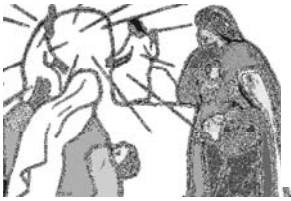


**April 4, 2010: Easter Sunday: The Resurrection
of the Lord**



The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. — Lk 24:1-9
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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

**Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord (Acts 10:34a, 37-43/
Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9)**

6:30 am- Bernard Bludau
8:00 am- Hilbert & Agnes Bludau
10:30 am- Marie Voelkel Holy

Monday, April 5 (Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15)

7:00 am- Victor F. Butschek
10:00 am- F. A. Grafe (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, April 6 (Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18)

7:00 am- Ernest Janak

Wednesday, April 7 (Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35)

7:00 am- Louis & Mary Rother
8:05 am- Special Intention for Recovery

Thursday, April 8 (Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48)

7:00 am- Deceased members of John & Annie Polasek Family
10:00 am- Robert & Lorene Vasek (Stevens)

Friday, April 9 (Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14)

7:00 am- Viola Darilek
8:05 am- Frank & Mary Haas

Saturday, April 10 (Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15)

5:30 pm- Frank Krenek

**Sunday, April 11, Divine Mercy Sunday (Acts 5:12-16/Rv
1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31)**

8:00 am- Leo (Buck), Lillian & George Henneke
10:30 am- For our Parish Family (First Communion)

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Vigil Light: Special Intention.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$4,572.50; Loose-\$1,760; Children-\$68; Rice Bowl-\$747; Manna-\$727.37; Church Endowment-\$180; School Endowment-\$102; Catholic Education Envelopes-\$400.

Welcome to the Parish: Jonathon & Jackie Drozd, & children Malia, Autumn, Gavin, Kyla, Peyton & Presley; and, Ronald & Tammy Grahmann, & children Kylie, Kaeden & Kenzie.

March Baptisms: Ben James, son of Jared & Brooke Bludau Meinkowsky; Kolby Ryan Paul, son of Rodney & Kelly Grafe Haas; Leo Arlen, son of Leo & Greta Griffith Henke, Jr.; Martin Alejandro & Diego, sons of Martin & Jenny Alas Monge.

Mass & Healing Prayer celebrated by Fr. Phi Nguyen, 10:00 a.m., April 10, Our Lady of Lourdes, Victoria.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

-Easter Egg Hunt & Youth Bake Sale after 8:00 am Mass.

MONDAY, APRIL 5

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
-Women's ACTS, 7:00 p.m., Yoakum Family Center.
-RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.
-KC meeting, 7:30 p.m., KC Hall.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

-CCD: Grades K-11th, 6:00 – 7:10 pm
-Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.
-Divine Mercy Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Room.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

-Serra Club Mass, 8:00 a.m., St. Michael's, Weimar.
-First Communion practice, 9:00 a.m. in church.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

-Divine Mercy Holy Hour, 3:00 p.m. in church.
-Firefall, 6:00 p.m. in church. Parishioners are invited to join the youth in Eucharistic Adoration.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Alvin Rosenauer, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Josie Ohnheiser, Mason Leibham, Riley Mika, Mary Bonorden, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Helen M. Appelt, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Paige Haas, Anita Kallus, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Suzanne Romano, Alice Kocian, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Anita Bohuslav, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klmitchek, Judith Koerth, Thelma Mikulenska, Louise Tesch, Sandra Henneke, Mary Ann Koenig, Ronald Kanak, Marcella Henke, Helen Mitchon, Tillie Schott, Georgia Schaefer, Joseph Ilardo, Dolores Ludwig, Denise Lewis, Evelyn Kutac, Emil Grahmann, Lillie Demny, Henry Morris, Bruce Fritz, Milada Netardus, Paula Nemecek, Ernest Schulte, Guntram Janak, Ray Palmer, Candice Chandler, Dorothy Dworsky, Antonia Jahn, Alvin Steffek, Sr., Mason Hanson, Josh Mann, Faith Del Castillo, Theresa Steffek, Fred Pustejovsky, Sr., nursing home residents & the homebound.

The Sisters of IWBS are hosting a "Come & See" weekend for single Catholic women up to 50 on April 17-18 at Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria. For information, call 575-7111 or email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel: An adorer is needed 11:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight on Thursday nights. If you are able to "keep watch" with our Lord during this hour, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

Catholic Daughters Members, please mail 2010 Dues (\$20.00) to Joan Janak, 1342 FM 318, Hallettsville 77964.

KC meeting, April 6 at 7:30 p.m., KC Hall. A program on Medicare & Medicaid qualifications & frequently asked questions will be presented by Stevens Nursing & Rehab Center. Wives are invited. A meal will be served.

