

# Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

-- Colossians 3:4



# Week of April 21st - 25th

Monday: 8:00 Jack Boothman+
Tuesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: Claire Chaix
Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Rita Denton
Friday: 8:00 Jack Robert Nelson+



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Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Mike Abell, Michael Carter, Anil Siu, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

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Holy Week Schedule 2025

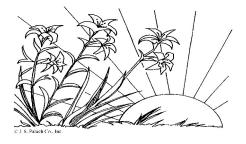
Holy Saturday, April 19th

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

Easter Sunday, April 20th

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is <u>not</u> celebrated during Holy Week or on Holy Saturday.



### 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!

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

#### Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

With hearts filled with joy, we gather this Easter Season to proclaim the glorious truth that has transformed the world -- Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death, and through Him, we have been made new. The empty tomb is our greatest sign of hope, a reminder that God's love knows no bounds and that His mercy is everlasting.

As we celebrate the Resurrection, we recognize the depth of God's love for us. In Christ's Passion, we see the immense sacrifice He made for our salvation. In His rising, we receive the promise of eternal life. This is our calling as Easter people -- to live as resurrected sisters and brothers, bearing witness to the love, peace and joy of our Risen Lord.

As we move forward in the light of Easter, may we live in the joy of the Resurrection each day. May the peace of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and homes, and may the hope of eternal life strengthen you in all that you do.

A blessed and joyful Easter to you and your loved ones!

Fr. Leo, Fr. Basil, Fr. Paul, Deacon Chris, Rebeccah, Anne, Joe, Adrian, Katie, Mele, Claire, Gail, Karyn and Judy



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.

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## Please Note!

The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be back on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Corpus Christi Church April 20, 2025



#### 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."



# **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).

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

# **Expect the Unexpected!**

We all know what to expect of Easter: lots of lilies around the altar, our "Alleluia" joyfully sung over and over, perhaps a tasty ham dinner later in the day, topped off by some chocolates from the Easter basket. But all of this began, as we hear in today's Gospel, with the "unexpected" when Mary Magdalene found the tomb empty. Indeed, Peter's speech from Acts in the first reading could insert the phrase "you might have expected" at a number of points ... that Jesus would baptize John, not the other way around ... that his healing and exorcising ministry would win him acclaim, not death ... that his resurrection would place him in another dimension, not back at table with his followers.

On a day like Easter, a day filled with traditions, customs and expectations, we are called more than ever to keep looking for God's will in unexpected places, people and events. In this way, we can continue to give witness, like Mary Magdalene and Peter, that Christ is truly risen from the dead, and continues to live among us.

# Readings For The Week April 21st -- 26th

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

# 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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