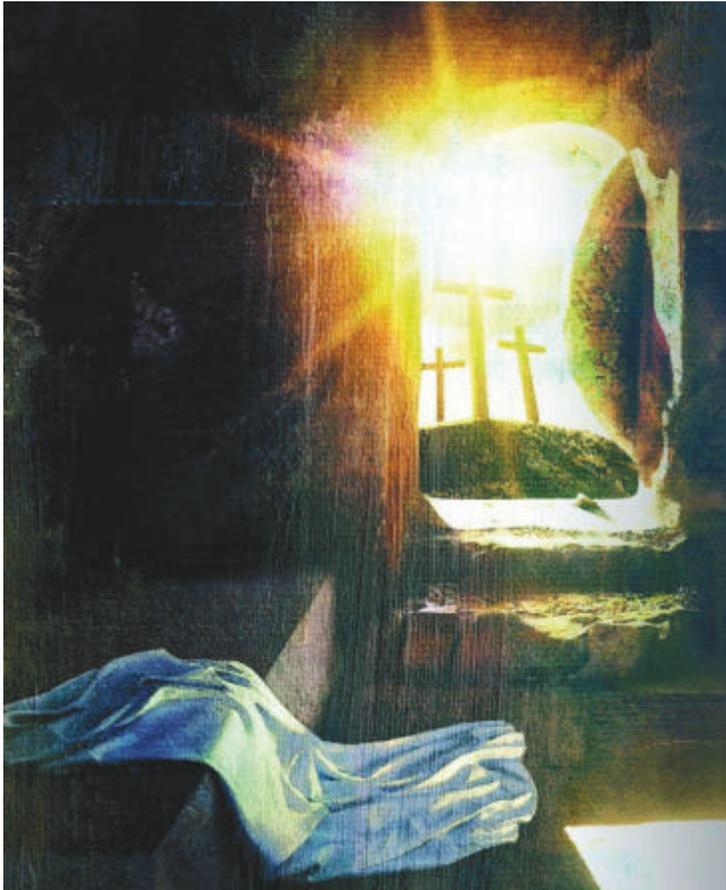


# April 4th, 2021 — Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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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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### CLERGY

Fr. Leonard Andrie, Pastor  
Deacon John Allgaier

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekend:

- Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

#### Weekdays:

- Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 7:00 am
- Wednesday 5:30 pm

### SACRAMENTS

#### Reconciliation:

Wednesday: 5:00 to 5:25 pm  
Saturday: 8:30 to 9:30 am  
4:00 to 4:30 pm

#### Baptism:

Call Liz Lammers, 952-473-4422, to schedule Baptism preparation class.

#### Matrimony:

Call Geri Korman, 952-261-0560, at least six months in advance to schedule wedding preparations.

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Tuesday: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Wednesday: 7:30 am to 8:00 pm
- Thursday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Friday: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Saturday: 8:30 am to 10:00 am

#### PASTORAL CARE

For the sick, homebound, dying and bereaved, contact the Parish Office at 952-473-4422.

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## A Message from Father Andrie

### Be Not Afraid!

Oddly, one of the things I enjoy doing is visiting cemeteries and looking at various headstones. Naturally, headstones typically identify the deceased's name with the date he or she was born and passed away. In between the date of birth and death is a little dash.

Sometimes priests speak during funeral homilies about "living the dash" well. At funerals, families take time to reflect and share stories about how their loved one lived the dash. Of course, they pray that their loved one enters into eternal life with Christ, the Blessed Mother, and all the saints, i.e., life without an end date.

Think about your own headstone for a moment. Not to be morbid on Easter Sunday, but it's important to think about your own mortality now and then. If you were to put an epitaph on it, what would it say? How do you want people to remember you? Certainly, for Peter, whose grave is below the main altar at St. Peter's in Rome, it could say, "Witness." He was a witness of Jesus Christ, i.e., His life, death, and Resurrection.

In seminary, we had a professor who was known for being kind of a grump. He said, "On my headstone, my epitaph will be, 'I am going to arise.'" When I was a teenager, to be funny, I probably would have added a line, "If you step on my grave."

In all seriousness, there is something to be said about my professor's faith. He *really* believed – staked his entire life on it – that Jesus is Risen from the dead. He was grumpy, but his faith was rock solid. He was known for saying, "I see our Easter lilies are dying, how's your Easter faith?"

In our first reading this morning, Peter is giving quite the homily. He reminds those listening (both livestreamed and in person) what God has done in Jesus of Nazareth. It is well-known all over Judea. Speaking of Jesus, Peter says, "*He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.*" Upon first hearing this line, I thought, "That would be a great epitaph for our Lord." He went about doing good – healing those oppressed by the devil – and God was with Him.

And then I began thinking, "While good, this wouldn't be sufficient. It does not *fully* capture the glory, power, love, and truth of our Lord." Our Lord's tomb is at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. A better epitaph for our Lord's tomb would be, "*He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him.*" (Mk 16:6)

In light of our challenging past year, we could say that Jesus is not quarantined in His tomb. The shelter-in-place executive order applied by the Romans does not apply to Jesus. No, He is free! He is alive. He is Risen! And He is victorious over fear, sickness, sin, and thankfully, even death!

