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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION



**Peter and John saw the burial cloths and they believed Jesus had risen from the dead (John 20:8).**

### STAFF:

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### WEEKEND MASSES:

**Saturday:** 4 p.m. (English) - 7 p.m. (Spanish)

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. (English) - 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

**Monday to Saturday:** 8 a.m.

**Wednesday:** 7 p.m. (in Spanish)

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** As announced

### Confessions:

**Thursdays, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturdays, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Or by appointment**

**April 20, 2025**



## Mass Intentions for April 20 to April 27

### Sunday, April 20: **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection**

- 9:00 A.M. Maria Karpierz, W dniu urodzin  
10:30 A.M. Dylan Moreno, Health and Blessings  
Dalia Cortez Morales, Memorial  
Caridad Espinosa, Health and Blessings  
The Solano Family, In Thanksgiving  
for Favors Received  
Nuria Pineda, Memorial  
12:30 P.M. Adrian Gomez, Birthday Blessings  
Yanet Gutierrez, Memorial  
Izabella Mesa, Birthday Blessings  
Maria Peña, Thanksgiving for  
Favors Received

### Monday, April 21

- 8:00 A.M. John S. Burke, Memorial (2 Years)

### Tuesday, April 22

- 8:00 A.M. Fr. William T. Pearsall, Memorial (1 Year)

### Wednesday, April 23

- 8:00 A.M. **Living and Deceased Members of  
Saint Stephen Parish**

- 7:00 P.M. Jose Corona, Memorial

### Thursday, April 24

- 8:00 A.M. Living and Deceased Members of the  
Prophete and Abraham Families

### Friday, April 25

- 8:00 A.M. For All Priests, Deacons, and Religious

### Saturday, April 26

- 8:00 A.M. Fr. Andrew, Health and Blessings  
4:00 P.M. Michael Santini, Memorial (3 Years)  
7:00 P.M. Ramon Camilo, Juan Suriel, Maria Muñoz,  
and Jose Mendrano, Memorial

### Sunday, April 27: **Divine Mercy Sunday**

- 9:00 A.M. Jerzy and Jedwiga Markiewicz, Blessings  
on their Wedding Anniversary  
10:30 A.M. Sofia Mancina, Memorial  
John Panizo, Memorial (7 Years)  
Mariajose Leiva, Birthday Blessings  
Osvaldo Alvarado Family, God's Blessings  
Maria Tarcila Roca, Memorial  
12:30 P.M. Jose Mendoza Molina, Memorial (5 Years)  
Gloria Mendoza Medina, Birthday Blessings  
Edgar Paz Roca, Memorial  
Ramon Emilio Peña, Health and Blessings  
3:00 P.M. **DIVINE MERCY SERVICE**  
**Chaplet, adoration and litany.**



### Roses for Life Intentions

The Roses for Life this week are offered in memory of **John S. Burke**, for **Patricia and Sherrie Porter** by **Kevin Porter**, for God's blessings and healing for **Pat Kelly**, **Pat Robinson**, and **Dagni Romero** by their **Prayer Group Friends**, for God's blessings and healing for **Gene McPherson** by his children; for healing of **Mrs. Alice Desmond** by her son John and family; for healing and recovery of **Fr. Michael Amesse** by **Father Paco and Father Andrew**, for healing and recovery for **Kate Roach** by **Jim Drummey**, for the **healing of those whose names** have been given to us, and for **all intentions given to the Roses for Life.**

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Next Sunday, April 27th, we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday and recall the vast ocean of mercy that Jesus promised the whole world through St. Faustina. He said that He would make His mercy available to all repentant sinners on this day, meaning that all your sins and guilt associated with those sins can be wiped away.



To mark this feast, we are having **a special celebration and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m.**, with special prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join with us in marking this opportunity to obtain forgiveness of all the temporal punishment attached to sins that have been forgiven in Confession.

### **HAPPY EASTER FROM YOUR PRIESTS!**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Blessed and Joyous Easter! This is the greatest feast of our Faith, and we are happy to celebrate it with you. Your sincere devotion and generous spirit are a source of great joy for us. May the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ be an endless fountain of many blessings in your lives.

He is risen as He promised, and we rejoice in His victory over sin and death. His triumph is our triumph, His victory over hope, and His promise our inspiration. Happy Easter to all!

*Fr. Paco and Fr. Andrew*

### **Holy Week Celebrations**

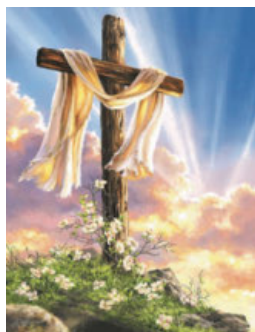
Many thanks to all of you who attended Mass so faithfully during Lent and **who participated so enthusiastically in the Sacred Triduum.** The numbers of people joining in the services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday were inspiring to the priests and staff at St. Stephen Parish.



