

St Bernadette Catholic Church  
3825 Don Felipe Drive  
Los Angeles , CA 90008



Easter Sunday of the  
Resurrection of the Lord  
April 04/05, 2026

**Mass Intentions for April 04/05, 2026**

**Holy Saturday, April 04, 2026 at 7:00 pm**

**Anthony Moret (RIP),  
Deacon Emile & Anona Adams (RIP)**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord,  
April 05, 2026 at 10:00 am**

**Harry Armstrong (RIP), Patrice Botshekan (Birthday)**

**Weekend Priest Presider Schedules**

**Holy Saturday, April 4th, 2026**

7:00 pm Vigil Mass      Msgr. Mac

**Easter Sunday, April 5th**

10:00am Mass      Fr. Mbata

**Saturday, April 11th, 2026**

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation      Msgr. Mac

4:00 pm Vigil Mass      Msgr. Mac

**Divine Mercy Sunday April 12th**

10:00 am Mass      Fr. Mbata



**1 Corinthians 5:6b-8** *There is absence in that all we have is an empty tomb, but presence because, while the tomb is empty, Christ is alive with a gloriously transformed body and with us!*

What image comes to mind when you think of Easter? Jesus getting up and walking out of the tomb? None of the resurrection stories gives a detailed description of what happened in the tomb, other than to say the crucified One was raised. Whatever happened in that tomb

was something beyond human understanding. So, the primary image for Easter is a profound absence and presence. There is absence in that all we have is an empty tomb, but presence because, while the tomb is empty, Christ is alive with a gloriously transformed body and with us! Of course, the rolling away of the stone did not release Jesus from the tomb, for He had already been raised and gone ahead of the disciples to Galilee. In the resurrection, Jesus transcended time, space, and death; those things which limit human existence. So, the stone was not rolled away for Jesus, but for the disciples and for us. We need to see the evidence that the "right hand of the Lord has triumphed" (Psalm 118:16), in raising Jesus so we might believe and through believing "have life in His name" (John 20:31).

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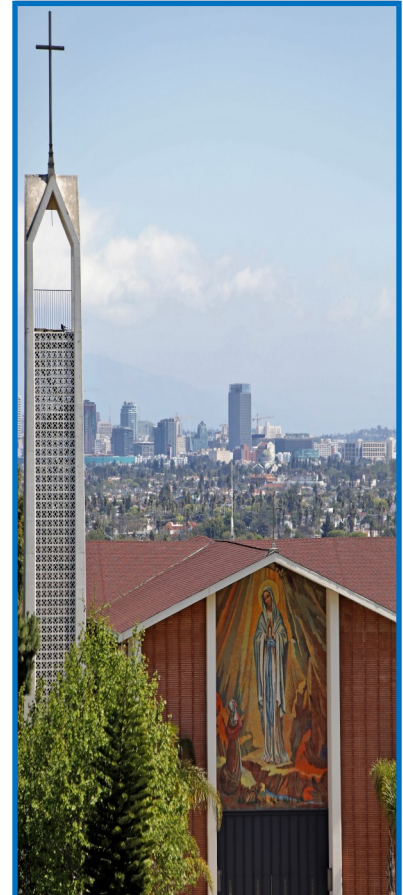
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PACKAGED OR CANNED FOOD  
AND STAPLES ARE  
APPRECIATED AND  
Gratefully Accepted





### **Why is the Empty Tomb so Important???**

Whether you are a relatively new believer or a longtime follower of Jesus, we should never lose sight of the unending spiritual blessings which are ours through the resurrection. Jesus's empty tomb is the greatest empty in the history of emptiness!" During his three years of ministry on earth, Jesus made some audacious claims of his own divinity. These declarations shocked his disciples, befuddled the crowds, caused his own family members to question his sanity, and infuriated the Jewish religious leaders. In one particularly heated confrontation at the temple, Jesus directly linked himself to God by using the language God had spoken to Moses in Exodus 3:14, which says, "God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.'" Jesus told the religious leaders, "Truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58). In another temple confrontation, Jesus told the leaders, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). These were explicit claims of divinity, and both sent the religious leaders into a frenzy of hatred for his alleged blasphemy. Jesus was not only saying he was sent from the eternal God, he was saying he is the eternal God. These same religious leaders orchestrated Jesus' crucifixion (under the perfect plan and sovereignty of God). Had Jesus stayed dead, his claims of divinity would have faded into nothing. But, praise God, Jesus didn't stay dead! Three days later, he gloriously rose from the grave, eventually prompting his disciple Thomas to exclaim what the resurrection proves about Jesus: "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). *The Resurrection makes our salvation possible.* Without Jesus' resurrection, our desperate need for salvation from our sins would never be met. A dead person can't save those who are spiritually dead and under sin's curse of physical death. A Savior who lives a perfect life, dies on our behalf, and rises again can save us completely! He can justify us—or make us righteous—before a holy God through faith. As Romans 4:25 says, Jesus "was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification." The Resurrection Authenticates the Bible's Claims about Christianity. The Resurrection Gives Us Daily Purpose and Power and it makes eternal life with God Possible.

**Join us for  
BIBLE STUDY  
1st and 3rd  
Thursday of the Month  
Via ZOOM  
1:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

**1:00 PM Study  
ID: 87233018319  
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Leader/Contact  
Carolyn James  
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**7:00 pm Study ID 811  
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Clarence Dixon  
Contact: Elsie Dixon**



### **The Sequence**

**Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
Offer your thankful praises!  
A Lamb the sheep redeems;  
Christ, who only is sinless,  
Reconciles sinners to the Father.**

**Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:  
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.**

**Speak, Mary, declaring  
What you saw, wayfaring.**

**"The tomb of Christ, who is living,  
The glory of Jesus' resurrection;  
bright angels attesting,  
The shroud and napkin resting.  
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;  
to Galilee he goes before you."**

**Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!  
Amen. Alleluia.**

### **What is "The Sequence?"**

The liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church requires two Sequences — one on Easter Sunday and one on Pentecost Sunday. They are an interesting facet of our liturgy and have a historical origin which is difficult to trace. The sequence is generally thought to have begun as a genre of poetry around the ninth century when Gregorian Chant was flourishing and spreading throughout Europe. A signature element of chant of that era was a flowery, artistic expression on the last syllable of the Alleluia, which extended over several moving notes — a technique known as a *melisma* or *jubilus*. Because these *jubili* were often difficult to learn, poets and musicians started to use prose texts to help a singer memorize the long and complex melodies. Therefore, many of the earliest sequences of this time ended each line with the letter "A" in order to drive home its connection with the Alleluia.



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### Our Food Giveaway Was a Huge Success

The Easter "food giveaway" was very successful once again this year. Thank you to all who donated money and/or groceries. **Special thanks to Clarence Dixon, Margarita Hurst and Michael Romo.** Thanks to Deacon Jim for the use of his office and his ongoing support. **(Note: A special thanks to Alice Jackson for her energy, organization and support to make this effort a huge success. )**

*Alice Jackson*

### Biblically Speaking What is "The Sequence"

In the context of biblical studies, "sequence" refers to the order or arrangement of events, teachings, or narratives within the Scriptures. Understanding sequence is crucial for interpreting the Bible accurately, as it helps to discern the progression of God's revelation, the unfolding of historical events, and the development of theological themes.

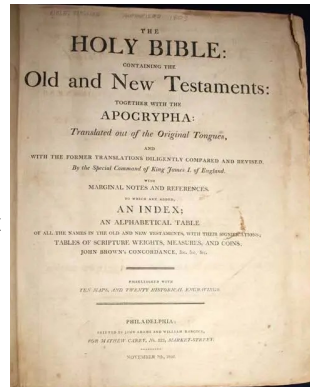
#### Creation Sequence

The Bible begins with the sequence of creation in Genesis 1, where God creates the world in six days and rests on the seventh. This sequence establishes the foundation for the biblical understanding of time, work, and rest.

**Genealogical Sequences** Genealogies in the Bible, such as those found in Genesis 5 and Matthew 1, provide a sequence of generations that link key figures and events. **Historical Sequences** The historical books of the Old Testament, such as 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, and 1 and 2 Chronicles. **Prophetic Sequences** Prophetic literature often contains sequences of visions, judgments, and promises. The book of Daniel, for example, presents a sequence of visions that outline the rise and fall of empires. **Sequential Teachings of Jesus.** The teachings of Jesus, particularly in the Gospels, often follow a sequence that builds upon previous lessons. The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 is a prime example.

**Eschatological Sequences** The book of Revelation presents a sequence of apocalyptic visions that describe the end times, the return of Christ, and the final judgment. These sequences are often symbolic and require careful interpretation to understand their implications for the future.

**Theological Sequences** The epistles of the New Testament often follow a theological sequence, moving from doctrinal exposition to practical application. **Understanding sequence in the Bible is essential for grasping the narrative flow, theological development, and prophetic fulfillment within the Scriptures. It aids in recognizing the coherence and unity of God's redemptive plan throughout history.**



LITURGY SCHEDULE  
 MONDAY, APRIL 06, 2026  
 MONDAY WITHIN THE  
 OCTAVE OF EASTER  
 TO SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026  
 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

#### Monday

Within the Octave of Easter

April 06, 2026

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

#### Tuesday

Within the Octave of Easter

April 07, 2026

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Communion Service

Live-Streamed and In-Person

#### Wednesday

Within the Octave of Easter

April 08, 2026

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

#### Thursday

Within the Octave of Easter

April 09, 2026

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Mass

In-Person Only

#### Friday

Within the Octave of Easter

April 10, 2026

7:30 am Adoration

8:00 Mass

In-Person Only

#### Saturday

Within the Octave of Easter,

April 11, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 12, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts

Sponsors Needed

**After Lent it is important to reflect on the changes in your life.**

**As well as the best ways to maintain those changes. Here are a few helpful suggestions:**

**Continue Best Practices:** Maintain any practices you cultivated and/or committed to during LENT. This might include things like an increase in almsgiving or prayer. Both of which help us to grow “Spiritually.”

**Reflect on Your Faith:** Take time to think about what you learned during Lent and how you can apply those insights.

**Engage in Daily Life:** While Easter is a time for celebration, it should also be a time to integrate your faith into your daily life such as attending Mass or participating in the parish life of the church and your community.

**Evangelize:** The resurrection of Christ is a central theme of Easter. Consider how you can share your faith with others.

**Remember the Ashes** The ashes teach us to be more grateful for the people and things in our lives that are already there.

By doing these things you can insure the positive changes you made during Lent continue to shape your life.



### **How much do we continue to be inspired by the resurrection after Easter?**

My Brothers and Sisters...Easter not a one-time event. All too often we think of events in a historical context. We place them on a timeline of other events to get a perspective of how a particular story unfolds. And this has its place for us to understand what happened with Jesus and the history of the early Christian church. However, from a more spiritual perspective, Jesus’s resurrection is not a one-time event that happened centuries ago. It is continuous, ongoing manifestation of the power of life over death, good over evil, and love over hate. In that sense, there is no “after” the resurrection, because it is always taking place. **So maybe we need to change the question from “What do we do after the resurrection?” to “How can we participate in the ongoing resurrection of Christ in our lives and in the world?”**

### **Senior Corner**

Our next meeting is Wed. April 8th at 11 am in the Church Hall. Our Guest Speaker will be our own parishioner Debbie McNamee, who will address Crime Prevention Strategies within the community.

PANTAGES THEATER OUTING: “HELL’S KITCHEN” the musical about the life and music of Alicia Keys— June 12th at 1:30 pm Cost? \$90 All are Invited, No Age Limits. Last Day to purchase tickets is at this month’s meeting.

**For more information , call Bara King (323)770-6347**



SAVE THE DATE

*Be still and know*  
"Through His grace, we find our strength"

# Spring BRUNCH

Mark your calendars for a blooming good time!

## MAY 17TH 2026

"All parishioners are welcome—come pause, breathe, and embrace rest in God's presence, reflection, and fellowship as we gather together in renewal."

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Special Guest Speaker  
Brunch will be served  
You don't want to miss this special day!

More details coming soon

**April 04/05 ||**

### **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Happy Easter! Along with the celebration of Easter, April is also Child Abuse Prevention Month. Saint Augustine said “Easter People, whose song is Alleluia,” living in the fullness of the resurrection, drawing all around them to a place of light, wholeness, and the richness of the graces made available to them by the power of the passion and redemption of Jesus.”

In this spirit, there is no better time to celebrate the protection of children, our most precious gift from God. **The Office of Safeguard the Children has created a Resource Booklet to help individuals, parishes and schools plan for Child Abuse Prevention Month.**

It is available online at [lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month](http://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month)

