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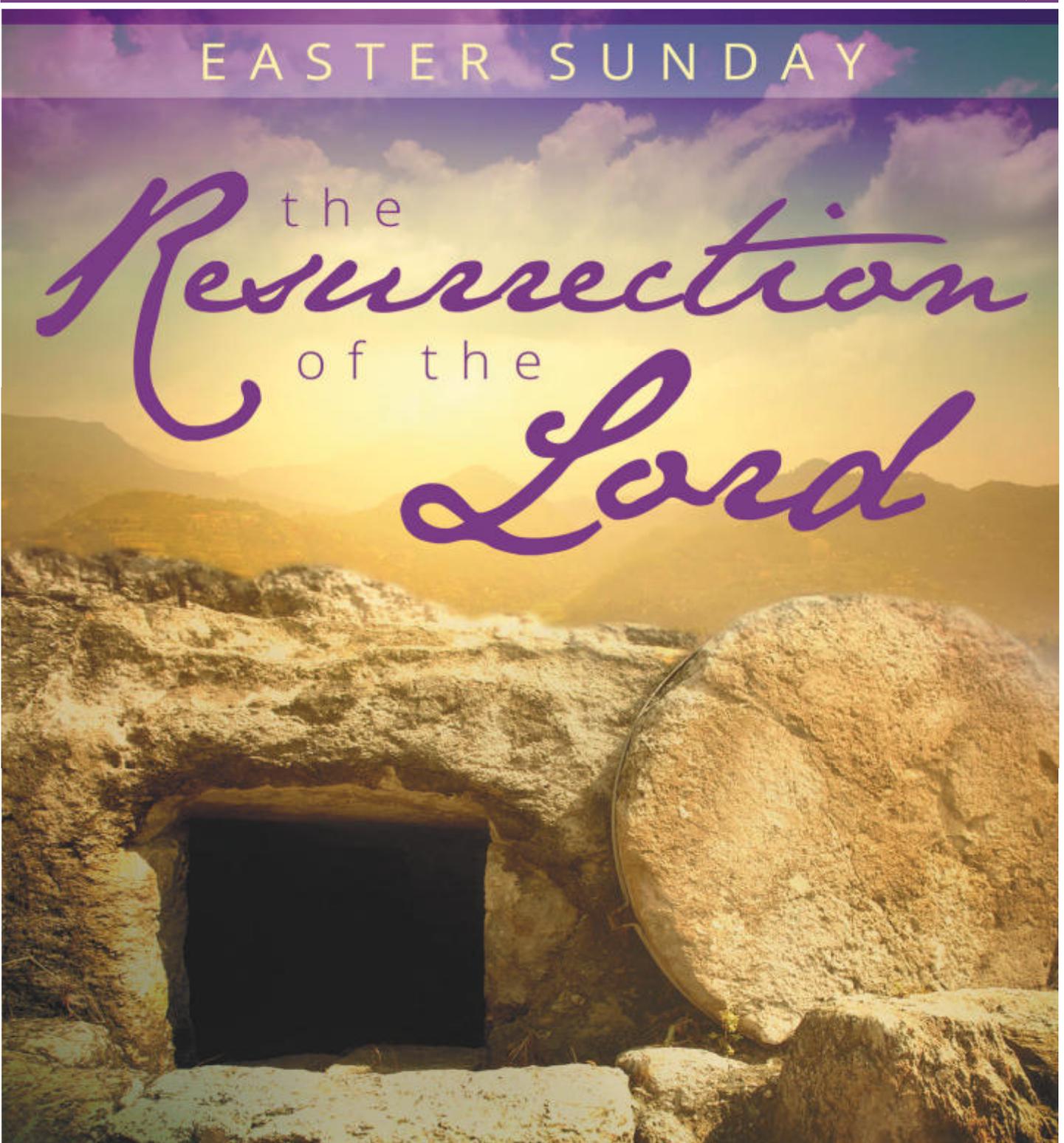
Sunday, April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday
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The Shamrock



EASTER SUNDAY

the
Resurrection
of the
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St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Mass Times and Devotions

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Adoration

Wednesday and Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rosary

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. Prayed in Church before Mass.

