

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 4

### **Easter Sunday**

#### **The Resurrection of the Lord**

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Monday, April 5

#### **Cathedral Holiday**

#### **Monday in the Octave of Easter**

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after Mass**

Tuesday, April 6

#### **Tuesday in the Octave of Easter**

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Wednesday, April 7

#### **Wednesday in the Octave of Easter**

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Thursday, April 8

#### **Thursday in the Octave of Easter**

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Friday, April 9

#### **Friday in the Octave of Easter**

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Saturday, April 10

#### **Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent**

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Sunday, April 11

### **Second Sunday of Easter**

(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

## Stewardship of Treasure

### **Offertory Collection**

3/22 – 3/28

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,232.76
Weekday	\$ 708.45
Online Giving	\$ 1,133.73
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 296.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 5.00
Good Friday	\$ 20.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 7,405.94</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 108.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 35.00
Augustine Educational Foundation	\$ 10.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 222.67
Others (Gallery, Candles, Intention etc.)	\$ 1,203.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,984.61</b>

## Living the Liturgy

- Jesus “commissioned” us as well as his first disciples to “preach to the people and testify” about the Resurrection. Write down your credo, or statement of belief, about Christ’s Resurrection and carry it with you throughout the next month.
- Make a list of the ways the “yeast of malice and wickedness” (1 Corinthians 5:8) has leavened parts of your life. Discuss it in a small group or with a trusted friend. After prayer, burn the list as a sign of the newness offered in Christ’s Resurrection.
- Proclaim the Good News. For your front door, cut a long banner from white or golden-yellow felt. Cut or purchase letters to spell “Alleluia!” and affix these down the center of the banner. Provide glue and felt shapes, stick-on “jewels,” silk flowers, and other decorations, and encourage your family to make your banner beautiful.

## Sharing the Faith

- In the face of the empty tomb, which reaction do you most identify with: Mary’s panic and assumption of foul play, Peter’s bewilderment, or John’s belief?
- Does faith in Christ require you to tell the world about Jesus and his Resurrection, or is that a personal conviction for your own spirituality?
- Why do you think the Church considers the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus the central mystery of our faith?

## Quote of the Week

*“We are witnesses of all that he did . . .” (Acts 10:39).*

# April 4, 2021 – Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 | Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 | John 20:1-9*

Before we can rejoice, Paul tells us that we must clean house. Banish the “old yeast . . . of malice and wickedness” (1 Corinthians 5:8) and start fresh, he tells us. In biblical times, each spring the yeast used for bread-making during the previous year was tossed away and new yeast was grown. Paul urges us to do the same: toss away our former ways of thinking and doing things so we can embrace the new life made possible by Christ's Resurrection. But embracing the Resurrection requires deep conviction that Jesus was who he said he was. The First Reading from Acts speaks with that kind of conviction. They saw Jesus heal those “oppressed by the devil” (Acts 10:38) and they believed. Two thousand years later, we still believe even without eyewitness experience. But can that be? Are we still relying on the experience of a small band of disciples so many years ago? Yes and no. Of course, we stand on the faith of the Apostles. But had we not experienced the power of Christ in our own lives, had we not seen Jesus freeing people from the power of evil, we surely would have given up this faith long ago. Mary Magdalene found the empty tomb and Peter entered it first, but it was John who “saw and believed” (John 20:8). From that belief has come the faith of billions for two millennia. Let us stand with John today, seeing and believing.

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**Next Sunday's Readings: “Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)”**

*Acts 4:32-35 | Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 | 1 John 5:1-6 | John 20:19-31*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

***Halleluiah! He Is Risen!***

It is with great joy to greet you all with a Blessed and Happy Easter. Let us savor the goodness of the Lord with hearts renewed and our spirits invigorated.

The tomb where Jesus was buried was empty. The disciples gave their testimony that they had seen the Lord. We, a people of faith, have come to believe that indeed the Lord has risen. We prepared, relived the journey of Christ, and celebrated with joy. Halleluiah is our song.

As we have come together now on this Easter Day, let us be thankful and give praise for the life and love offered by Jesus. His great act of sacrifice was once and for all a sign of His unconditional love and mercy. Sin and Death have been defeated. It is now the time for the Light to shine through this darkened world. And for us, to live a new life in Him.

Christ's resurrection assures us of what is given to us in faith and the hope of entering into His kingdom. His resurrection also gives us the courage to face the many challenges we encounter today, especially in this pandemic. His deep trust in the will of the Father moved Him to go through Suffering and Death and so to rise from the dead. In the same spirit of deep faith and trust, we can go through our pains and difficulties.

In this year of St. Joseph, as our Holy Father Pope Francis called us to celebrate, we can have the saint's ways of trust, obedient to the Heavenly Father, as he had to carry out his difficult mission to care for Jesus, God's beloved Son. In like manner, we embrace the hardships we experience today with courage and strength, knowing that our Lord journeys with us, suffers with us, and triumphs with us. St. Joseph is with us, giving us hope and strength to go through life's ups and downs. At the same time, he inspires us to tend to the needs of those suffering, especially those who had been severely affected by the pandemic. Through his example, we extend a hand to serve one another in the spirit of STEWARDSHIP, that we all care for one another and are responsible. We become WITNESSES OF THE GOSPEL, truly manifesting our faith not only in word but also in little or big ways of caring for the poor, needy, homeless, oppressed, and imprisoned.

The task of giving testimony to the Risen Jesus is with us. Let Him truly reign so our world may become more the Kingdom of God here on earth.

May your Easter be faith and love-filled and bring great joy to you, your family, and friends.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual