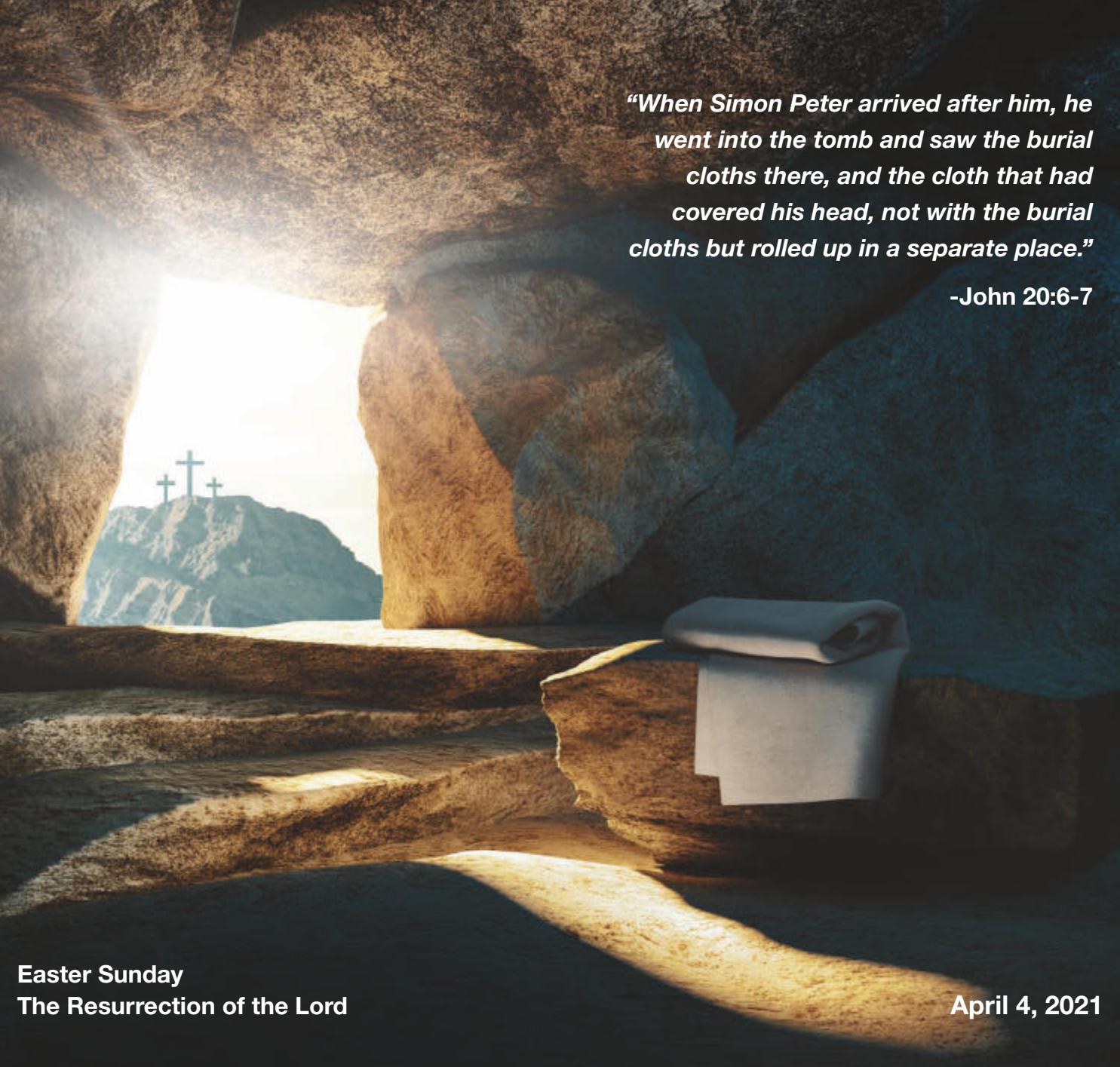


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***"When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place."***

-John 20:6-7

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The Resurrection of the Lord**

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### A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or fury woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