From the Desk of Father John

Happy Easter! We wish each other this joyful greeting on Easter Sunday – and yet, for Catholics, Easter is so much more than a single celebration. Easter is so important that we cannot celebrate it in one day. To fully celebrate the Easter Season it takes fifty days, or a Pentecost (the Greek word for *fifty*). And each one of these fifty days, in fact, *is* Easter. That is why the Church speaks of the Sundays of Easter, rather than the Sundays after Easter.

And what do we celebrate during this fifty-day Alleluia? Jesus' resurrection from the dead, His eternal and everlasting victory over death, and the gift of salvation poured out upon the world. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#638) reminds us, "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith." The heart of our very identity as Christians is this belief that God has radically changed the universe in the birth, life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The Easter mystery celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus. But what does that really mean? Throughout the gospels, Jesus predicts His own Passion – the suffering, crucifixion, and death that He will endure in fulfillment of the Scriptures. But it is only after we roll the stone away, and the tomb is found empty, that Jesus' predictions are truly fulfilled.

He appears in risen form first to Mary Magdalene (Jn 20:14) and then to the other women and disciples (Mt 28:9). His resurrection is bodily and complete. When the resurrected Christ visits His disciples in the Gospel of Luke, He understands their disbelief and allows them to touch Him so that they may come to believe. He even eats with His disciples as a sign of His real presence among them. The disciples are filled with joy and amazement at the presence of the Risen Christ! And we, too, are filled with joy and amazement at the real presence of the Risen Christ throughout the Mass. As Catholics, we believe that Christ is really and truly present in the celebrant, in the Word, and in the full assembly gathered as the Body of Christ, and most especially, in the Holy Eucharist.

The new life of the Resurrection "reinstates us in God's grace" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #654) "so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:4).



The Youth ConneXion



Discount Cards are still available for \$5 at the Rectory & can be used repeatedly at various local businesses through September 30th. Proceeds benefit SH Youth.

Music Practice: Mondays, 6:00 p.m., Youth House.



Easter Flower donations may be dropped off at the Rectory or placed in an envelope with your name & dropped in the collection basket.

Religious Education (CCD) ~~ Office 798-3124

Janice Busselman, Coordinator

Angela McConnell, Assistant

April 10: First Communion practice, 9:00 a.m. in church.

April 11: First Communion, 10:30 a.m. Mass.

April 17: Confirmation practice, 9:00 a.m. in church.

April 18: Confirmation, 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Sacred Heart Catholic School (798-4251)

April 5: Easter Monday – No School.

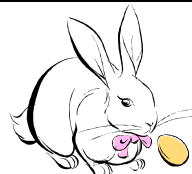
By now, most of you have probably received your 2010 Census form. The 2010 Census form asks 10 questions & takes about 10 minutes to complete. It's easy, important & safe. By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share an individual's personal information with anyone, including other federal agencies & law enforcement entities. Please complete & mail back your census form & encourage others to do the same.

Easter Sunday

At the Easter Vigil, the deacon sings the great hymn of light, the "Exsultet." He calls on the heavenly powers, the earth, and the church to rejoice and exult (hence the name for the hymn) because Christ has conquered death and vanquished darkness forever. This is a song of faith! We believe that the risen Christ is more powerful than evil, greater than sin, and stronger even than death itself – that ancient enemy to which we all fall victim.

In renewing our baptismal commitment this Sunday, we profess our own belief in the communion of saints and the resurrection of the body. All of us who are baptized – those in the past and those living today – are united beyond death by the power of the risen Lord. By uniting ourselves to Him in baptism, we are already sharing in His risen life. His Spirit, "dwelling within us, gives us on earth the hope of unending joy" (Preface 34).

The rebirth of the natural world each spring puts our faith in context. God continually renews creation, bringing to birth that which seemed dead and lifeless. And God does the same for us. Even though sin may have taken hold of our lives, through Christ we are renewed and saved from our sinful past. Through repentance and conversion we are brought to new life, rejoicing again in our baptismal innocence. And, through our faith in Christ, we are saved from that final death that comes at the end. We believe that Jesus will raise up our mortal bodies to be like His own in glory. Just as that which seems to be dead comes back to life in the spring, so too, do we believe that those who have gone before us will also rise to share in the fullness of life in Christ. This is the day in which God has won the victory, and His people rejoice and are glad! *2010 Liturgical Publications Inc



Happy Easter



FINANCIAL REPORT – FEBRUARY, 2010**Church Income:**

Sunday Collection	\$ 33,099.50
Other Donations	2,400.11
Family Center Rental	1,010.00
Religious Articles	889.11
Special Collections	2,208.50
Interest	<u>27,956.38</u>
Total Church Income	<u>\$ 67,563.60</u>

