

EASTER SUNDAY



APRIL 4, 2021

RISEN CHRIST Catholic Parish

Dear Friends in Christ,

I don't know what it has been like for you, but to me it feels like LENT 2020 never ended! Just over a year ago - right in the middle of Lent - Masses were suspended and the country went into lockdown. We didn't get to have Holy Week together. We didn't even get to have EASTER together. And the months that followed were tumultuous on many levels.

But today we REJOICE! Jesus is risen from the dead!

At the Easter Vigil, we celebrate Mass after nightfall. The liturgy begins in darkness, but the Paschal Candle processes into the church to bring light. It is a reminder that while we live under the oppressive darkness of sin and death, Jesus is the light for the world and his resurrection destroys the darkness!

There is a beautiful line from the Easter Vigil that captures the joy of the celebration: "The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners." There should be exclamation points on the ends of each of those phrases! It is such great news! The resurrection of Jesus dispels wickedness! His victory over sin washes away our faults and restores our innocence! He meets us in our sadness to give us abundant joy!

This is the source of our Christian hope. Jesus rose again and offers this to us! Even when the whole world is consumed in darkness and suffering and sadness, Jesus is our light. With him, we begin again! He is our hope, our joy, and our life!

Jesus is risen from the dead! We can't keep that truth quietly to ourselves. We're called to share it with joy and enthusiasm. With an exclamation point! This Easter, let's proclaim that Good News to the world: Jesus Christ is Risen!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Scott

**ALL WEEKEND MASSES
REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION
AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED!**

**DAILY MASSES ARE OPEN!
NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED
MASKS AND SOCIAL
DISTANCING REQUIRED!**

Daily: 6:30am, 8:00am and 12:15pm
Saturday: 8:30am and 4:00pm (LIVESTREAMED)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:30pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 9:00am & 2:30pm
Sunday: 4:45pm
Wednesday: 11:15am

OFFICE OPEN

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY
Tuesday and Thursday By Appt. Only!**

Parish Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday: 8:30am—5:00pm
Friday: 8:30am—3:00pm
Closed for lunch: Monday-Friday
12:15pm—12:45pm**

Welcome to Risen Christ Catholic Parish

For most Catholics, the parish is the most concrete experience of the Church. Together we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, celebrate his Sacraments, and exercise his works of mercy. Strengthened by the Lord, we live our faith publicly so that all might participate in his salvation and discover the lasting joy of a relationship with him. Fr. Scott Bailey and the staff invite everyone to participate in our ministries, activities, and liturgies; there are opportunities for spiritual growth and to share your faith with others. Risen Christ Catholic Parish welcomes all visitors and is happy to have you pray with us.

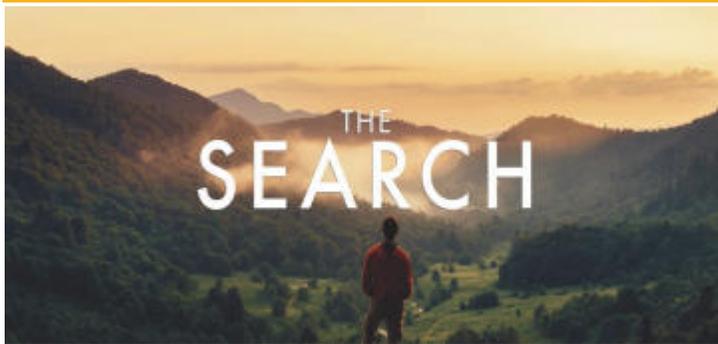
*Week at a Glance***Readings for the week of April 4, 2021**

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

Friday Morning Men's Group – Salvation History

Have you ever wanted to walk through the events of the Old Testament – the complete history of God's people, in order, and with a great guide who can explain it and make it as exciting and applicable to your life as it really is? If you've always wanted to see the full picture of the Old Testament and its fulfillment in Christ but haven't had time for the Catholic Biblical School, or if you've wanted to get to know and discuss our faith with other men, this program is for you. This men's group meets every Friday by Zoom from 6:30am to 7:30am – so men can start their day with faith and fellowship and still get or connect to work at an early hour. While the group meets every week, it's not necessary to attend every session – feel free to join when you can!