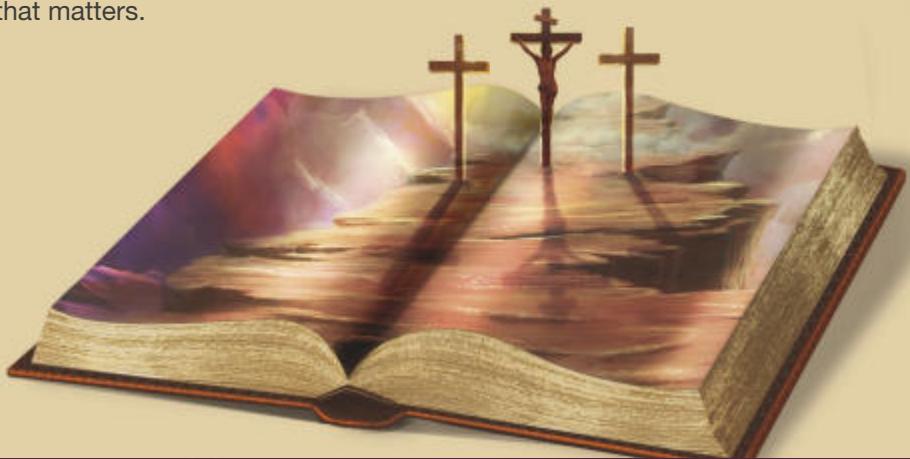
I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

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## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

## STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021

	This Week	2020	2019	2021 CSA Goal:	
Sunday Offertory -3/28/21	\$14,409	\$5,624	\$27,724	Pledges:	\$244,567
Online Offertory	\$7,378	\$5,390	\$4,770	Cash Receipts as of 3/28/2021:	\$175,539
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$21,787</b>	<b>\$11,014</b>	<b>\$32,494</b>	<b>Participating Families:</b>	<b>\$106,132</b>
Poor Box - Catholic Charities	\$149	\$ -	\$400		347

### Electronic Giving

Our parish relies on your consistent financial support to better plan for yearly expenses. There are currently three forms of electronic giving to create easy opportunities for regular giving:

1. Give online by going to our website and clicking on the "Online Giving" link on our homepage.
2. Give via the GivePlus Church App by going to your App Store and downloading the free app.
3. Give via text by texting the dollar amount to 702.935.1246 and following the instructions.

*We thank you in advance for your consistant support.*

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

The celebration of Easter remains the high point of the liturgical year. The celebration of the Paschal Mystery is pivotal in the life of the Church. For Christ the Lord is risen! He sleeps no more. The Lord, the great conqueror of death, has overcome the grave. He lives forever and ever.

At the Easter Vigil, we celebrate the ***Lucernarium***, the Service of Light. We celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ, the light which destroys the darkness of sin. In the ***Exsultet***, the deacon or cantor sings with joy, ***"Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!"*** Indeed, the days of His Passion are over. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus the Saviour from the tomb. Death has no power over Him.

Christ the Savior paid our debts on the cross. To the glory of God, He rose again on the third day and brought us new life. He has cancelled the long dark night. As Christians, we celebrate His victory over death. To our triumphant King let us bring our songs or worship and praise, "Alleluia, alleluia!"

Let us rise with Christ in joy. May the celebration of Christ's Resurrection bring us peace and consolation. As we wade through the challenges of this present moment, may Christ, the Risen Lord bless our homes and families with all the graces we desire to truly live the new life of Easter. In the words of St. Augustine, ***"We are an Easter people, and alleluia is our song."***

-Rev. Fr. Mark Thomas Ameh, MSP

**Scripture Readings****Today, Sunday**

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

**This Week**

**Monday:** Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-23; Psalms 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Matthew 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts of the Apostles 2:36-41; Psalms 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; John 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts of the Apostles 3:1-10; Psalms 105:1-4, 6-9; Luke 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts of the Apostles 3:11-26; Psalms 8:2ab, 5-9; Luke 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts of the Apostles 4:1-12; Psalms 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; John 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts of the Apostles 4:13-21; Psalms 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mark 16:9-15

**Next Sunday**

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35; Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

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## Weekly Gospel Reflection for Families

### The Good News

Seeing that the stone had been removed from the tomb, Mary of Magdala ran to Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved. She told them that the Lord had been taken from the tomb. Peter and the other disciple ran to see for themselves. The burial cloths were there, but the body of Jesus was gone. The disciple whom Jesus loved believed, even though neither Peter nor he understood the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.