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Sacraments

Baptism

Call to register parents and godparents for the required seminar and to schedule date and time. For more information, visit www.stpatrickbr.org/Baptism

Reconciliation

Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

Marriage

Couples should contact the parish office at least six months prior to their desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office.

Funeral Planning

Please call the parish office prior to scheduling with the funeral home.

Call the parish office to place individuals on the prayer list in the bulletin or the parish prayer line.

Names will remain listed in the bulletin for approximately 2-3 months unless otherwise notified.

Stewardship of Finance

March 21, 2021

Identified	\$11,163.50
Unidentified	\$885.00
Building Fund	\$270.00
Other	\$253.00
TOTAL	12,571.50

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Stewardship

is the grateful response of a Christian disciple
who recognizes and receives God's gifts
and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

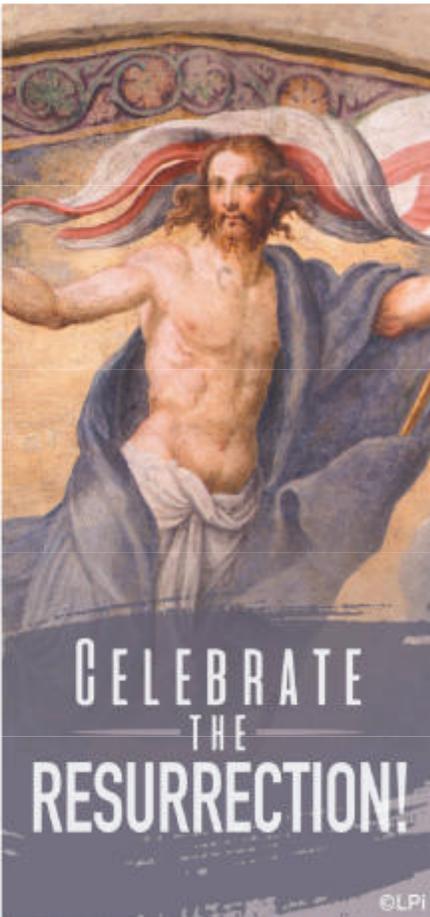
The Mission of St. Patrick Church

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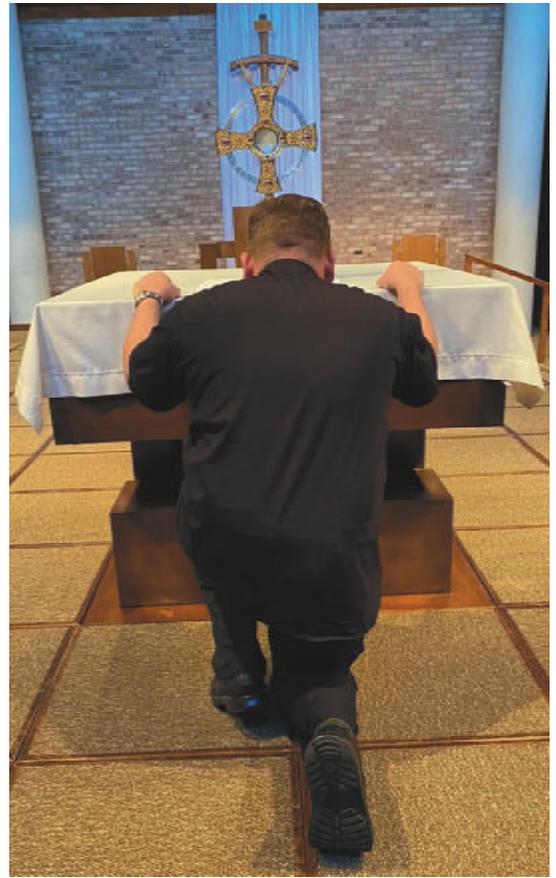
Called, we follow Jesus,