However, to participate, you do need to sign up. To do that, go to our parish website and click on "Friday Morning Men's Group – Salvation History." So, grab a cup of coffee, turn on your computer, and join your brothers on an invigorating and challenging journey through *Salvation History!*

**Join us for a (repeat) of the Series "The Search"**

Starting Tuesday, April 13th— and runs every Tuesday evening through June 1st @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Also virtually starting Thursday evening April 15th running through Thursday, June 3rd @ 6:30pm via Zoom!

It's been a challenging year. Are you finding it difficult to keep God as the center of your life? The parish is offering a repeat inspirational seven-part series called "The Search" to help viewers grow deeper in their relationships with each other, with creation and with the author of all things. Whether a life-long searcher, someone who has left the faith or an agnostic waiting for facts, "The Search" is sure to reignite the love for the journey and open the heart to the transcendent. The new program begins Tuesday, April 13th and runs through Tuesday, June 1st. Sign up today on our website! Please see our website for more information!

www.risenchristchurch.org

*Upcoming Events***ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL**

Monday—Friday @ 8:30am-12:00pm

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 5TH OFFICE CLOSED**INTRO INTO CATHOLICISM—MYSTAGOGY**

Tuesday, April 6th @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

VIRTUAL BIBLICAL SCHOOL—NO CLASS**EASTER BREAK****RE & MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Wednesday, April 7th @ 6:30pm

IN IPSO CLASS

Thursday, April 8th @ 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

WOMEN OF RISEN CHRIST

Saturday, April 10th @ 9:00am in the Seminar Room

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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.

Please Pray for the Sick:

Ann Andreotti, Sallie Hurley, Benjamin Rewalt,
Fr. James Smith and Sherril Solomon

**Please Pray for the Deceased:**

Tom Benson, Rosemary Dines and John Healy

**CALL THE OFFICE FOR ANY PRAYER
INTENTIONS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Please remember in your prayers all expectant mothers and the
children in their wombs, especially those from Risen Christ.**

Teresa G.—March; Marie R.—April; Tracy Z.—May; Dita L.—May; Allison
L.—June; Mary R.—June; Lauren B.—July; Megan B.—September;
Houda M.—September

All Expectant Mothers!

*If you are a member of our parish and you are
pregnant, please contact the office with your first name and due date
so that we can keep a rose in the vase in the Holy Family Chapel
during your pregnancy and we can pray for the
healthy development of your child.*

**THE WOMEN OF RISEN CHRIST WILL BE MEETING ON
SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH AT 9:00AM IN THE SEMINAR
ROOM. THEY WILL BE PACKAGING EASTER CANDY FOR
DOWNTOWN HOMELESS SHELTERS. PLEASE BRING AN
ASSORTMENT OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY WITH
YOU THAT MORNING.**



Join us for the first *Converging Roads* medical ethics conference presented by
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the Archdiocese of Denver, Centura Health, and SCL Health.
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one-day conference offers continuing education for healthcare professionals
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**In Person and Online | Risen Christ Catholic Parish | Denver, CO
THIS Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 8:30am-7:30pm**

Mass Celebrant & Speaker: Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila, STL,
Archbishop of Denver

Speakers: Paul Hruz, MD, PhD; Ashley Fernandes, MD, PhD, FAAP;
Sarah E. Hetue Hill, PhD; Dominique J. Monlezun, MD, PhD, PhD, MPH;
and more!

In-Person Registration ranges from \$69-\$149 based on CME/CNE inclusion.
Online Registration ranges from \$39-\$119 based on CME/CNE inclusion
Student scholarship rate is \$15 for In-Person attendance and \$0 for
Online attendance.

For more information, please visit convergingroads.com or
email amelia@forlifeandfamily.org.



Intro to Catholicism!
Instructor: Jason Cox, M.T.S.
Tuesday, 6:30pm-7:15pm
in the Parish Hall—Masks Required

April 6th—Mystagogy

Online Option— (repeat of Tuesday)
Thursdays on Zoom
(Meeting ID 3037588826, no password)

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USHERS NEEDED!

**If you would like to become a weekly usher for any
of the weekend Masses in the near future, please
email or call Jeanne Iske at
jiske@risenchristchurch.org or 303-758-8826 to get
signed up.
THANK YOU!**

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*Parish Information**Mass Intentions and Readings***Baptism**

Call the parish office to register for a Baptism class. Classes are held the second Wednesday of even numbered months at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Baptisms are scheduled after the 11:00am Sunday Mass only.

