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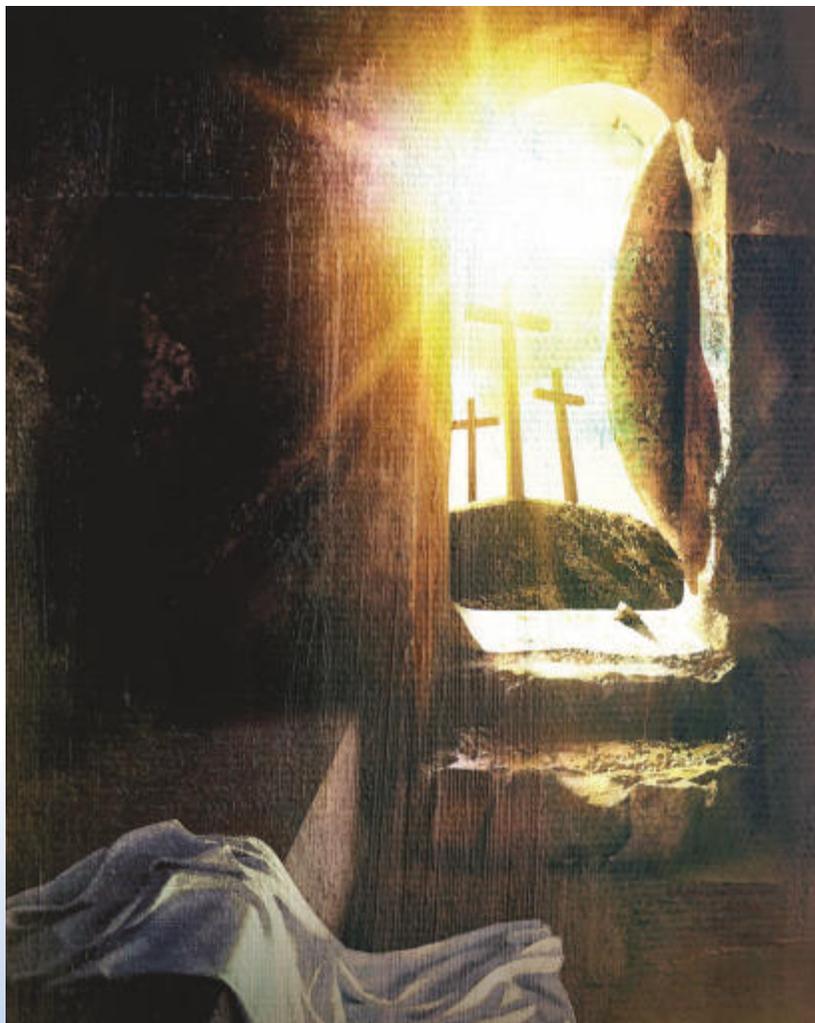
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## EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and 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. - Jn 20:5-7

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APRIL 4, 2021 • EASTER SUNDAY

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**St. Mary's Church — 303 West Monroe Street, Tomah**

Saturday.....4:00pm

Sunday.....7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am

**St. Andrew's Church — 203 May Street, Warrens**

Saturday.....6:00pm

**\*\*Due to space restrictions, all those planning on attending weekend Masses will need to sign up by going to our website or calling the parish office.\*\***

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday.....5:30pm

Wednesday-Friday.....8:00am

School Masses.....Tues/Thurs at 9:30am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday.....4:30pm-5:15pm

Thursday.....5:00pm-6:00pm

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday.....4:00pm-5:15pm

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### **BAPTISM**

Are you a new or expectant parent? Baptism is the sacrament of initiation that welcomes your child into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Parents must complete baptismal preparation prior to their child's reception of the sacrament. Please contact Jon Burbach to schedule a class at 372-4516 x3.

### **MARRIAGE**

At the time of engagement, but not less than six months prior to the wedding, please call the parish office to arrange for marriage preparation and to schedule your specific wedding date.

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please contact the parish office for any sacramental ministry (anointing before a planned surgery, severe illness, etc.) or visitation to the sick or homebound.



## PCCW NEWS

During Masses the weekend of April 10 and 11, we will be completing the last of two collections for the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women this year. This April, the church is open on "Council Sunday." Praise God! The DCCW contributes to many, many worthwhile causes including those listed below:

- Grant to Aid Victims of Human Trafficking
- Lay Formation Institute
- Casa Hogar
- Anti-pornography programs
- Water for Life
- Gifts of Love providing caskets for babies who die in utero or shortly thereafter
- Recordable Books for parents in jail or prison so they can read to their children
- Madonna Plan bringing pregnancy and early childhood healthcare
- Refugee Women Emergency Relief

Please look for the collection baskets near the hand-sanitizing stations and contribute if you are able. *Your generosity is very much appreciated!*

Our monthly meeting will be held in the St. Mary's church hall at 4pm on April 15. Hope to see you there!