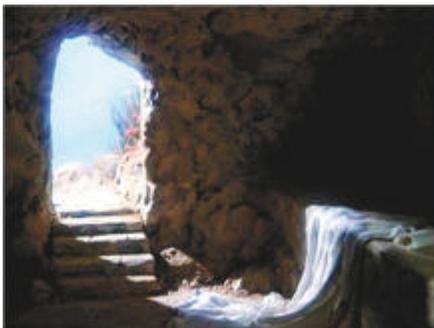
Today we can breathe a little easier because, with the Resurrection, our Lord has cured the greatest sickness of all, the pandemic of sin, and removed the fear of death. As we all know, sin is like a virus that digs into the soul and compromises your ability to breathe in deeply God's love, the Holy Spirit. It compromises your ability to be a saint, a man or woman who is fully alive, fully you, as God intended you to be!

Again, in light of our current year, we could say that Jesus and His Resurrection is the vaccine, the cure, for the sickness of our fallen human condition. Peter said, "He went about doing good and *healing* all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." Notice that Peter says healing, i.e., healing the whole person – body, mind, spirit, and soul.

Turning to Christ, we could say that He disinfects your minds from doubt, and sanitizes not just your hands, but also your hearts with His blood. And as He forgives, He gives you the Holy Spirit so that you breathe in God's life and love more deeply.

In short, Jesus draws you out of a self-enclosed life – a quarantined life – a life focused only on yourself and your needs to a generous life – a life of communion with our Lord, our Blessed Mother, the angels, and saints, and those around you! *This* is the good life! A life of generosity and communion is the healthy life!

**Jesus is Risen!**



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My brothers and sisters in Christ, we are not out of the woods from the current pandemic yet. However, that's okay! We have *every* reason to continue being a people of encouragement, hope, and joy. Christ is Risen from the dead. Therefore, you have *nothing* to fear. I have said it before and I will say it again, "It's a great time to be a saint!"

On behalf of our parish and staff, I extend you many blessings and much joy in the Risen Christ!

**Happy Easter!**

<b>Monday</b>	4/5	Chapel is not open at this time
<b>Tuesday</b>	4/6	*7:00am †Paul, Tim, Pat & Frances Labat
<b>Wednesday</b>	4/7	*7:00am †Rev. Robert Kapoun 8:00am For our Teachers & Staff 5:30pm †John Heyvaert
<b>Thursday</b>	4/8	*7:00am †Gregory Dixon
<b>Friday</b>	4/9	*7:00am †LaVerne Torborg 8:00am James Kaczynski
<b>Saturday</b>	4/10	*8:00am Jim Korman Sr. 5:00pm †Dolores Mauer
<b>Sunday</b>	4/11	8:00am For the People *Restreamed at noon 10:00am †John Keeble

- Apr 6:** Bible Study
- Apr 11:** Divine Mercy Sunday
- Apr 17/18:** ICA Food Collection Weekend
- Apr 19:** Sharing & Caring Hands
- Apr 20:** Bible Study
- Apr 21/22:** Consoled by Jesus Grief Mtgs
- May 1:** Flower Sale Pick Up
- May 2:** Outdoor Mass
- May 6:** St. Elizabeth's Book Club  
*"Illuminations: a Novel of H. Von Bingen"*
- May 8/9:** Community Caring for Life  
Flower Sale

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### Readings for the Week

#### Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

### Remember in Your Prayers

Rochelle (Daniels) Ratzloff, Theresa Nelson, Michael Scott, Bill Ashenbach, Richard Morton, Sr. Cecilia Albury, Aleen Okey, Kailey Giancola, Luke Hauser, Mary Pat O'Connell.  
*To be included in requests, you or a family member should call the parish office, 952-473-4422. Names will be shown at least 30 days or as space allows.*



### ARTICLES/INSERTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

To have something printed in the body of the bulletin, please submit the article 10 days prior to publication. Inserts are forms or flyers with information that will not fit in the body of the bulletin. Please submit inserts 5 days prior to publication. To have a pulpit announcement made during weekend liturgies, please submit it by noon on the Thursday prior to announcing. Submissions may be emailed to Catherine at [crupp@st-therese.org](mailto:crupp@st-therese.org).

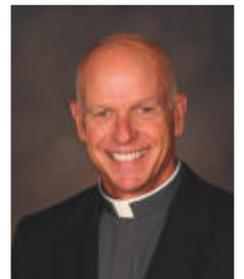
### Deacon John's Corner

#### Look Up!

From a very early age we are taught to look down. When a toddler is walking for the first time, they often don't seem to think about what might be on the floor ahead of them, that something might trip them up. Over time, often by trial and error, a toddler will start looking down when they walk. As they become more proficient in walking, they will be able to look up and walk, while maintaining an awareness of the things that might trip them up.

This week in St Paul's letter to the Colossians (Col 3:1-4), we are told that since we are "raised with Christ" we should seek things that are above, "where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God... and not on things that are on earth." There are a lot of things on earth that are good, like food, our parents, love, and support. But like toddlers, there are many things that can trip us up, like pride, envy, greed, and our ego. We are called to be like that toddler, by being aware of those things that might trip us up. However, at the same time, we are called to look up to our risen Lord, who showed us that we are meant for greatness beyond this earth.

