



## EASTER SUNDAY

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-8

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**EASTER**

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the World. *The Paschal Candle* used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations.



The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

"What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind;...So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being," the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one."

(1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49)

Saturday, April 4

7:30 **Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil**

Sunday, April 5

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

10:00 FR ANTHONY W VERDELOTTI (deceased)  
by Msgr Mancini

1:00 GEORGE ROBERT DUPRE (deceased)  
by Mom and Dad (Easter Remembrance)

Monday, April 6

12:00 INTENTIONS OF ELIZABETH & LYN  
by parishioner

Tuesday, April 7

12:00 FR DAMIAN & FR ALFRED ALMONTE  
(deceased) by Alan and Diane Costantino

Wednesday, April 8

12:00 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS FOR  
JOHN & MARION HOTZ by Kelly and Chris Hotz

Thursday, April 9

12:00 INTENTIONS OF DON & ELAINE KALLIO  
by David and Ann Quinn

Friday, April 10

12:00 INTENTIONS OF MATT, TORIE & GRACE QUINN  
by David and Ann Quinn

Saturday, April 11

10:00 Multi-Parish Confirmation

5:00 ANTHONY CABRAL, JR. (deceased)

Sunday, April 12 *Divine Mercy Sunday*

10:00 MARY V. MASON (deceased) by daughter  
(Birthday Rem.)

1:00 MARIA QUIAMCO (deceased) by family  
(Anniversary Rem.)

6:00 MARY MULVEY (deceased)  
by Mary Curran Lannibois

**FROM THE RECTOR** - Monsignor Anthony Mancini

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to share with you the following meditation:

***Life Is Triumphant***

We celebrate the triumph of our blessed Lord over death. Man has and shall vanquish and conquer many enemies; the only enemy he can never conquer is death. Yet even death, through the triumph of our blessed Lord, is to be finally conquered, not only his death, but ours. He is a conqueror of death because he can make each of us, if we will, also conquerors. It is thus that he has taken the horror out of death. He has made it something no longer to scare people, but to encourage them. It is no longer a ruin but a sacrifice that every soul can make. Each man dying is a priest, and can offer a sacrifice like his Master. Each, like his Master, is victim and priest beside. He can offer himself in memory of that offering Christ made; offer it undefeated even by death.

Again, for us death is not the end of the roadway. It is only a turn in the road. We hold it not as though it were the journey's end. The journey ends not in death, but in life. Indeed the journey has no ending.

Thus did Christ our Lord vanquish death. He taught us how to vanquish it by not being afraid to die. And death being vanquished, what other evil can we ever really fear? Death, the long undefeated foe of man, God made Man has conquered for himself and all the world. It is because of that...because death has been met and answered, that every Christian soul should know that there is nothing that cannot be firmly and properly dealt with. No problem can utterly be insoluble. There is a remedy for all things. To all things there is an end.

Men talk, and rightly, I suppose, of the problems of our time, and wonder how they are to be solved and dealt with. In consequence, people looking out into the future are a little afraid. How is this problem to be solved, they ask? What is to be the end of day? Now it is part of the spirit of the followers of Christ never to be afraid of the future, or of whatever the future may bring. There are dark clouds and difficulties beyond us always. Yet there must always be victory for good, for the good is God. God is triumphant. Life is triumphant. Every lesser thing shall fail.

FATHER BEDE JARRETT, O.P.

*Father Jarrett († 1934) was a Dominican friar from England widely esteemed for his preaching, his lectures, and his many books on theology and spirituality.*

**Religious Education & Faith Formation**

Classes for Teen Confirmation: Monday, April 6 at 6:30pm  
Classes for First Holy Communion & for children Gr. 1-8: Saturday,  
April 11 at 10:30am.

Bible Study: Wednesday, April 8 from 7pm-8:30pm



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John 14:12

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

The **Chorus of Westerly** will hold a Concert at the Cathedral, *The Dream of Gerontius*, on **Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 PM.**

**Please note:**

**Mass will be celebrated at 4PM instead of 5PM - the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be cancelled due to the concert.**