We are also grateful to all those who enhanced the beauty of our services — priests, deacons, sacristans, altar servers, lectors, leaders of song, choir members, ushers, and those who decorated the Church. **It was a grand collaborative effort by all and we are pleased that so many of our parishioners were able to join us here and benefit from the Sacred Triduum.**

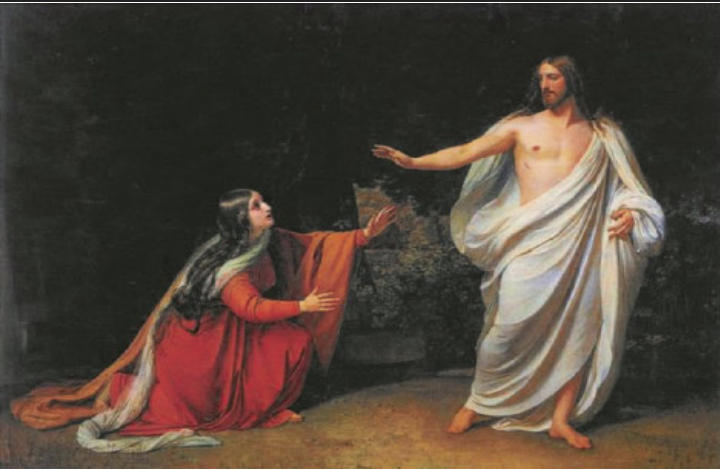
### **Prayer Group Tomorrow Night:**

**Come and celebrate with us  
our Easter joy: Alleluia!**



Our Monday night prayer group will gather tomorrow night at **7:00 p.m. in the St. Paul Room** of the School. It will be our first opportunity to use the "A" word (*Alleluia!*) since before Lent; our fasting form that word is over. Please join us for this festive occasion.

**All are welcome!!!!**



**Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning. (John 20:1).**

**Readings for Week of April 20, 2025**

- Sunday: 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
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2-5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

**“He is Risen: Alleluia!”**

At dawn on Easter morning, some women went to the tomb of Jesus to finish preparing His body for burial, but were astounded to find the body missing. Mary Magdalene reported the empty tomb to the Apostles, and Peter and John returned to the grave with her. They walked inside the tomb and saw the burial cloths still lying there, which convinced John that Jesus had risen. After they left, Mary Magdalene saw a man standing nearby and, when Jesus spoke her name, Magdalene realized that her Master was alive. While the Apostles that night were discussing the reports about Jesus from Mary Magdalene and the two disciples who met Him on the road to Emmaus, suddenly the Lord came through the locked door and said, “Peace be with you.” Some of them thought that Jesus was a ghost, but after He had something to eat, they began to believe that He had come back to life.

During that appearance on the first Easter, Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Penance when He told the Apostles, His first priests, “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

Over the next 40 days, more than 500 people saw Jesus and, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles on Pentecost, they went out and convinced 3,000 people to become followers of Christ. We all have the same responsibility to lead people to the risen Lord.

*Happy Easter to all!*

**Financial Information**

Regular Offertory 4/12 and 4/13	\$ 6,808
We Share — On-line Giving	\$ 245
Spiritual Home (Half)	\$ 1,633
Weekly Needed to Cover Expenses	\$ 6,000

**Clergy Health and Retirement Trust**

The only collection on **Easter Sunday** will go for the health and retirement needs of senior priests. Your generous assistance would be especially appreciated by those who ministered to us in St. Stephen Parish. They include **Revs. George F. Emerson, William H. McLaughlin, Charles J. Bourque, Ronald L. Bourgault, and Albert H. Stankard.**

**Prayer for Our Catechumens and Our Confirmandi**

*Please say the following prayer for the seven persons who were welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil and also for the 60 adults and high schoolers who will receive Confirmation on May 22nd. Our prayers can be of great importance to them.*

Let us pray for all those receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, whose spiritual lives lie ahead of them, that they may go forward with open and receptive minds to meet their future, that they may learn to accept themselves and not lose heart, and that they will be courageous witnesses to the love and message of Jesus Christ.

We pray that they may be generous and honest toward their parents and all those they meet, that they will not write off the older generation but honor the achievements of the past, and, above all, that they will be faithful to their friends and unselfish in love.

We pray further that they will not fall for the temptations of our immoral culture and indulge in what is cheap and futile, that they may not ruin their own lives or the lives of others in the pursuit of the false gods of our time, but will be ready to make this world a better place in which to live.

We urge them to place their faith and trust in the one, true God and pray often for His grace and guidance. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Thanks to Those Who Donated Flowers for Our Easter Celebration**

Many people commented during the Holy Triduum on how beautiful our Church looked. We want to thank those who decorated, those who cleaned, and those who donated for the Easter flowers in the name of a loved one. We will publish their names in a future Bulletin and will pray for them at Masses during the coming week.



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