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He is not here; he has been raised

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April 21, 2019 • Easter Sunday

Sometimes the story of Easter seems so familiar that we yawn at its old-fashioned quaintness. The “Good News” is, after all, a couple thousand years old. Today, however, our readings remind us that we are a fresh creation in the risen Lord. Today, we marvel at the newness of Jesus. Today, we praise God for the startling way he chooses to unlock eternal life for us.

When Peter speaks in the Acts of the Apostles, he calls Jesus’ cross a “tree.” Peter’s word choice invites us to remember another tree in scripture, the tree from which Adam and Eve selfishly ate the forbidden fruit. That tree in the Garden of Eden brought death to the human race; Jesus’ tree brings life. Peter explains the purpose of our new life: we must believe in Jesus and ask forgiveness for our sins. We must leave behind the selfish disobedience of the tree of death and embrace the way of self-sacrifice Jesus modeled on the tree of life.

WHERE DEATH GOES TO DIE

Another image that Easter makes new for us is the tomb. Cemeteries rarely bring us joy. No one considers a graveyard

the perfect place to celebrate. And yet Jesus’ burial place is the happy location of the disciples’ final conversion to their new way of life. Standing in the tomb where they had placed Jesus’ corpse a few days earlier, Peter and John come to understand the fullness of God’s glory. God’s stunning, life-giving power makes a mockery of death.

This transformation offers hope for our daily lives. Although Christ is risen, human life still faces suffering and heartache. At our lowest moments, we may be tempted to lose faith in God. Easter reminds us that Jesus himself faced the terrors life sends our way and conquered them. When we stand in dark places that feel like our very own tombs, Jesus is with us. The Lord transforms darkest death into new life.

Today’s Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Ps 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8; Jn 20:1–9

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Thursday 8:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

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NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Registration forms online at www.lourdesvictoria.org
or email: ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Daily (Mon-Sat): 8:00 a.m.
Holy Day Masses: 5:30 p.m. Vigil;
8:00 a.m. Morning of Holy Day
(except Christmas)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Before daily Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS:

First Sunday of every month

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Every Wednesday @ 6:15 p.m.

Mass Intentions For The Week

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SUNDAY - April 21 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 am - Franklin J. Sedlar †
10:00 am - Jackie Post †

MONDAY within the Octave of Easter - April 22

8:00 am - Adella Mullino †

TUESDAY within the Octave of Easter - April 23

8:00 am - Deceased Members of the Gray & Kandler Families †

WEDNESDAY within the Octave of Easter - April 24

8:00 am - Dennis & Dorothy Boehm (54th Wedding Anniversary)

THURSDAY within the Octave of Easter - April 25

8:00 am - Teresa Berger Dodson

FRIDAY within the Octave of Easter - April 26

12:15 am - Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY within the Octave of Easter - April 27

8:00 am - Jackie Post †
4:00 pm - John Anthony Perez †

SUNDAY - April 28 - Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
10:00 am - Max & Lillian Mayer †




READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Questions of the Week

How have I encountered the risen Lord: through God's word, through the Eucharist, through my contact with others, through prayer? How will I bear witness to these encounters with the risen Lord to others?

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

 Cody Arnold, Cheryl Barker, Michael Berger, Monsignor Gerard Cernoch, Frances Espino, Tom Goslin, Monsignor Joseph Hybner, Darren Mikulik, Tina Moya, Cole Ohrt, Patty Pantel, Ramona Perez, James Rung, Wade Shumbera, Carly Walker, Gerald Yankey, Piper Eloisa Lara, Winston Wilson, Teresa Berger Dodson, Mae Jean Willemin, Johnnie Bomersbach, Dayle Lemke, David Dierlam, Kevin Mozisek, Margie Tater, Ann & Robert Hagel, Hailey Vasquez, Patricia Pooley, W. R. Nichols, Samuel William Bek, Dennis Boehm, Harvin Suggs, Barbara Yanta, Deacon Ed Wendel, Becky Stevens

THIS WEEK

This is the day to rejoice



EASTER SUNDAY of the Resurrection of the Lord

Collection/Envelope: Easter Offering
2nd Collection: Diocesan Services Appeal
Rice Bag Collection

MONDAY - Altar Society Meeting (6:30 pm)

TUESDAY - Sewing Circle - after 8:00 am Mass

SATURDAY - First Holy Communion Retreat & Rehearsal @ 9:00 am

SECOND SUNDAY of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA)

Launched in 1998, the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups.

NEXT WEEKEND - April 27/28, 2019 (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION

and

LECTORS

Sat. 4:00 pm - Arleen & Pat Brennan, Lori Ballard, Joe Lara, Lillian Berger
Sun. 7:30 am - Claudia & Alvin Schoener, Pat Krenek
Sun. 10:00 am - Donna Maxey, Pauline Hinojosa, Standby x1

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Suzie Ryan, Standby x2
Sun. 7:30 am - Joshua Z., Standby x2
Sun. 10:00 am - Carly & Cy R., Andrea V.

USHERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Richard Dominguez, Frank Motal, Standby x1
Sun. 7:30 am - Michael Fikac, Frank Marbach, James Novak
Sun. 10:00 am - Alvin Schoener, Kenneth Spann, Standby x1

WEEKEND of April 6/7, 2019



Count - 463
Total Operating Income \$ 4,868.00
2nd Collection: Building Repairs \$ 1,424.00
Operation Rice Bowl \$ 460.00

Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated.

Due to the early publishing deadlines during this holy season, the report for the weekend of April 13/14 will be printed in a future bulletin.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ "Easter in us."

—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Pastor Al®



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"You took the choir to Mexico? I said that with the organ broken you should go to a cappella, not Acapulco!"

- EVENTS ALL AROUND -

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Moulton, will host an **Easter Picnic**, on **Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019** at the new *St. Joseph's Social Center (on Church Grounds)*. Mass at 10:00 am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

St. Mary's has its annual **GAMES PARTY, APRIL 23, 2019** (Tuesday) at the Activity Center, 401 S. Liberty St., 11:30 am to 4:00 pm. Admission \$8.00. Lunch, Door Prizes, Raffle, Country Store and Fun!
Reservations: Dorothy Bomba @ 361-573-3569 or Eunice Dove @ 361-576-1856

Bishop David Fellhauer Invitational Golf Tournament benefiting the Office of Vocations and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is set for Friday, **April 26, 2019**, at The Club at Colony Creek. More information about sponsorships and how to play in the tournament is available online.

San Luis Mission Church in Yorktown (502 E. 2nd St.) will be celebrating **Jamaica** on **Sunday, April 28**, beginning with the Jamaica Mass and Mariachis at 8:00 am. Serving will begin at 11 am for the carne guisada dinner (with rice and beans).

St. Patrick Catholic Church Spring Festival (Bloomington, Texas)

Sunday, **April 28, 2019**
10:00 am

BBQ brisket, potato salad, beans, bread & dessert
in-side serving line begins at 10:30 am
plates to go at 10:00 am

38th Annual Holy Family Catholic Church Festival Sunday, May 5, 2019

Doors open at 10am - The Victoria Community Center
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10:30 am 'til 1:30 pm
\$10 Per Plate
\$6 Children Under 10

Society of St Vincent de Paul - REPORT March 2019

UTILITIES	\$ 332.79
RENT	\$ 100.00
FOOD	\$ 100.00
MEDICAL/prescriptions	\$ 297.02
GABRIEL PROJECT	\$ 0.00
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 0.00
CELL PHONE	\$ 51.54
QUARTERLY DUES	\$ 0.00
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TOTAL PEOPLE HELPED	49

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