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Clear Out the Old Yeast and Become Fresh Dough

by Pamela Folse

I was happy to receive an announcement this week letting me know that one of my all-time favorite videos is again available. I always loved using *Grandma's Bread* for First Eucharist retreats. In the 18-minute film, Mario is preparing for his First Communion and his grandmother or *Nonna*, as he referred to her, was planning to make his favorite *Pane de Pasqua* or Italian Easter bread, which he requested. When she made it at Easter, she lovingly explained to Mario the different parts of bread-making and paused at each step to offer a prayer. Nonna died before his First Communion and Mario wondered whether he would have his special bread. Because he was always working when Nonna made the bread, Mario's dad didn't know how to make it. Mario had saved the recipe along with Nonna's bowls and pans, so they were able to make the bread for his First Communion. "We are family!" is the theme that is carried throughout the movie.

Although we are not an Italian family, our German-French family appreciated the art of breadmaking. My maternal grandmother made bread every other day and it was my job to go to the store and get fresh yeast.

My paternal grandmother worked in the school cafeteria in the days where they made fresh yeast rolls every day for lunch. If you didn't like anything else on the school menu, you could always eat bread and butter.



I reflected on bread-making as I prepared for Holy Week and Easter. On Easter Sunday at the Mass During the Day, we read from Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians: "Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch

of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

All of us are called to be yeast that helps others to rise. In preparation for Easter, the time we refer to as Lent, we hopefully rid ourselves of the old yeast in order to make room for the new.

We all need the joy and the hope that the Easter season brings—the new yeast. We have wallowed in the old yeast for way too long.

Today we are issued a new invitation to encounter the risen Christ. Glory Alleluia! Jesus is no longer in the tomb. He is truly present in and among us.

All we have to do is take a look around and notice him—in our community, in our relationships, in our joys, in our sorrows and even in our isolation—Jesus is there.

"We are family," and we share in the resurrection of Jesus. Allow Christ to Easter in you. Arise from your tomb like yeast which gives life to bread, for we are Easter people. Christ is no longer dead. He is alive! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Easter Season Lasts Until "the Blessed Pentecost"

Josef Piper once remarked that the human capacity for festivity arises from the ability to affirm all creation as good—from the ability to embrace, in one resounding "yes," the length and breadth, the heights and depths of our experience in this world. We can hear this yes in the delighted squeals of a child as its face is licked by the moist tongue and hot breath of a new puppy. We can hear it in the contented, prayerful whispers of an elderly woman—full of love, grace and years—as she prepared to meet death with quiet courage and dignity.

Saying yes to all of life, letting all of it in—that is festivity's sustaining source. But there's the rub. Few of us can say yes to anything for very long. We live, after all, in an intensely mobile culture of fast food, faster cars, disposable diapers and planned obsolescence. Our greatest goal is to be famous for fifteen minutes. At parties, we do not carry on conversations, we posture—repeating to one another snippets of dialogue from movies, commercials, sitcoms, or interviews with sports celebrities. Small wonder that as a people we find ourselves increasingly bored, angry and violent—enraged and terrified by the awful emptiness that seems to stretch in every direction around us.

Given such cultural conditions, the Christian celebration of "the blessed Pentecost" will strike many as mad indeed.

Fifty days of "dwelling in" the paschal mystery. Fifty days of surrendering in joyful faith and love as the Spirit of God takes possession of our lives! Fifty days of mystagogy, of walking with the neophytes ever more deeply into the baptismal mysteries of death and resurrection. Good heavens! What an order!

One reason why such a prolonged celebration strikes us as difficult—if not downright absurd—is that we tend to link feasts and holidays with mindless hoopla. "Party time," for many, is an invitation to obliterate consciousness, to get wasted, to veg out, to forget. But a season of Christian festival is precisely the opposite. It is a time of intensified consciousness, finely tuned awareness, awakened memory. The great fifty days of Pentecost are an invitation to explore more deeply "the weather of the heart," to awaken our memory of God's presence and power in our lives, to look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation. In short, Pentecost is a season for learning how to say yes in a culture that wants to keep on saying no.

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DO WE NEED TO FAST FOR ONE HOUR BEFORE MASS, OR ONE HOUR BEFORE COMMUNION?