## This Week at Queen of the Apostles

### **Tuesday, April 6**

Adoration — 4:00pm-5:15pm

Confession — 4:30pm-5:15pm

Mass — 5:30pm

### **Wednesday, April 7**

Men's Group — 5am, St. Mary's Church Hall

Mass — 8:00am

Religious Ed — 6:00pm, School

### **Thursday, April 8**

Mass — 8:00am

School Mass — 9:30am

Confession — 5:00pm-6:00pm

### **Friday, April 9**

Mass — 8:00am

### **Saturday, April 10**

First Communion Retreat, 8:30am

## GOSPEL REFELCTION

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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**We cannot give up  
in the face of evil.  
God is Love and he has  
defeated evil through  
Christ's death and  
resurrection.**

— Pope Francis —

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## INTENTIONS FOR THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

### Saturday, April 3

8:00 PM

### Holy Saturday

Souls in Purgatory

### Sunday, April 4

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

### Easter Sunday

Ralph Pampuch

Art and Agnes Leis Family

Joanne "Bunny" Griffin

### *St. Andrew — Warrens*

10:00 AM

*Pro populo* of Queen of the  
Apostles Parish

### Tuesday, April 6

*Adoration — 4:00pm-5:15pm*

*Confession — 4:30pm-5:15pm (DK)*

5:30 PM

Those with Cancer

### Wednesday, April 7

8:00 AM

Carrol Schmidt

### Thursday, April 8

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

Jane Schueler

*School:* Muggs Johnson

*Confession — 4:30pm-5:15pm (DK)*

### Friday, April 9

8:00 AM

Intention of Marilyn Peak

### Saturday, April 10

4:00 PM

### Vigil Mass

Living and Deceased Members of  
the Don Rudolph Family

### *St. Andrew — Warrens*

6:00 PM

*Pro populo* of Queen of the  
Apostles Parish

### Sunday, April 11

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Steven Schroeder

Fred Weiner

Robert Mahr



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Keeping Current with  
**Queen of the Apostles**  
CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL



*He is not here, He is Risen!*

In January of 2020, I had the opportunity to go on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with a parish from the Wisconsin Rapids area. One of the many highlights of the trip was going to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem which is a huge church built over the top of both Calvary and the Holy Sepulcher (Tomb of Jesus). We had the privilege of having Mass inside of the Tomb itself.

To be honest, my emotions were on overload. I had just come from Calvary and touched the top of the rock where Jesus was crucified. Now, I was downhill standing in His tomb at Mass. Because of the tight space, Communion time consisted of receiving the Eucharist and then, one at a time, we could go into the burial chamber itself for a moment of reflection and veneration. When I received the Eucharist, I bent down and went into the actual burial chamber to briefly see and touch the empty limestone burial bed on which Jesus was laid to rest. I thought to myself, "This was THE ACTUAL PLACE OF THE RESURRECTION!"

But then a funny thought struck me. Jesus was not there, He was risen! It was one of those "No kidding, Sherlock!" moments. I then fully comprehended the obvious fact that He was not in the tomb, because I had just received His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist moments before. Yes, spending time in the tomb was amazing, but knowing that He now lives in me, is mind-blowing! Through the gift of the Eucharist, the Resurrected Jesus now lives in all of us!

Today, life is changed. Christ has rolled back the stone and presents us with His empty tomb. He now trades the limestone burial bed on which He was laid to rest, for the altar of our church, where He comes to present us with His Life. We just need to say "yes" to this gift. Let us remember this fact and mystery of our faith, so that we may worthily receive Him in Holy Communion every time we come to Mass.

Jesus Christ is risen today! He is risen indeed, and HE lives in YOU!

Happy Easter!  
Deacon Bob

## QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES SCHOOL

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**School Office:** (608) 372-5765

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 7:30am-3:30pm

**Student Mass Schedule:**

Grades 4K-2 — No Mass

Grades 3-5 — Thursday at 9:30am

**April 7:** School Resumes

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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**Wednesday, April 7**

Levels K-5: Class — 6:00pm-7:00pm

Levels 6-9 (B): Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm

Level 10 (All): Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm

**Wednesday, April 14**

Levels K-5: Class — 6:00pm-7:00pm

Levels 6-9 (A): Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm

Level 10 (A): Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm

### The Octave of Easter

The Resurrection "gives life" and meaning to every other aspect of our Faith, almost literally! Our Church wouldn't exist if Christ hadn't risen from the dead. Had this not occurred, the world could have concluded that Jesus was a fraud and Christianity wouldn't be a thing. But it *did* happen. This makes Easter Week the greatest week of the Church year.