School Income:

Student Fees	\$ 150.00
Pre-K – 12 th Tuition	53,405.00
Extended Care	2,345.00
Catholic Education Envelopes	2,612.00
Memorials	315.00
Extravaganza	34,160.50
Interest	9,348.32
Technology	185.00
Book Fair	2,729.71
Miscellaneous	<u>477.50</u>
Total School Income	<u>\$105,728.03</u>

Church Expense:

Salaries	\$ 6,577.76
Utilities	1,898.17
Church Expense	2,864.74
Rectory Expense	392.24
Office Expense	711.07
Religious Articles	505.53
Medical Insurance & Pension	3,210.69
Family Center Expense	409.10
Rice Bowl Collection	1,267.50
Church in Eastern Europe	941.00
Worker's Compensation	331.15
Building Insurance	1,650.19
Repairs	<u>84.00</u>
Total Church Expense	<u>\$ 20,843.14</u>

School Expense:

Salaries	\$ 72,249.20
Contracted Services	553.14
Office & Teaching Expense	1,013.65
Postage	270.43
Staff Development	119.44
Textbooks & Testing	457.69
Utilities	3,180.24
Plant Repairs	1,507.81
Custodial Supplies	86.24
Bus & Van Expense	2,130.70
Payroll Taxes	5,362.04
Medical Insurance	12,310.74
Retirement	3,503.24
Worker's Compensation	3,813.66
Property Insurance	2,597.13
Convent Expense	514.48
Acquisition of Equipment	23,487.95
Miscellaneous	881.13
Technology	248.93
Marathon Expense	1,437.59
Book Fair Expense	2,493.72
Extravaganza	<u>11,003.64</u>
Total School Expense	<u>\$149,222.79</u>

Parish Income	\$173,291.63
Parish Expense	<u>-170,065.93</u>
Parish Balance	<u>\$ 3,225.70</u>

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One Minute Meditations

Actions speak loudly

John the Baptist sent his disciples to Jesus to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Luke 7:20). Instead of a long discourse on his spiritual genealogy, Jesus told them to watch him and report what they saw. His actions said it all. If you were to tell a friend about who Jesus is, what would you say?

Why obey?

Moses knew the people of Israel needed more incentive to follow the new commandments he presented to them. Asking for their obedience wasn't enough. So he said, "Observe them carefully, for thus will give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations" (Deuteronomy 4:5-9). Yet another reason to obey God; it shows how smart you are.

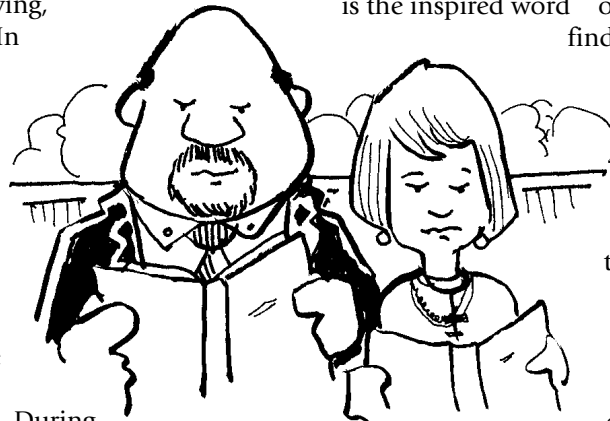
Overconfidence

Sin can be tricky. Just when you think you have it beat, watch out. "Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12).



Meet God at "Little Easter"

One awesome fact of which Easter reminds us is that God lives and lives with us. Yet, as the joy of the celebration fades, we may feel distant from our loving, living God. In fact, we can renew our Easter joy every week at Mass on Sunday, our "little Easter." It's a great place to find God.



The Priest. During Mass, the priest is not acting on his own but in the person of Christ ("In Persona Christi"). Bishops and priests act in persona Christi when they offer Mass, forgive sins, preach on behalf of the Church, and perform other acts of shepherding and teaching. So, we find God in the priest.

The Word. Much of what goes on at Mass is directly from Scripture – the prayers we say together, the hymns we sing, the readings, etc. Since Scripture is the inspired word of God, we can find God in his Word.

The Eucharist. What starts as bread and wine becomes the body and blood of Christ. So we meet God in the consecrated Eucharist.

The People. When we unite to praise God, we are his Church. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So God is there when we worship with others at Mass.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

What is an Epiclesis?

In each Sacrament, the prayer asking for the power of the Holy Spirit is called an "Epiclesis." In the Epiclesis during the Eucharist, the priest petitions God to send the Holy Spirit so that the offerings may



become the Body and Blood of Christ.

