

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 12

### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Live Stream Mass at 9:00am  
Live Aired on KHNL at 12:00pm

Monday, April 13

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

Tuesday, April 14

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

Wednesday, April 15

### **Wednesday in the Octave of Easter** No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, April 16

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

Friday, April 17

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

Saturday, April 18

### **Saturday in the Octave of Easter** No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, April 19

### **Second Sunday of Easter** (Divine Mercy Sunday) Live Stream Mass at 9:00am

**ALL WEEKEND AND DAILY  
MASSES ARE CANCELED  
UNTIL April 30<sup>th</sup> (inclusive).  
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Live Stream our Masses**

### About Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Crowns the Triduum celebration and begins a new period of time within the liturgical year. Easter Sunday is the pattern and purpose for all other Sunday celebrations of the year and begins a time of reflecting upon how the followers of Jesus came to receive and understand his Resurrection from the dead.

## Stewardship of Treasure

<b>Offertory Collection</b>	<b>3/30 – 4/5</b>
Sunday Offering	\$ 0.00
Weekday	\$ 0.00
Easter Sunday	\$ 0.00
Coffers	\$ 0.00
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Other Collection</b>	
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 0.00
Mass Intention	\$ 0.00
Devotional Candles	\$ 0.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 0.00
Others (Gallery, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

## Living the Liturgy

- Make an Easter centerpiece using dyed eggs (either boiled or hollowed). Write words on them that you have heard during Lent about God, perhaps an image or description, such as Good Shepherd, forgiving, or source of life. Display it at the family meal table and use it as a basis for your mealtime prayer.
- Write a card to someone who might need to hear joyful words. It might be a homebound person from your parish, a neighbor, or a family member. Make the words your own, but convey the Easter message of Good News that Jesus entrusted to his disciples.
- Forgive someone who has hurt you. If you cannot do it in person, write a message or make a phone call. If the person is no longer living, perhaps you can express it in your heart or write in a journal. You could also pray for the courage and strength to begin the initial steps toward forgiveness.

## Sharing Faith

- What has your Lenten preparation taught you about God's mercy and compassion in your life?
- We used the symbol of fire as we began Lent. What has burned away in your life these past weeks? What new growth is emerging?
- Where are you called to bring an Easter message of joy and Good News?

*He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name (Acts 10:42 – 43).*

# April 12, 2020 – Easter Sunday of 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*

John's account of Christ's Resurrection begins with Mary Magdalene arriving alone at the tomb when it is dark. Upon seeing the stone removed, she flees to Peter and the other disciple, the key disciples of John's account of the Gospel. They run and look inside the empty tomb. Coming out of the darkness of confusion, they begin to believe.

As the followers of Jesus begin to believe, we hear the expression of that belief as it develops and strengthens in the readings from the Acts of the Apostles that we hear on Easter Sunday and all the Sundays of the Easter season. Peter tells the crowds that those who were witness to Jesus' life and death are commissioned to testify to what they have seen. They are to bear witness to the message of God's kingdom. These followers are to pray, break bread, offer healing, and preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins. We will hear those stories these next weeks. On this glorious Easter Day, may our churches tell the stories of our own testimony and actions as we, too, express our belief.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)"**

*Acts 2:42-47 | Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 | 1 Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

My Beloved Parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

Halleluia! Jesus has Risen!

Even just to recall the events of the life of Jesus that took place in Jerusalem makes us feel so tensed, scared, and restless. How much more when these events were taking place, especially for Jesus? The pain and suffering that He endured—the betrayal, denial, and abandonment of His disciples. The uncertainty of the future felt by His followers after He was buried in the tomb? These events were unbearable physically and mentally. But, all these things have to take place so that Scriptures will be fulfilled for the redemption of man through the sacrifice of Christ.

The greatest thing that took place after everything had been done; Jesus did not stay in the tomb forever. He had foretold; after three days, He rose from the dead. Three of his followers, Mary of Magdala, Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved, went to see where He was buried. They saw that the stone that covered the tomb had been removed, and inside were the burial clothes. Each of these followers reacted in different ways. What was so striking was the reaction or response of the disciple whom Jesus loved. The Gospel says, "*He saw and believed.*"

Yes, he only saw an empty tomb and burial clothes. For him, these were enough to believe in the Resurrection. We could say it could have been better if, at that moment, Jesus was there so that the three of them would immediately believe. But this disciple did not need that anymore. He heard everything that Jesus taught. He listened intently to the testimonies of His master. He had faith so deep that his seeing was seeing in the eyes of faith that His master was alive. And that, he would continue giving testimony to the Risen Jesus even it will cause resistance and sacrifice to the people whom he will share the Good News.

Our celebration during the remaining days of Lent and entering into Holy Week had been difficult. We were not able to participate physically at the Cathedral Basilica because of the danger and threat of the coronavirus. In as much as we were not able to do so, our celebration of Easter continues. His Resurrection gives us firmness of faith that He can conquer everything, even death. Through His Resurrection, our hope becomes alive and real that in His power and might, our world will be healed from this pandemic.

May His Passion be enough to teach us how to endure life's trials and tribulations? May His Death draw our hearts and minds to make us realize how much He cares and loves us? May His Resurrection move us to understand that having faith in him will bring true light, happiness, peace, and joy to our lives? May it also deepen our commitment to continue to do our mission of sharing the Good News to all people. In this way, His message will be heard and heeded and will bring healing to our lives, our community, and our world.

Have a Blessed and Faith-filled Easter to you and your family. Stay safe, always!

Fr. Pascual