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SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022

## EASTER SUNDAY



The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

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**Alleluia!** The exclamation rings out across the land, and we who are disciples of Jesus Christ pause to reflect on the reality that he rose from the grave and, in turn, conquered death. In today's colleges and universities, in pulpits of every denomination, and in books and journals, there are those who say it is unimportant whether or not he really rose from the dead. They say that the facts do not impact the moral of the story. Of course, two thousand years of Christianity give evidence that they are incorrect. What the faithful of many generations have experienced and given testimony to is not something built on an idea. It is not a philosophy or a self-help psychology. The church is a direct result of real events in the course of human history. Without those real events, we simply follow a man who showed us a different way to live. Instead, we follow a God who emptied himself into a human form, suffered the pain of torture and death at the hands of those he had created, and then shattered the chains of death so that we in our human form may follow suit. Today, humanity is redeemed. It is time to face the facts!

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things. They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't! Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live.



**Readings for the Week of April 17, 2022**

- 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 Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31



**Easter Sunday, April 17**

- 8:00am +Rev. Ferdinand Buccafurni
- 9:30am Mercedarian Benefactors
- 11:30am In Thanksgiving
- 8:00pm +Bruno/Talarico/Mollinedo Family

**Monday, April 18**

- 8:30am +Rev. Michael R. Rock, O. de M.

**Tuesday, April 19**

- 8:30am +Leah and Charles Cave

**Wednesday, April 20**

- 8:30am +All Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, April 21**

- 8:30am Augustin Le

**Friday, April 22**

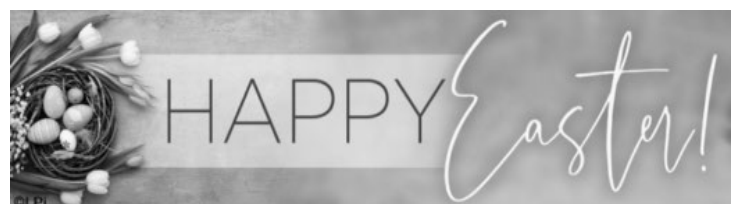
- 8:30am +Julia Marie Michelle Dupre

**Saturday, April 23**

- 8:30am In Honor of the BVM
- 4:00pm +Edward and Marie Loney

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24**

- 8:00am Pro Populo
- 9:30am +James Jimmo
- 11:30am +Grace Rock
- 8:00pm Mercedarian Benefactors



**Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?**

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”



**Fr. Matthew will lead a Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022 from 3pm to 4pm with EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION, CHANTING OF THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY, AND EUCHARISTIC BENEDICTION. Confessions will continue during the Holy Hour and after if needed.**

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM**

Please remember the souls of the faithfully departed.

**REMEMBER OUR SICK**

*Dorothy Hardy, Kurt Mohammed, Patricia Nicholson, Colin Rambran, Avery Lofton, Eugene Colombaro, Monica Rambran, Yosan Gabriel, Jenell Sifontis, Cathy Norman, Sabrina Freeman, Leslie Wade, Esmond Family, Scott Stierbeim, Sr. Mary Charles, A.S.S.P., Mecca Taylor, Melissa Becker, Christian Lafty, Lisa Becker, Debbie Everett, Nigel Simon, Donald Graham, Jean Hargraves, Marci Wade, Mary Frances Doran, Maureen Doran Hendrix, Melissa Potts, Cayla Wade, Theresa Gilliam, Suzanne Dupre, Indramattie Somwaru, John Bricker, Alina Simon, Carmelina Desiderio, Graham Family, Samantha Johnson, Charles Epps, Ramona Wade, David and Gay Cooper, Jack Weber, Dolores M. Hasson, Miguel Pulido, Matthew Pulido, Alex Julius Wade, Bernadette Sanchez, Kaela Marie Davis, Domenick Pulcinello, Catherine Joseph, Dolores Bambach, Ronald Bambach, Carole Moore*

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For families whose children will be receiving First Holy Communion, Mark Your Calendar!

- Saturday, April 23, 2022 Review & Practice for First Penance
  - Sunday, April 24, 2022 First Penance
  - Saturday, May 14, 2022 First Holy Communion Retreat
  - Saturday, May 21, 2022 First Holy Communion
  - Sunday, May 22, 2022 First Holy Communion
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**STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE  
GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

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*Collection will be posted next week due to the holiday*

*Thank You for your continued support and generosity.*

**AID FOR UKRAINE**



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has recently announced that funds received in this year's Collection for Aid to the Church in Eastern and Central Europe will be earmarked for Ukraine. For those wanting to make a direct contribution, visit: [www.ukrarcheparchy.us/donate](http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/donate). A direct link is also available by clicking on the Flag of Ukraine at our parish website: [www.ourladylourdes.org](http://www.ourladylourdes.org). Your prayers and support will make a difference.

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THE DEAF MASS**

The Archdiocesan Celebration honoring the gifts of Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Community will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 2:30pm at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Phila., PA. **All Are Welcome!** Visit: [www.opdarchphilly.com](http://www.opdarchphilly.com)

**MOTHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES RETREAT**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at Malvern Retreat House, David and Mercedes Rizzio will lead a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. Visit: [www.opdarchphilly.com](http://www.opdarchphilly.com) or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**



Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 pm Vigil Mass with Archbishop Nelson Pérez presiding. To Register, call 215-587-0500 or visit: [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org)







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