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today.

In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly:

"A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who



are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really

center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.

WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

SUN 4/4	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
MON 4/5	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
TUES 4/6	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
WED 4/7	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
THR 4/8	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
FRI 4/9	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
SAT 4/10	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
SUN 4/11	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 4, 2021

Sunday:	Easter Sunday
Monday:	Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday:	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday:	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday:	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday:	Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday:	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers.

Join Deacon Pete, others in prayer

She had just received the news that she was pregnant. This child that she was carrying, however, was not conceived in the loving embrace of husband and wife, but in a horrible, violent experience forced on her by a perverted stranger. Should she abort this innocent child? She and her husband struggled over this fateful decision. After much tearful prayer, they decided to keep the child. As it turned out, this beautiful, baby boy filled a hole in their marriage they didn't know existed.

Please join us outside Delta (Abortion) Clinic every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. to pray for babies threatened with abortion and their parents.

Deacon Pete

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 3, 2021

8:00 p.m.: Wilma T. Cronan, James Michael Cronan, Larry Joseph Cronan, Margaret Ray, Jimmy Warfel, Karen Rocker, George Tanoos, Mable Beaugh and Jerick Peck, Bailey Lauret, Alma Corbin, Earl Weber, Margaret Chachati and Leroy Perrien

Sunday, April 4, 2021

7:30 a.m.: For the people of St. Patrick

9:30 a.m.: Rogers Prevot, Rose Ann Callegari, Vincent, Rose and Bernard Rao, Mary Jean Doiron, Oscar, Edith and Wayne Boudreaux, Susan Schillage and Jean Cangelosi

11:30 a.m.: Terry Edwards, Glenn Gaudet, Dale Gaudet, Margaret Hirezi, Crucifisso and Ignatius Mercante, Sharon Herrington, Alma Corbin, Suzanne Speaks, Joseph and Harold Hayes

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

6:00 p.m.: Margaret Ray, Glenn Gaudet and Michelle Crawford

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

8:00 a.m.: Hung Le, Kenneth Brocato, Danny Wells and in thanksgiving

Thursday, April 8, 2021

8:00 a.m.: Buddy Heckman, Nicholas Walling, Dewey Brister and Marcy Holeman's intention

Friday, April 9, 2021

8:00 a.m.: Bernadine Chenevert, Betty Romaine, John Ricca's intention and the intentions of Brooke and Colin Jones

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

S. Medica, A. Pichon, Jr., J. Root, K. Johnson, A. Roy
G. Mackey, L. Polite, L. Barbarin, B. Coghlan, E. and M. Picue,
M.B. Langlois, S. Rikhoff, M. Varner, T. Smith, Sr., S. Duet,
C. Mokry, R. Geissler, G. Auzenne, V. Mayeux, P. Romano,
T. Shiver, J. Sughero, R. Luksa, J. Cazes, T. Waguespack,
T. & C. Lastrapes, A. Nola, M. Mumphy, C. Prendergast,
C. Broussard, C. Heckman, S. Patrick

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

We extend heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family of
Frederick (Fred) Connors
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord...

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO YOUR CHURCH

Please consider remembering St. Patrick Church with a planned gift in your last will and testament. Please encourage your family and friends to make a donation to St. Patrick in lieu of flowers at the time of your death. A memorial gift to St. Patrick Church is a wonderful way to acknowledge the lives of those who considered this parish their beloved spiritual home. Call the parish office for more information.



Our Children Prepare for First Communion

Our Parish Celebration of First Communion will be Tuesday, April 13, at 6 p.m.




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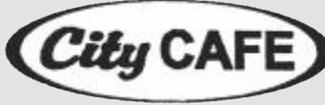
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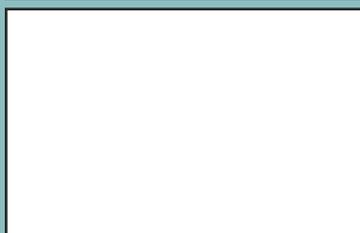
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