### Reflect

Things aren't always as they seem. A mess in the kitchen wasn't mischievous behavior—it was your child's attempt to surprise you by cooking breakfast. Secrets whispered behind your back weren't an attempt to hide a wrongdoing. They were an effort to plan a surprise for you. In today's Gospel reading, Mary of Magdala's discovery of the empty tomb did not mean that Jesus' body had been stolen—it was evidence that Jesus had risen from the dead! As Christians, we are invited to look beyond the surface, beyond the obvious, and to search for the deeper meaning—the deeper truth—that God is trying to reveal in the everyday occurrences of life.

### Share

Gather your family together to decorate your family prayer table for the Easter season. Place upon the table a white cloth, a candle, a Bible, a cross, and signs of the Easter season such as fresh flowers, an Easter egg, a butterfly, and anything that symbolizes new life to family members. Talk about ways you can be signs of new life to each other and to neighbors and friends throughout the Easter season. Even the smallest signs of thoughtfulness and caring can be Good News to those in need of Easter joy.

### Talk

1. My favorite Easter symbol is ... because...
2. Mary Magdalene recognized Jesus' voice when he called her name. One time I know Jesus called my name was when....
3. Someone I will share the Good News of Easter with is ... because ...



## Updated Mass Information

We are open in a ***limited capacity***. Currently, we are able to take ***264 people per Mass***. Our Mass Schedule is Monday-Friday (8:00 AM), Tuesday evening (6:00 PM), Saturday (8:00 AM, 4:30 PM), and Sunday (8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 2:00 PM).



We are also able to offer Confession by appointment. **Reservations are required for all Masses. To make a reservation for Mass, you can sign-up online using the links on our homepage ([www.stjosephhom.org](http://www.stjosephhom.org)) or call the parish office during business hours.** Per Diocesan policy, we are required to lock the doors once Mass begins. We ask that those with reservations arrive 25-30 minutes early so that everyone can be well-checked and seated on time. Thank you for your help.

This week the parish office is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, and Sunday from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. During this time the church is not open for prayer outside of the Mass. Masks must be worn at all times while on our property. Everyone is required to pass a temperature check. We look forward to welcoming you!



## Divine Mercy Novena

Join us for the Divine Mercy Novena daily through Sunday, April 11. Novena will start following the 8:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall (about 8:45 AM) April 2-April 9. On Saturday, April 10, the Novena will take place after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Martyrs room (above the parish hall). On Sunday, April 11, the Novena will take place after the 2:00 PM Mass in the church. "Jesus, I trust in You!"

## How You Can Support Our Mission

We appreciate your financial support during this difficult time, as we depend on your regular giving to operate. Our parish relies on the constant financial support of the parish, and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a regular basis. We have several options for giving, including online giving, our Give+ App, and even from your phone via text message.



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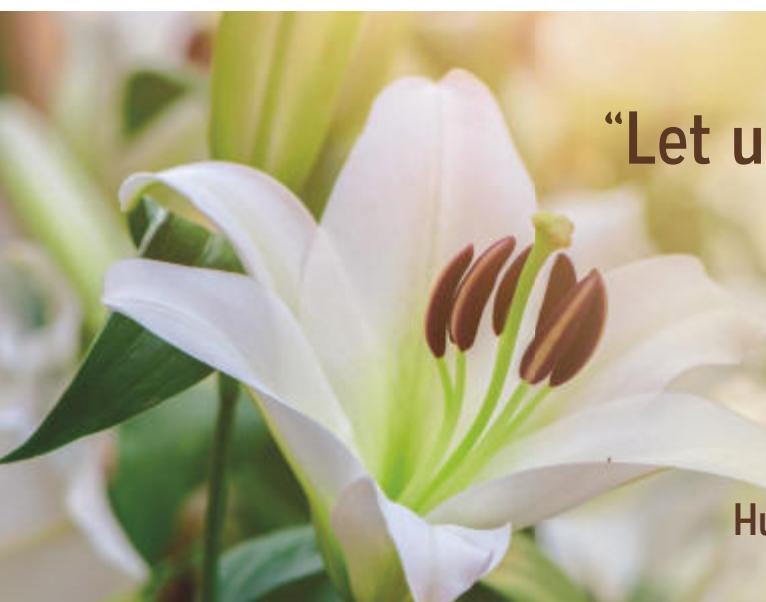
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**"Let us Rejoice and be Glad."**

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