

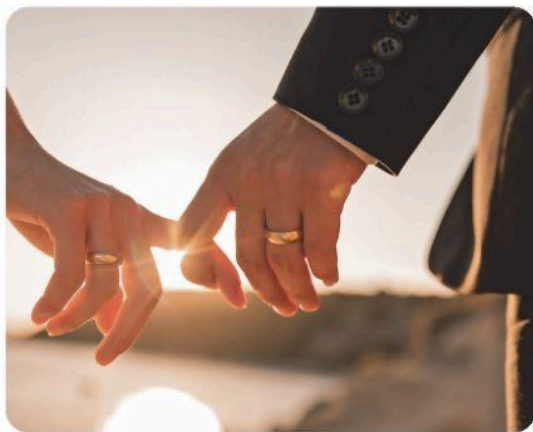
Dear Padre,

I'm marrying my girlfriend! Although she grew up Catholic, she doesn't practice the faith. Is it still OK to marry her?

Will you enter marriage with your fiancée because of a mutual love for each other? Do you both understand that this love will be strengthened by the sacramental grace of your matrimonial union, a grace you will receive because of baptism, not practice? Will you both try to create a loving family and, together as a family, try to be open each day to the grace of God already at work in your lives? Do you both realize that this grace calls you to create, in the name of Jesus, a witness to the truth of the gospel, which is even more powerful than the love you share?

If you hesitate to answer any of these questions with a wholehearted "yes," then consider exploring these questions together with your pastor or another person helping to prepare you for marriage. Perfect faith is not required for a good, sacramental marriage. Openness to faith is believing that the Lord who has brought you together is not yet finished with either of you. You both have more to learn, and, with God's grace, you will respond to his love. Jesus will work through both of you in ways that you may not even be able to imagine. In that spirit, marry her, build a life together, and know that God's plan for you will always be there. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (A)

Acts 10:34a, 37–43 / Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8 / John 20:1–9 or Matthew 28:1–10



Believing Is Seeing

MIGUEL DULICK

We celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring, which is also the first Sunday after Passover. The whole history of the world comes to this point, and today's gospel catches the eternal thrill of that day. A desperate Mary Magdalen cannot find her Lord in the tomb. Thinking that his body has been stolen, she alerts the apostles. Peter and John go running, and a moment of unforgettable suspense follows as first Peter and then John enter the tomb. The details are significant. They saw the burial cloths there and "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Thieves would not have taken

the time to unwrap the body and fold the face cloth. These details are intended to point to the truth of the resurrection. They saw and believed!

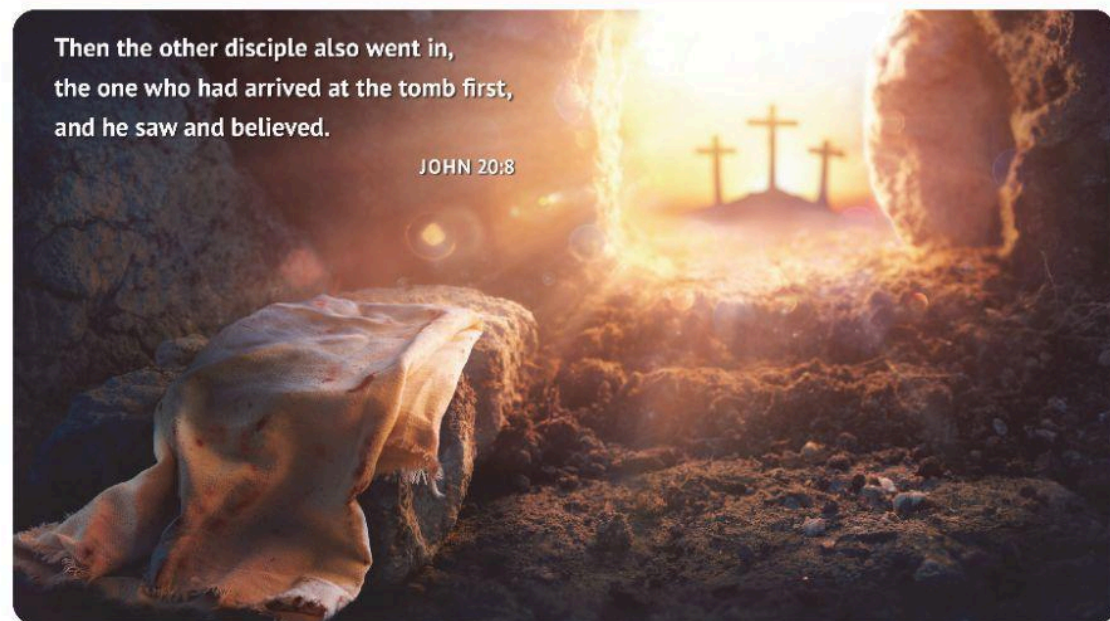
The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six times in Acts. This proclamation, or *kerygma*, incorporates the message and the motivation for a change of life. God anointed Jesus, raised him from the dead, and promised that all who believe in him will be forgiven their sins and rise with him. Happy Easter! ●

Reflect

Why do I believe in the resurrection, and how does my belief impact my life?

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

JOHN 20:8



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Holy Saturday...is the day in which heaven visits earth most deeply. It is the time in which every corner of human history is touched by the light of Easter.... Nothing can be excluded from [Christ's] redemption. Not even our nights, not even our oldest faults, not even our broken bonds. There is no past so ruined, no history so compromised

that it cannot be touched by mercy.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025



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Weekly Bulletin

April 4-5, 2026

The Resurrection of the Lord

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Mass of Reparation for Victims of Abuse - April 11th

April – Child Abuse Prevention Month. You are invited to the Mass of Reparation for Victims of Abuse, celebrated by Bishop Olson on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 10:00 AM at **St. Mary of the Assumption, Fort Worth**. This Mass holds a solemn and meaningful place in the life of our Diocesan Church. It is a time for us to come together as a community of faith to pray for healing, to offer reparation for the grave sins of abuse, and to renew our shared commitment to safeguarding the vulnerable. By gathering in prayer, we give visible witness that the Church stands firmly with those who have suffered harm. We remain steadfast in our commitment to justice, healing, and restoration, and we ask God to bring comfort, strength, and hope to all.

St. Andrew Breakfast - April 18

The next St. Andrew Breakfast will be on Saturday morning April 18, 2026 at **St. Patrick Cathedral**, 1206 Throckmorton St, **Fort Worth**, TX 76102, at 8:00 AM. The day will begin with Mass followed by breakfast and fellowship. We encourage young men in high school and college in the Diocese of Fort Worth to attend. *Please reserve your spot by April 16, 2026, through the Vocations Office or by calling 817-945-9321.*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick: Donna Boschart, Jane Dooly, Jax Jordan

POPE LEO PRAYER INTENTION April 2026 - For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

STEWARDSHIP

March 28 & 29, 2026

St. John	\$ 1,677
St. Rita	\$ 550
St. Francis	\$ 794
Holy Rosary	\$ 1,590



Office closed Monday, April 6th, for Easter.

PASSION PLAY - Thank you!

Thank you to all you helped make the Passion Play happen this year. We can not accomplish this without the help of volunteers from our parish community.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS - Saturday, April 11th

There will be a **first timers** safe environment class on **April 11, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Cisco** at the parish hall. Please sign in to your Virtus account, if you have already created it, and signed up for the class. This class is for those who have not taken a safe environment class before. Thank you. virtusonline.org

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Our safe environment coordinator is **Katrina Briseno**. You can call/text her at **325-864-3892**. Her email is gijoe4b@gmail.com.

STRAWN - ST. JOHN

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM: Mass

Wednesday

4:00 - 4:30 PM:

Confession/Adoration

4:30 PM: Mass

2nd Thursday - Monthly

St. Boniface, Dodson Prairie

4:00 PM: Confession/ Adoration

4:30 PM: Mass

CISCO - OUR LADY OF

THE HOLY ROSARY

Sunday

8:00 AM: Mass

Wednesday

8:30 AM: Confession/Adoration

9:00 AM: Mass

RANGER - ST. RITA

Sunday

9:45 AM: Mass

Tuesday

5:30 - 6:00 PM:

Confession/Adoration

6:00 PM: Mass

EASTLAND - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Sunday (Español)

11:15 AM: Mass

Thursday (Español)

6:30 - 7:00 PM: Adoration/Confession

7:00 PM: Mass

1st Friday - Monthly (Español)

7:00-8:00 PM: Adoration

3rd Saturday - Monthly (Español)

9:00 AM: Mass

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