Marriage

Couples wanting to get married at Risen Christ need to contact us at least 8 months prior to their wedding to discuss marriage preparation. An initial meeting will be scheduled to discuss the marriage preparation process in more detail.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process for bringing adults into the church (converts) and for Catholic adults who need to complete the initiation sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Call the parish office for more information.

Religious Education for Children

Please call the parish office for registration information and for class information.

Sacrament of the Sick

In the case of serious illness in the family, contact the parish office immediately. Please do not wait until death is imminent.

Adoration Chapel

Parishioners may contact the office to receive the code for the door to the chapel.

Lost & Found Items

Any item lost in the church or in the office building will be held in the parish office for one month before being discarded.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FUTURE MASSES,
PLEASE CALL OR STOP BY THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE.**

Sunday, April 4—EASTER—Church

7:30am—Delores Clark+

9:00am—Janice Bush+

11:00am—Nadene Kline+

Sunday, April 4 —EASTER—Gym

7:30am—Judy Lambert+

9:00am—Jamila Bahdry+

11:00am—Rae Fitzgerald+

Monday, April 5

6:30am—Cleo Fenske+

8:00am—Int. of Ron Bergin

12:15pm—James Wagner+

Tuesday, April 6

6:30am—Mary Ellen Boyer+

8:00am—Frank Wolf+

12:15pm—Millie Belknap+

Wednesday, April 7

6:30am—Michael Valenti+

8:00am—Parishioners

12:15pm—Mitchell James+

Thursday, April 8

6:30am—Keri Lutz+

8:00am—John Price, Sr.+

12:15pm—Mary Vosberg+

Friday, April 9

6:30am—Joe Staab+

8:00am—Joseph Horrigan+

12:15pm—Mary Eileen Shine-Abell+

Saturday, April 10

8:00am—Joseph Horrigan+

4:00pm—Joseph Franzgrote+

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Receive emails or texts from our ministries through Flocknote. You can sign-up to receive messages and updates from: Fr. Scott (his weekly “From the Pastor’s Desk”)

- Religious Education
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Text the keyword **monaco** to the number 84576, then click on the link you receive by text. That link will let you choose the ministries you’d like to hear from. Or sign-up on our website at <https://risenchristchurch.org/flocknote>.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
UPCOMING FOOD BANKS**

Our next food bank will be **Thursday, April 8th**. We are in need of volunteers at **2:00pm** in our parking lot to help unload the truck from Food Bank of the Rockies, pre-box, then distribute the food to the poor. We will need about 30 volunteers. To volunteer please email: Rick @ risaylor@aol.com.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT ONLINE GIVING!

Giving online is easy and allows you to setup automatic recurring contributions. Go to our website www.risenchristchurch.org and click on the red “donate” button to set up an account!

Other News



Please remember in prayer these men & women who are in our military:

LT Andrew Faciszewski (Air Force); 1LT John Paul Caldwell (Army); LTC Tyler Canter (Army); MAJ Garrett Nakazono (Army); PFC Matthew Nelson (Army); MAJ Gregory O'Malley (Army); CPT Mary O'Malley (Army); PVT Jakob Skinner (Army); CPT Bret Bartlett (Marines); LCPL Anthony Edwards (Marines); LCPL Robinson Goldman (Marines); CPL Danny Summer (Marines); PO Jessica Quaile (Navy); LT Alec Rynaski (Navy); 2LT Patrick Neff (Air Force); SN Brady Fossett Navy); TSGT Connor Smith (Air Force); TSGT Peter C. Wirth (Air Force); W-1 Gabriel Varela (Army); TSGT Jesse R. Albin (Air Force); PO3 Christopher McCabe (Navy); MSTG Tony Mercado, Jr. (Air Force); Samuel Kenny (Army); LTJG Angela Naple (Navy Nurse Corps); SSGT Damon Daniels (Air Force); E-1 Christian Farris (Navy).

If you have an immediate family member who is on active duty in the military, call the office with name, rank and the branch of service the person is serving in.

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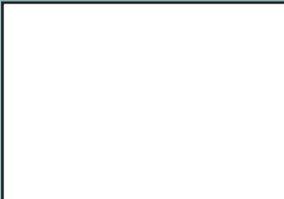
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