Modernly speaking, if something is "the mother," it is the boss. It is a major finding, strikingly powerful, and/or something that is hard (if not impossible) to overtake. This is also true of Easter. It is "the mother" of all feasts. Unlike at Christmas, no other feast is ever celebrated during the Easter Octave. For eight days straight, every day is Easter (liturgically speaking). The Gospels throughout the Masses that week all tell different aspects of the Easter story.

What a lot of Catholics don't realize is that most of these stories actually took place on the same day as Jesus' Resurrection. The ones that don't happened only days later. All of them are a part of the Resurrection story, which is why all eight days are Easter:

**Monday:** Mary and the Other Mary find the Tomb Empty

**Tuesday:** Mary Magdalene Returns to the Tomb, Weeps, Sees the Resurrected Lord

**Wednesday:** Jesus Appears to Two Disciples on the Road to Emmaus

**Thursday:** Jesus Appears to the Hidden Apostles

**Friday:** Jesus Helps the Apostles Fish

**Saturday:** Jesus Instructs the Apostles to See, Believe, and Preach the Gospel

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### WEDDING BANNERS 1



*Lauren Downing and  
Matthew Dunn*



## WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE?

**LIGHT**  
The light of Christ that shines in the darkness.

**FIRE**  
It represents Christ's resurrection.

**GRAINS OF INCENSE**  
They represent the 5 wounds of Christ.

**ALPHA AND OMEGA**  
Christ is the beginning and end of all things.

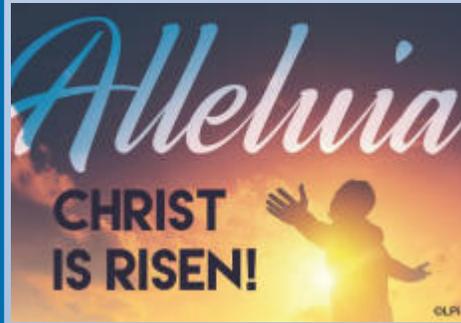
**CROSS**  
It represents Christ and his eternal light.

**YEAR**  
It reminds us of God's presence here and now.

Source: Aleteia.com

## Christ is Risen! Now What?

By Father Robert McTeigue, SJ



Would you have gotten Easter right the first time around? Before you answer, let's consider what is recorded in Scripture: Time after time, the risen Lord was unrecognized (e.g., a gardener, a ghost);

those who saw him were frightened; and those who heard his witnesses did not believe his witnesses. Thomas insisted on probing the wounds of the risen Lord. Even when the apostles started to get it right, the results were mixed: "And when they saw him, they worshiped, but some doubted." (Matthew 28:17)

So we should not be surprised when we read: "But later, as the Eleven were at table, he appeared to them and rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart because they had not believed those who saw him after he had been raised." (Mark 16:14) Sure glad that doesn't apply to us! Right? Or does it?

If we live as if we are spiritual orphans, if we live as if God does not want the best for us, if we live as if we can have room for idols and still welcome Christ—then we suffer from unbelief and hardness of heart. Nowadays, if we live as if COVID-19 were sovereign and Christ is not, then that rebuke applies to us.

Fortunately, for them and for us, our risen Lord did not stop with a rebuke. He does not say to the repentant: "Never mind, I'm done with you!" No. Instead he says to the repentant, to those who refuse to be governed by their fears, to those who strive to become stronger than their excuses, to those, Our lord says: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) He commands us to believe and to proclaim. And because God our Lord always provides for his will, we can draw the following conclusions:

We have a mission of proclamation. Each and all of the baptized must be heralds of the gospel. We have a mission of reconciliation. Each and all of the baptized must be made right with God, and help others to be made right with God. We are equipped for our mission. Each and all of the baptized have been anointed by the Holy Spirit, and can be fitting and fruitful instruments in God's hands.

We are never alone in our mission. Each and all of the baptized live our mission in the presence of Christ crucified, risen, reigning and returning. So, now what? What shall we do? In this time of fear and doubt, what shall we do? Let's pray, let's give thanks, and let's get busy. We can pray to see the presence of the risen Lord in the Scriptures, in the history of the Church and in the history of our own lives. We can give thanks for Christ's fidelity, victory and providence. And we must get busy—the corporal and spiritual works of mercy are especially needed in this time of crisis. Let us live our lives in such a way that our lives can only be explained by the truth that Christ is risen!

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