

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
April 20, 2025
Mass Intentions

April 20, **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00AM Parishioners and Benefactors

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NO 5:00PM MASS

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

April 21, **Monday within the Octave of Easter**

12:00PM+Rita Kibler (Emma & Paul Kowalski)

April 22, **Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

12:00PM+Donnie Rabine, Anniversary (Family)

7:00PM Confirmation

April 23, **Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

12:00PM+Terry Smith (Randy & Jean Koury)

April 24, **Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

12:00PM+Theresa Karcz (Family)

April 25, **Friday within the Octave of Easter**

12:00PM Special Intention Jay & Lisa Koch

(McLucas & O'Connor Families)

April 26, **Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

12:00PM+Charlotte McCall (Greg & Karen Query)

Vigil : **Second Sunday of Easter**

5:00PM+Diane Johnston, Birth. (Mom & Family)

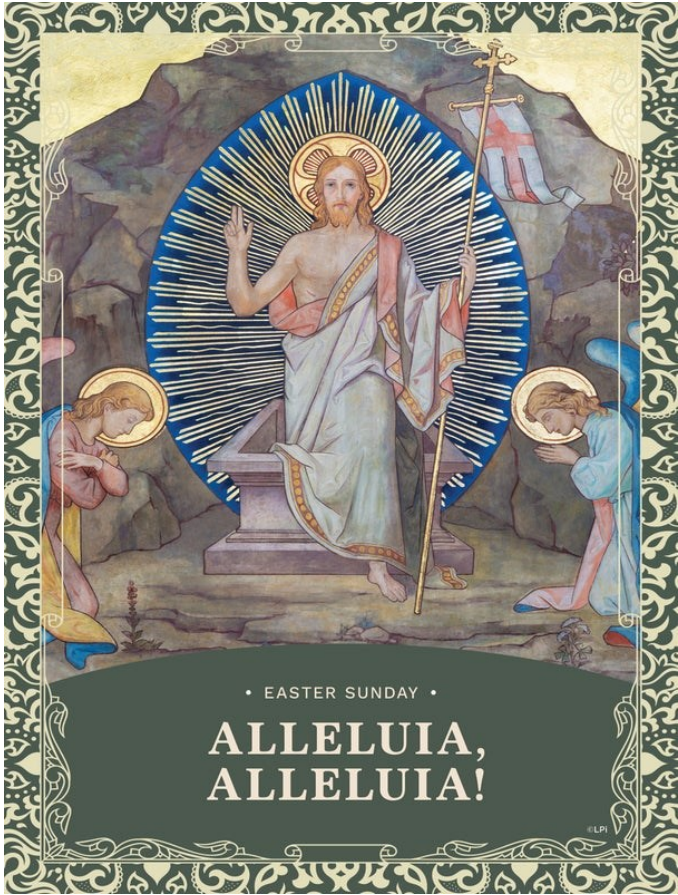
April 27, **Second Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM+Dec. Members of the Seymour & Farber Families (Family)

10:00AM+Patrick Miller (George & Polly Cardone)

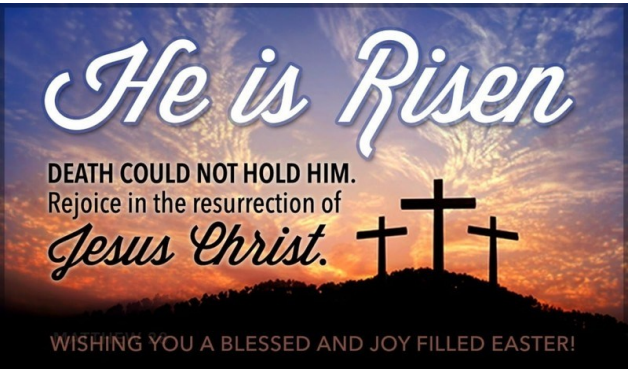
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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Easter Sunday crowns the Triduum celebration and begins a new period 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 on how followers of Jesus came to receive and understand his resurrection from the dead. Every Sunday of the year is a commemoration of our Lord's victory over sin and death.

As we celebrate the fifty days of the Easter Season, may you and those who love come to experience more deeply the peace and joy of being a disciple of Jesus. Enlivened by the Holy Spirit dwelling with us, we are called to live as witnesses of the Risen Lord. Happy Easter, Msgr. Stan Carson



OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, April 13, 2025, \$ 9,319.50

Thank you for your monetary and personal contributions to the life of our parish.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Leave It in the Tomb

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

“I see you hiding in that tomb,” he says. “I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice.”

He says it a little more elegantly, I'll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you'd better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, “Great idea, Paul — but I'm pretty comfy here.” Because sometimes, it's just easier to stay in the tomb. It's easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there's anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It's a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn't rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.