When that happens, the faithful who receive them become a living offering to God, too. "He has also put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment" (2 Corinthians 1:22).

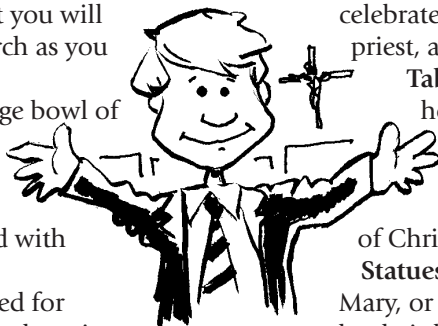
Feel at home in any Catholic church

Each Catholic church may be unique, but you will find familiar elements in any Catholic church as you find in your own parish home.

Baptismal font – A pool, fountain, or large bowl of water usually stands near the doors of the church and reminds us that baptism is our “door” to the Catholic faith.

Nave – The large open room usually filled with pews or seats is the main assembly area.

Sanctuary – The part of the church reserved for liturgical action that contains an altar where the priest



celebrates the sacrifice of the Mass, a chair for the priest, and the lectern for reading Scripture.

Tabernacle – Usually located in a place of honor in the sanctuary, this receptacle holds consecrated hosts. A candle nearby signifies when it is full.

Crucifix – A prominent cross with an image of Christ crucified is usually located near the altar.

Statues - Statues and other forms of art of Jesus, Mary, or the Saints remind us of those who inspire us by their holy lives.

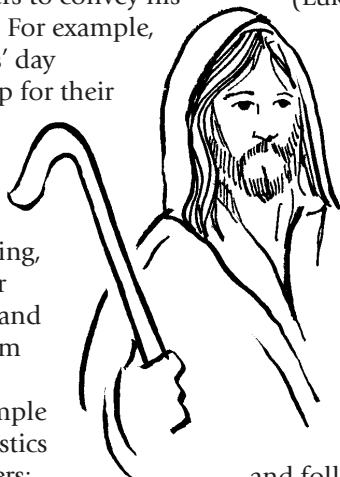
from Scripture

John 10:27-30, Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

As a storyteller, Jesus used images familiar to his listeners to convey his message of salvation. For example, many people in Jesus’ day depended upon sheep for their livelihood. A village might have a common pasture where the sheep were led in the morning, but at night an owner would call his sheep and they would follow him home.

Jesus used this example to describe characteristics of his faithful followers:

They hear his voice. Jesus said to his



Apostles, “He who hears you hears me” (Luke 10:16). Catholics recognize Christ’s voice in the successors of the Apostles: our pope and bishops.

They follow him.

Catholics are called to follow Jesus. We follow out of love and we do what he asked us to do, including caring for the poor and vulnerable. We joyfully come when he calls us home.

They will have eternal life.

Listening to his voice and following Jesus will guide us safely to the pastures of eternal life.

Q & A

Should I say something to people who come dressed to Mass inappropriately?

There was a time when reverential dress meant men and boys came to Mass in a coat and tie and women and girls wore a dress or skirt (and a hat).



Today’s idea of reverential dressing has many interpretations and what may be reverential to you could be different to someone else.

When you look at how other parishioners dress, ask yourself if they could be wearing their good clothes even if it doesn’t fit your idea of reverential. Then again, if they are dressed in clothing they would use to play a sport or clean the house, you may be right.

If you find how someone is dressed to be distracting, by all means offer a gentle, educational comment. Or, if in doubt, talk to your pastor.

The best way you can influence other people is by how you dress yourself. Wear your “Sunday best” and accessorize with a warm and welcoming manner to those around you, and you are sure to influence others to do the same.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 11 - St. Stanislaus (1079). As Bishop of Krakow in 1072, St. Stanislaus attempted to reform the violent and depraved king of Poland, Boleslas II. When his efforts failed, he excommunicated the king. In retaliation, Boleslas murdered the saint.

April 21 – St. Anselm (1109). A native of Italy, St. Anselm became a monk in France and reluctantly became bishop of Canterbury, England. He was exiled for rebuffing the king’s interference in Church matters.

April 24 – St. Fedelis (1622). In his native Prussia, St. Fidelis became a

lawyer and championed the poor and oppressed. Later, he joined the Franciscans and gave away his wealth. During a revolt against the Church, St. Fidelis worked to bring people back. He was murdered by an angry mob.

April 25 - St. Mark (1st century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel based on St. Peter’s perspective. Mark accompanied Sts. Paul and Barnabas (Mark’s cousin) on their missionary journey to Cyprus and is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.



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