

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
EASTER SUNDAY
April 20, 2025



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Wednesday 10:30 am – 1:00 pm Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday April 26	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	"Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners Living and Deceased
	5:30 pm	St. Mary's	Sister Betty Rae Lee Francis & Owen Lee & deceased family members Josephine & Joe Moriarity & deceased family members
Sunday April 27	9:30 am	St. Joseph's	Michelle Healey Gushue Peter & Mary Davis Healey & deceased family members Richard & Clotilda Singleton
	11:15 am	Mount Carmel	Bob Eunice Elizabeth (Betty) Meaney Dick & Ralph Dunphy; Helen Wade

MINISTRY LIST

Saturday April 26	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	Cross Bearer: Dermot Fleming Reader: Anne Hayward Collectors: Dan Fleming Gift Bearers: Frances Fleming & family Eucharistic Minister: Angela Fleming
Saturday April 26	5:30 pm	St. Mary's	Cross Bearer: Len Ryan Reader: Pearl Kielly Collectors: Len Ryan, Des Yetman Gift Bearers: Josephine Kielly, Jeanette Critch Eucharistic Minister: Des Yetman
Sunday April 27	9:30 am	St. Joseph's	Cross Bearer: Howard Power Reader: Tony Healey Collectors: Gordon Gambin, Tony Daley Gift Bearers: Augusta Gough, Elizabeth Daley Eucharistic Minister: Howard Power
Sunday April 27	11:15 am	Mount Carmel	Cross Bearer: Hughie Lawlor Reader: Madeline McDonald Collectors: Don Power, Victor Cole Gift Bearers: George & Donna Critch Eucharistic Minister: Linda Dunne

FINANCES ACKNOWLEDGED WITH SINCERE THANKS:

April 12, 13: St. Vincent's/St. Mary's/St. Joseph's/Mt. Carmel

Weekly Offering: \$1510.65 Ash Wednesday: \$5.00 Holy Thursday: \$10.00 Easter Offering: \$20.00
Lenten Offering: \$55.00 Dev & Peace: \$10.00 Mass Card Print Cost: \$7.00

GRAND IN YOUR HAND YEAR 11:

Grand In Your Hand tickets for sale in support of Good Shepherd Parish. Two chances to win \$1000.00 per each month draw. The ticket price is \$10.00 monthly or \$120.00 annually. If you like to support Good Shepherd Parish through this initiative, please contact Shirley 709-687-7057 or Sheila 709-699-9503. Thanking you in advance for your support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING for April is Wednesday April 23, 2025 at 2:00 pm in St. Joseph's.

GSP FINANCE, PARISH COUNCIL, FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING scheduled for Wednesday, April 30 following the 11 o'clock mass in St. Joseph's.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: The next course is scheduled for **May 3, 2025**, at the Basilica, 200 Military Rd, St. John's. Couples can register using the following link: [Marriage Preparation Registration | Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's \(rcsj.org\)](#) . Once registered, couples will receive additional information.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 3 PM APRIL 27: There will be devotions to the Divine Mercy at the Basilica with Exposition and Benediction on Sunday, April 27.

EASTER MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CCCB

Bishop William T. McGrattan, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, has released an Easter 2025 Message. This message can be found on our Archdiocesan webpage at: www.rcsj.org

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE WITH FATHER CECIL CRITCH TO ITALY: ROME AND ASSISI -NOVEMBER 5-13, 2025

(optional) 2 DAY EXTENSION TO VENICE AND PADUA Highlights: Rome, All Major Basilicas in Rome, Catacombs, Vatican City and Sistine Chapel, Assisi and the Basilica of St. Francis with visit to the tomb of St. Clare and Carlo Acutis, Papal Audience, Papal Audience, Daily Mass, immersion in Italian Food and Culture, 2-day Extension (optional) Padua: Basilica of St. Anthony, full day tour of Venice For Details, Contact COLLEEN WILLIAMS, CWT Harvey's Travel, Mt Pearl, (709) 747-5018.

EASTER BINGO.... Royal Canadian Legion Riverhead. Saturday April 19th. Doors open 7:30 Bingo starts 8:30 pm. Jackpot to go, Toonie Jar to go. Wheel Spins, Nevada. Come out for an evening of fun!!

**May the promise of Easter fill your hearts with peace and joy!
Happy Easter**

LIVING FAITH

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 20, 2025



THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY-- Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

Happy Easter! The women came to the tomb early in the morning to complete the burial rites for Jesus. Imagine their surprise when they found the huge, heavy stone rolled away, and the tomb empty! That empty tomb changed everything. The angels confirmed it with the question, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."

Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women ran to tell the Apostles the news. Imagine their frustration when the Apostles did not believe them! Peter must have realized, though, that there really was something momentous going on. He ran to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said.

Hope was born that morning. Jesus had risen from the dead. Death could not confine him. Because of that morning, death cannot confine us, either.

TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- How do you need to experience hope?
- What new life do you ask of Jesus for yourself or for someone else?



Surprise! It's Empty!

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. Luke 24:2-3 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:1-12



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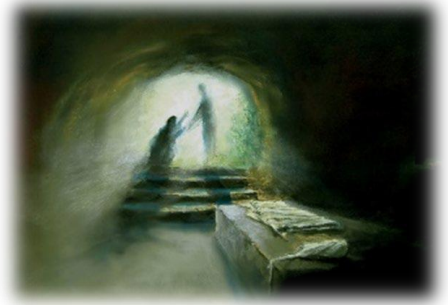
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THE CHURCH TEACHES

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

639 The mystery of Christ's resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness. In about A.D. 56 St. Paul could already write to the Corinthians: "I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve." The Apostle speaks here of the living tradition of the Resurrection which he had learned after his conversion at the gates of Damascus.



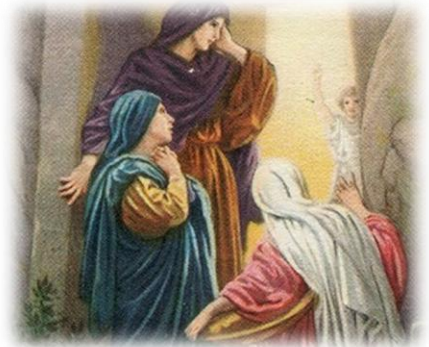
THE EMPTY TOMB

640 "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." The first element we encounter in the framework of the Easter events is the empty tomb. In itself it is not a direct proof of Resurrection; the absence of Christ's body from the tomb could be explained otherwise. Nonetheless the empty tomb was still an essential sign for all. Its discovery by the disciples was the first step toward recognizing the very fact of the Resurrection. This was the case, first with the holy women, and then with Peter. The disciple "whom Jesus loved" affirmed that when he entered the empty tomb and discovered "the linen cloths lying there", "he saw and believed". This suggests that he realized from the empty tomb's condition that the absence of Jesus' body could not have been of human doing and that Jesus had not simply returned to earthly life as had been the case with Lazarus.



THE APPEARANCES OF THE RISEN JESUS

641 Mary Magdalene and the holy women who came to finish anointing the body of Jesus, which had been buried in haste because the Sabbath began on the evening of Good Friday, were the first to encounter the Risen One. Thus the women were the first messengers of Christ's Resurrection for the apostles themselves. They were the next to whom Jesus appears: first Peter, then the Twelve. Peter had been called to strengthen the faith of his brothers, and so sees the Risen One before them; it is on the basis of his testimony that the community exclaims: "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"



642 Everything that happened during those Paschal days involves each of the apostles - and Peter in particular - in the building of the new era begun on Easter morning. As witnesses of the Risen One, they remain the foundation stones of his Church. The faith of the first community of believers is based on the witness of concrete men known to the Christians and for the most part still living among them. Peter and the Twelve are the primary "witnesses to his Resurrection", but they are not the only ones - Paul speaks clearly of more than five hundred persons to whom Jesus appeared on a single occasion and also of James and of all the apostles.





THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS IN POETRY

Easter Communion by Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ

Pure fasted faces draw unto this feast:
God comes all sweetness to your Lenten lips.
You striped in secret with breath-taking whips,
Those crooked rough-scored chequers may be pieced
To crosses meant for Jesu's; you whom the East
With draught of thin and pursuant cold so nips
Breathe Easter now; you serged fellowships,
You vigil-keepers with low flames decreased,

God shall o'er-brim the measures you have spent
With oil of gladness, for sackcloth and frieze
And the ever-fretting shirt of punishment
Give myrrhy-threaded golden folds of ease.
Your scarce-sheathed bones are weary of being bent:
Lo, God shall strengthen all the feeble knees.



Poets and artists can sometimes express truths that the rest of us struggle to express with our prose. Gerard Manley Hopkins, a Jesuit and a convert to Roman Catholicism, is named among the greatest of English poets. He was born in England in 1844 and died in 1889 in Ireland.