Step into the light. He is waiting for you.

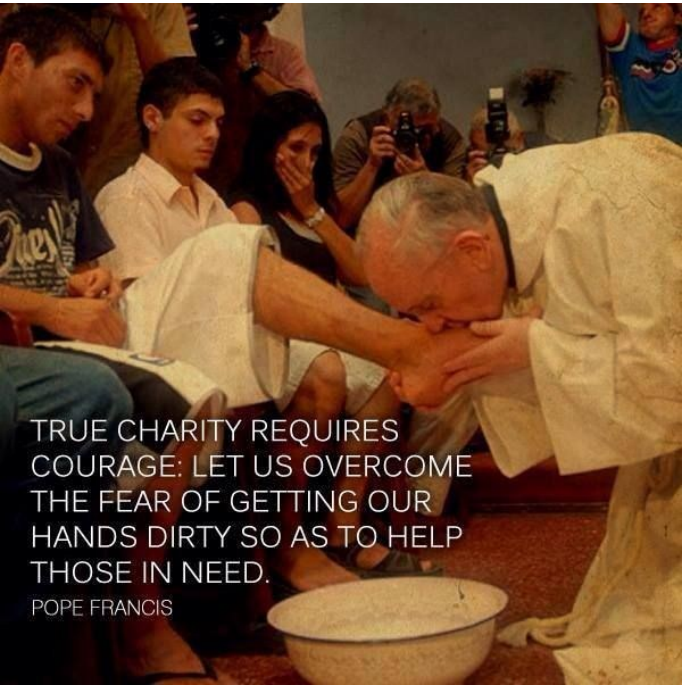
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Thank You

Gratitude is extended to the many volunteers whose devoted donation of time and talent help us celebrate well the mysteries of our faith. Our liturgical ministers, music ministers, greeters, ushers, decorators, gardeners, maintenance staff, and cleaners provide such a valuable service to our parish. Thank you.

Our Fish Fries were also a big success. A list of those who worked them will appear in next week's bulletin. Thanks so much.

Our Easter Egg Hunt, under a beautiful spring sky, was a fun time for parents and children. The Easter Bunny was a hit!



Stewardship Reflection

He is Risen! He is truly risen! That is what the celebration of Easter is all about, the truth that Jesus was crucified for our sins and three days later rose from the dead, conquering death once and for all. We proclaim this truth every Sunday in the Nicene Creed: “For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures.” Amazing!

We know its true, but this Easter Sunday, let’s ask ourselves if we live as if it’s true. Do we simply recite this portion of our Creed week after week, or do we live as witnesses to this glorious reality? And how are we, as Christian stewards, to live as a ‘witness’ all these years later without firsthand knowledge? We may have to look a little more closely to ‘bear witness’, but if we try then we can have just as real an experience of the empty tomb and the redeeming power of the Resurrection.

We become witnesses of His glory when we: prayerfully read the Scriptures knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each one of us, each time we receive the precious Body and Blood of the Lord in the Eucharist, when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation, and when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Savior. This Easter don’t just recite the Creed, resolve to live as if it’s true. Experience Jesus for yourself everyday from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is truly risen!



The 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive target for Cathedral is \$51,400. Please be supportive. This year’s Theme is “Follow Me” (Mt. 16:24).

Our sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of our priests and deacons.

Since the diocese is extremely supportive of Cathedral parish, it is important for us to support diocesan sponsored ministries.

So far, \$8,675 has been either pledged or donated from 32 parishioners. Thank you for participating.



Catholic Charities has asked Catholics to join in their spring product drive to support local families in need: paper products like tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, wipes, soap/hygiene products, laundry products, travel size toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant, socks, flashlights with batteries, etc.

Collection Boxes are available at our entrances.

A Christian Mothers Thank you

Last Sunday the Christian Mothers hosted the showing of the Sight and Sound production of “Queen Esther.” A big thank you to all who attended and to those members who helped make the afternoon a wonderful treat. A special thank you to Clark and Kim Adelman. By sharing their knowledge of the Jewish connection to Esther, they gave us more insight into this biblical story. We look forward to sharing future movies with our parish family.

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 20, 2025

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.
By appointment, by texting or calling 814-937 8240 Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration - Normally, the First Wednesday 12:30 PM - 6:45 PM
Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Sponsored by the Christian Mothers on Thursdays after the noon Mass.

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Pre-Kindergarten thru 8. Grades 9-11 Sunday Evening at 6:15.

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Mass Times

Sunday:	Weekday:
5:00 PM (Vigil)	12:00 Noon
8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	Saturday:
5:00 PM	12:00 Noon

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