

APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	41st Friday Homeschoolers Event	51st Saturday Extra Choir Rehearsal
6Passion Sunday Confirmation Class	7Passion Week Lenten Mission	8Passion Week Lenten Mission	9Passion Week Lenten Mission	10Passion Week Lenten Mission	11Passion Week Pro-Life Vigil Stations of the Cross	12No Roses of Mary Extra Choir Rehearsal
13Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17Holy Thursday	18Good Friday Stations of the Cross	19Holy Saturday
20Easter Sunday	21Easter Monday	22Easter Tuesday	23Easter Wednesday	24Easter Thursday	25Easter Friday All-Night Adoration	26Easter Saturday All-Night Adoration
27Low Sunday (Divine Mercy)	28Adult Catechism Class	29	30	1	21st Friday Homeschoolers' Event	31st Saturday

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Please pray for:

Repose of the Soul of:
Jeff Nelson

Parishioners who serve our nation:

Master Sgt. Chris Biery, U.S. Air Force
Spec. 2 Victor Follis, U.S. Space Force
Petty Officer 1st Class Paula Gennitti,
U.S. Navy
1st Lt. Adam Giammattei, U.S. Army
Sgt. Major Chad Keirns, U.S. Army
2nd Lt. Alexander Kleitz, U.S. Space Force

1st Lt. Mary McCowen, U.S. Army
Lt. Col. Lynn W. Sullivan, U.S. Army
Staff Sgt. Marc Snyder, U.S. Marine Corps
2nd Lt. Jacob Vore, U.S. Space Force
Sgt. Daniel Walsh, U.S. Army
Sr. Airman Thomas Walsh, U.S. Air Force
Lt. Col. Nathan Wike, U.S. Army
Master Sgt. A. Youngblood, U.S. Army
Sgt. 1st Class Cinthya Zuniga, U.S. Army

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

APRIL 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday Schedule:
Low Mass: 7 a.m.
9 a.m.
Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

Confessions:
One-half hour before Mass
Saturdays 4 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8 a.m.
Thursday: 6 p.m.
Friday, Saturday: 8 a.m.

Holy Hour:
Thursday: 7 p.m.



"O Mary, through thine Immaculate Conception make my body pure and my soul holy."

PASTOR:
FR. JAMES GORDON, F.S.S.P.

ASSISTANT PASTOR:
FR. DENNIS GORDON, F.S.S.P.



The RESURRECTION of the LORD

Divine Intimacy, by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

“This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us be glad and rejoice therein.” This is the most excellent day, the happiest day in the whole year, because it is the day when “Christ, our Pasch, has been sacrificed.”

Christmas, too, is a joyous feast, but whereas Christmas vibrates with a characteristic note of sweetness, the Paschal solemnity resounds with an unmistakable note of triumph; it is joy for the triumph of Christ, for His victory. The liturgy of the Mass shows us this Paschal joy under two aspects: joy in truth and joy in charity.

Joy in truth: According to the vibrant admonition of St. Paul, “Let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven... but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” In this world there are many ephemeral joys, based on fragile, insecure foundations; but the Paschal joy is solidly grounded on the knowledge that we are in the truth, the truth which Christ brought to the world and which He confirmed by His Resurrection.

The Resurrection tells us that our faith is not in vain, that our hope is not founded on a dead man, but on a living one, the Living One *par excellence*, who life is so strong that it vivifies, in time as in eternity, all



those who believe in Him. “I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, although he be dead, shall live” (*John 11:25*). Joy in truth: for only sincere and upright souls who seek the truth lovingly and, still more, “do the truth” can fully rejoice in the Resurrection. We are sincere when we recognize ourselves for

what we are, with all our faults, deficiencies, and need for conversion. From this knowledge of our miseries springs the sincere resolve to purify ourselves of the old leaven of the passions in order to be renewed completely in the risen Christ.

Truth, however, must be accomplished in charity — *veritatem facientes in caritatem*, doing the truth in charity (*Ephesians 4:15*); therefore the Postcommunion prayer that is placed on our lips is more timely than ever: “Pour forth upon us O Lord, the spirit of Thy love, to make us of one heart.” Without unity and mutual charity there can be no real Paschal joy.

