



F. J. S. Polach Co., Inc.

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

I shall not die, but live, and declare
the works of the Lord.

-- Philippians 2:8



Daily Mass

Week of April 1st – 5th

- Monday: 8:00 Alisa Merkle+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Maria & Wellington Loh+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Judy Arline Hoskins+
- Thursday: 8:00 Emilce Archbold+
- Friday: 8:00 Verna Marie Van Deusen+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Mike Abell, Tara Singh, Kerrie Roye, Mark Lutz, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini, Pamela M., Rita Jurin, Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collection	Plate
March 24, 2024	\$7,364.00

Easter Schedule 2024

Holy Saturday, March 30th

8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Liturgy
No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Easter Sunday, March 31st

8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Easter Mass

Today's Readings!



First Reading -- Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm -- This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

Second Reading -- Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel -- Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9).

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 1st! We will be back on Tuesday, April 2nd.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Easter is the greatest Feast of Christendom because it commemorates Christ's victory over sin and death.

As it is written in Sacred Scripture: *"By dying He destroyed death and by rising, He restored life."* His victory is our victory. The Resurrection of the Savior of the world foreshadows what awaits us!

We celebrate this glorious Feast of Easter with grateful hearts because through the saving power of Jesus Christ,

*"The strife is o'er, the battle is done,
the Victor's triumph won!"*

Happy Easter!

Fr. Leo, Fr. Basil, Fr. Paul
Katie, Mele, Joe, Claire, Ankie, Rebeccah
Anne, Catherine, Adrian, Gail, Karyn & Judy



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Table Blessing for Easter Dinner!

*We praise you, Lord
with greater joy than ever in this Easter Season,
the thirsty have come to the water.
The poor have come to receive bread and eat.
Blessed are you in earth's bounty: the joy
of the resurrection renews the whole world.*

*We joyfully sing your praises, Lord Jesus Christ,
whom on the day of your resurrection
were recognized by your disciples
in the breaking of the bread.*

*Remain here with us
as we gratefully partake of these gifts.
At the banquet table in heaven
welcome us who have welcomed you in
our brothers and sisters,
for you live and reign for ever and ever.*


Amen!



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Upcoming Grief Support Ministry Meeting!

You are invited to join the Grief Support Ministry meeting for a gathering to provide support during times of loss and sorrow. Whether you are coping with recent loss or navigating the ongoing journey of grief, this is designed to offer comfort and understanding. During this meeting, we will share stories, offer comfort and provide resources for coping with grief. Together, we can lean on each other and find strength in community. The date is Sunday, April 14th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. All are welcome!



God of all ages and all people, the shadows and gloom of Good Friday have been dispersed by the light and color of Easter Sunday. We rejoice in your power that turns our sorrow into joy, our despair into hope, our defeat into victory and evil into goodness. Help us on this Easter morning, O God, to burst out of the tombs that have trapped us: tombs of selfishness and sinfulness, greed and gluttony, scandal and corruption, pride and prejudice. Let now a new life of divine grace and human love burst forth from each of us this Easter day!

Amen!

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 as "Easter in us."

We Remember You, O Risen Lord!

We remember you, O risen Lord,
 New Covenant at the feast of the cross.
 Your resurrection dresses the table
 for the bread of heaven and
 the cup of salvation.
 Blessed are you!



Readings For The Week
April 1st -- 6th

- Monday: First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33;
 Psalm 16;
 Gospel Matthew 28:8-15
- Tuesday: First Reading Acts 2:36-41;
 Psalm 33;
 Gospel John 20:11-18
- Wednesday: First Reading Acts 3:1-10;
 Psalm 105;
 Gospel Luke 24:13-35
- Thursday: First Reading Acts 3:11-26;
 Psalm 8;
 Gospel Luke 24:35-48
- Friday: First Reading Acts 4:1-12;
 Psalm 118;
 Gospel John 21:1-14
- Saturday: First Reading Acts 4:13-21;
 Psalm 118;
 Gospel Mark 16:9-15

Troop 6 Open House!

Interested in joining Scouts BSA? Look no further as Corpus Christi has its very own Troop that has been going strong for over 60 years. Chartered by the Corpus Christi Men's Club, Troop 6 is a scout-led, 5th grade boys and girls and older (up to 18), focused on developing leadership skills through service and adventure. Yes -- that's right -- girls are now welcome to join Troop 6! Meetings are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the School. For more information, contact Sean McKillop at: seanjmckillop@gmail.com; or Lisa Gros at: lgros@rocketmail.com or call (510) 993-6404.

Seeking!

Easter Sunday is a day all about seeking. The early Christian communities gathered around the Apostles, seeking more about the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus. Saint Paul told the baptized Colossians to "seek what is above." Mary of Magdala went to the tomb, seeking to find the Lord's body so that she could anoint it. We come to church on Easter Sunday seeking many things. For some of us, this is a once-a-year journey, when we seek connection with the foundations of the Christian faith. For others, this day is the culmination of a long journey of Lenten repentance. For the newly baptized, this is the first day of a new life filled with promise and expectation. Whatever it is that we seek, let us be inspired by the disciple whom Jesus loved who, when he saw the wrappings of cloth inside the empty tomb, "saw and believed."

Happy Easter!

