke—Children's Choir Rehearsal** (CLR2) 11:30 am
- **Jordan Gill—Youth Choir Rehearsal** (CH) 12:00 pm
- **Denese Clay - Grow Your Own Musicians -** (CLR1) 1:00 pm
- **Dr. Clarke - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass** (CLR2) 3:30 pm

Daily Readings for the Week of April 5, 2026

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

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

Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

Cathrine Abrams, Gerry Anderson, Carla Amorim, Melody & Carl Atkinson, Shelia Bailey, Randy Belt, Agnes Bell, Veronica Blakeney, Betty Brown, Maxine Brown, Allen Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Angela & Wick Cartwright, Angela Clark, Grant Cheatham, Charles Christian, Angella Coker, Herman Davis, James Doe, James Dudley, Martin Ekeh, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, Adrienne, Fraser-Darling, Rita Gant, Gina Geron, Maureen Gramby, Patricia Greene, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Cecelia Handy, Lawrence Hill, Sheila Hinton, Luis Howell, Mark Humphrey, Gennie Huntley-Lopez, Cathy Jackson, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Sebastien Jean-Marie, Wendell John, Donald Johnson, Latashia Johnson, Lyell Johnson, Roland Joyner, Fr. Mike King, Mark Sr/ Mark Jr & Gabrielle Landry, Alton Ernest Lewis, Delphine K. Lofton, Marionetta D Lofton-Sutton, Gennie Huntley-Lopez, Edwina Love, Karee Lucas, Sadie Malveaux, Ebony Marble, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Brenda Mason, Leondre Massey, Anthony Mc Donald, Carlos Menefee, Solomon T. Miles, Jr. Thomasine M. Miles, Cheryl Mills, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy & William Mooney, Fr. Ray Moore, Loraine Moses, Madga Nelson, William Musee, Kameron Neal, Paul Newman, Ronald Nickens, Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, Earline Parks, James & Stephen Parks, Robin Parsell, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Clifton Rush, Sheryl Sanders, Johnnie Scott, Thomas W. Scott, William Scriber, Tyrone Sellers, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Eunice Sparkman, Madeline Stillwell, Gwen Sutton, Percy Swain, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Richard Taylor, Eileen Thomas, Carolyn Thrash, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Eric Walker, Monica Wheeler, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Fr. Stephen Wong, Michael Younger

And the Recently Deceased:

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



Mass Intentions

Sunday

6:00 am ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
8:00 am BRUCE JAMES MARTIN †
10:00 am MARY LENA BUTLER †
12:00 pm VINCENT MOBOLAJI JOHNSON
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

MONDAY

8:30 am JOHN ADELEYE
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

Tuesday

8:30 am NWABINELI & IWEANOGE FAMILY
7:00 pm LAUREN COUNTS
(BLESSINGS ON 18 BIRTHDAY)

WEDNESDAY

8:30 DANIEL JOSEPH NEWMAN †

THURSDAY

8:30 am ROSEMARY SIMON †

FRIDAY

8:30 am JAMES ROSS NEWMAN †

SATURDAY

5:00 pm GEORGE BENYELLA
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The disciples didn't understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can't fathom the purpose of God's plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone. So, we must ask ourselves: why?

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Easter

Question:

Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

Answer:

You've probably noticed the priest continuing to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ's resurrection several weeks ago, the Easter season extends fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn't just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an "advocate" or "counselor" when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await "power from on high" — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don't widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn't mean you can't embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed!

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

1st Reading Question:

Peter testifies to others about what the Apostles witnessed with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. **Do you ever share your faith with friends or family?**

2nd Reading Question:

Paul encourages the Colossians to see themselves as already risen with Christ, anticipating his return in glory. **Does anticipating Christ's return impact any of your daily decision-making?**

Gospel Question:

Both the angel of the Lord and the risen Jesus greet Mary Magdalene and the other Mary with these words of comfort: "Do not be afraid." **Who in your circle of friends or family needs to be comforted this week?**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Question:

What is the name of the patron saint of travelers and lost items?

Answer:

St. Anthony of Padua

HAPPY EASTER SUNDAY



HE IS

Risen

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For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Mary Magdalene was surprised when she found the empty tomb of Jesus. She ran and told Peter and John that his body was gone. Peter and John ran to the tomb. They found no body, just strips of cloth. One piece was the cloth that covered the face of Jesus. Peter and John knew that Jesus was not in the grave, even though they did not understand what it meant to rise from the dead.

PRAYER

Jesus, you died and rose from the dead so I can share your life on earth and in heaven. Thank you.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw Mary, Peter, and John looking inside the empty tomb.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

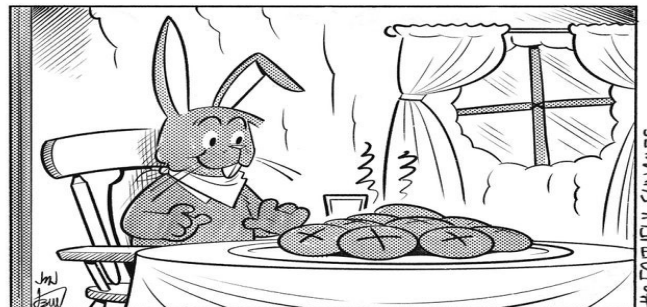
I will tell someone that Jesus is alive.

EASTER BLESSING

Dear Lord,

Where there has been death, bring new life! Renew and redeem the sorrow in our stories with Your goodness and grace. Bless our hearts and homes this Easter and always. Amen.

"What does the Easter Bunny eat for breakfast?"



"Hot Cross Buns."



FUN FACT!

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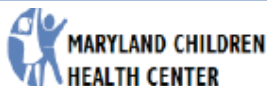
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