The Gospel (*Mark 16:1-7*) places before our eyes the faithful holy women who, at the first rays of the Sunday dawn, run to the sepulcher, and on the way, wonder: “Who will roll back the stone from the door of the sepulcher for us?” This preoccupation, although it is well justified

on account of the size and weight of the stone, does not deter them from proceeding with their plans; they are too much taken up with the desire of finding Jesus! And behold! Hardly have they arrived when they see “the stone rolled back.”

They enter the tomb and find an angel who greets them with the glad announcement: “He is risen; He is not here.” At this time, Jesus does not let Himself be found or seen; but a little later when, in obedience to the command of the Angel, the women leave the tomb to bring the news to the disciples, He will appear before them saying, “All hail!” (*Matthew 28:9*), and their joy will be overwhelming.

We, too, have a keen desire to find the Lord; perhaps we have been seeking Him for many long years. Further, this desire may have been accompanied by serious preoccupation with the question of how we might rid ourselves of the obstacles and roll away from our souls the stone which has prevented us thus far from finding the Lord, from giving ourselves entirely to Him, and from letting him triumph in us.

Precisely because we want to find the Lord, we have already overcome many obstacles, sustained by

His grace; overcome many difficulties. Nevertheless, the search for God is progressive, and must be maintained during our whole life. For this reason, following the example of the holy women, we must always have a holy preoccupation about finding the Lord, a preoccupation which will make us industrious and diligent in seeking Him, and at the same time confident of the divine aid, since the Lord will certainly take care that we arrive where our own strength could never bring us, because He will do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Every year Easter marks a time of renewal in our spiritual life, in our search for God; every year we re-ascend the path toward Him in *novitate vitae*, in newness of life (*Romans 6:4*).

“Lord Jesus, good and gentle Jesus, who deigned to die for our sins and to rise for our justification, I beg You, by Your glorious Resurrection, to bring me out of the sepulcher of my vices and sins, so that I may merit to have a real share in Your Resurrection.

“O most kind Lord, who ascended to Heaven in the triumph of Your glory and are seated at the right

Upcoming Parish Events

April 20-28 ~ Parish Offices Closed for Easter Week

April 25-26 ~ All-Night Adoration

Sign up in the vestibule; times available from 7 p.m. on Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday.

June 9-14 ~ Registration Open for Boys' Camp

Get your hiking boots ready! Sign-up in vestibule; open to boys ages 12-18. Volunteer fathers are needed to help with activities. For more information, contact Chris Seltzer at (575) 545-1734, or campst.alphonsuscosfssp@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, April 21 ~ Easter Monday

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Tuesday, April 22 ~ Easter Tuesday

8 a.m. — Private Intention

Wednesday, April 23 ~ Easter Wednesday

8 a.m. — + Frances Kwitek, by Sarah Kwitek

Thursday, April 24 ~ Easter Thursday

6 p.m. — Special Intention, by Beatriz Rubio

Friday, April 25 ~ Easter Friday

8 a.m. — + Luis Francisco Valenzuela

Saturday, April 26 ~ Easter Saturday

8 a.m. — + George Forster, by Helene Forster

Sunday, April 27 ~ Low Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday)

7 a.m. — Reparation for All Sins

9 a.m. — Rorate Caeli Purgatorial Society

11 a.m. — Pro Populo

The priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.

hand of the Father, You who are all-powerful, raise me up to You, so that I may run in the odor of Your ointments, run without slackening, while You call and guide me. My soul thirsts; draw me to the divine spring of eternal satiety; lift me out of the abyss toward this living spring, so that I may drink as much as I can of it, and live on it forever, O my God, my Life.

“I pray You, Lord, give my soul the wings of an eagle that I may fly without weakening, fly until I reach the splendor of Your glory. There, You will feed me on Your secrets at the table of the heavenly citizens, in the place of Your Pasch, near the celestial fount of eternal satiety. Let my heart rest in You, my heart which resembles a great ocean, agitated by tumultuous waves.

“When shall I see you, O precious, long-desired, amiable Lord? When shall I appear before your face? When shall I be satiated with Your beauty? When will you take me out of this dark prison, that I may confess Your Name, without being confused any longer? What shall I do, a wretch loaded down with the chains of my human condition? What shall I do? As long as we are in the body, we are journeying toward the Lord. We have not here a lasting dwelling, but we seek a future city, for our homeland is in heaven.

“As long as I carry about with me these fragile members, give me the grace, O Lord, to cling to you, for he who adheres to the Lord is one spirit with Him” (*St. Augustine*).
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