We are called to rise with Jesus. We are called to our own Easter. This can only happen if we look up!



## St. Therese Catholic School & Early Learning Center

As we enter the Easter Season, the STS Student Council sponsored an **Easter-Themed Door Decorating Contest!** From infants through 8th grade, all were excited to join the fun and get in the Easter Spirit. Here are some of the festive doors filling the halls of St. Therese School!



**The Early Childhood Program at St. Therese is a fun and enriching place to be!** Want to join the fun?  
Contact: Jo Ellen Begalke at 952-261-0587 or on-line at [jbegalke@st-therese.org](mailto:jbegalke@st-therese.org) or Emily Rohla at [erohla@st-therese.org](mailto:erohla@st-therese.org).

## Faith Formation



### Taking the Lessons of Lent Into the Easter Season

by John Masterson, Loyola Press

Throughout Lent we took time to reflect on how we can grow closer to God through prayer, acts of service, and reflecting on the life of Christ. How do we apply the lessons learned and the experiences witnessed during Lent and Holy Week?

While Lent and Holy Week help us be reflective and penitential, we can examine our consciences and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the year. The more we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the more we can work on our intimate relationship with Christ and one another.

We also deepened our prayer lives. Jesus went to the garden to be alone with his Father before the start of his Passion, preparing to endure what was to come. Prayer helps us receive the grace we need to face the particular challenges of each day. Allow the new forms of prayer practiced during Lent to become part of the daily routine in Easter and beyond. Before we can share our faith with others, we ourselves need to be in union with Christ.

Through our Lenten almsgiving, we witnessed the importance of serving others, a message which we receive clearly during the Triduum. On Holy Thursday we heard how Jesus knelt down and washed the disciples' feet before the meal (John 13:1–20). Jesus, our role model, was telling us that there is nothing too small or beneath us when it comes to showing love for our neighbor.

On Holy Thursday we also celebrated the Institution of the Eucharist (Matthew 26:26–30). The Apostles thought they were gathering around the table for the Seder celebration, a tradition they had been honoring since their youth. During this celebration Jesus took the bread, blessed it, and said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then, giving thanks, he took the cup and said, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant." The Eucharist is the grace-filled nourishment we all need to live as disciples of Christ.

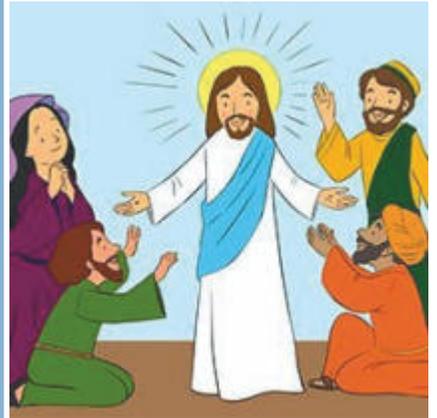
Jesus' final Holy Week lesson was his Passion. As he was being arrested, scourged, crowned, and ridiculed, as he carried his Cross and breathed his last breath, Jesus taught us the power of self-denial and sacrificial love. Holy Saturday was a day of anticipation. On this day every church around the world waited, with the tabernacle doors wide open and empty, waiting and longing to be filled again with the Body of Christ.

The lessons of Lent and Holy Week are never finished. Jesus is our role model, and when we apply the lessons we learned during these seasons throughout the year, we will become Easter people who sing, "Jesus has risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

### Questions of the Week

**Adult:** What impact does the Resurrection of Jesus have on your world view?

**Child:** Name one way that you will celebrate the new life of Easter this week.



### The Joy of Easter: A Prayer for Children

Oh, dear Lord, when I first learned  
about your Crucifixion,  
fear was in my heart.

Knowing what they did to you  
is hard to understand.  
I was worried that we lost you  
but trusted, this was planned.

Now, I understand the joy  
your painful path would bring.  
Now, I know your sacrifice  
that we rejoice and sing.

Behold the joy of Easter,  
the miracle we were shown.  
Rejoice your Resurrection,  
our faith forever sown.

## Financial Stewardship

February 2021 COLLECTIONS	Feb-21	Feb-20	Year over Year	Fiscal Year to Date	Prior Year thru February	Year over Year
Sunday Envelope & Electronic Gifts	\$ 92,370.04	\$ 95,319.42	\$ (2,949.38)	\$ 1,082,084.36	\$ 874,652.60	\$ 207,431.76
Sunday Plate	\$ 1,706.71	\$ 5,526.74	\$ (3,820.03)	\$ 16,057.03	\$ 50,370.24	\$ (34,313.21)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 94,076.75</b>	<b>\$ 100,846.16</b>	<b>\$ (6,769.41)</b>	<b>\$ 1,098,141.39</b>	<b>\$ 925,022.84</b>	<b>\$ 173,118.55</b>

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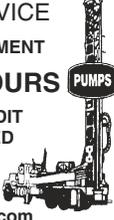
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