

Dear Padre,

Why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not?

We ring bells because they make a beautiful sound for the Lord and for our ears. They signal something important; they bring us comfort in sorrow, and they double our joy. The official name for the bell ringing is *tintinnabulation*. As with many practices, tintinnabulation is present in many traditions worldwide. It's a beautiful way to focus the mind and heart, lifting the soul to God. I'll never forget the stirring sunrise tintinnabulation at Assisi on Easter Sunday.



Catholics ring bells at the Eucharist, during the singing of the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil, at the showing of the consecrated bread and wine and, in some places, at the beginning of the preparation of the gifts and the Communion procession. We also ring bells to mark the morning, noon, and evening hours, at which times devotion recalls the Incarnation of Christ and the praying of the Angelus. Bells are rung to assemble the community for prayer and festivities. At weddings and funerals, bells declare that something important is happening—an event to be surrounded by beautiful sound.

But why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not? The books of the revised liturgy give an option, so some parish leaders choose to ring bells and others do not. However, in the Latin Mass, there is no option—the bells must be rung at set times.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*



You cannot give [courage] to yourself, but you can receive it as a gift. All you have to do is open your heart in prayer and roll away, however slightly, that stone placed at the entrance to your heart so that Jesus' light can enter... With you, Lord, we will be tested but not shaken.

EASTER VIGIL HOMILY, APRIL 11, 2020

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 5

Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday

APRIL 6

Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36–41
Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday

APRIL 7

Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1–10
Lk 24:13–35

Thursday

APRIL 8

Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11–26
Lk 24:35–48

Friday

APRIL 9

Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1–12
Jn 21:1–14

Saturday

APRIL 10

Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13–21
Mk 16:9–15

Sunday

APRIL 11

Second Sunday
of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 4:32–35
1 Jn 5:1–6
Jn 20:19–31



Our Parish COMMUNITY

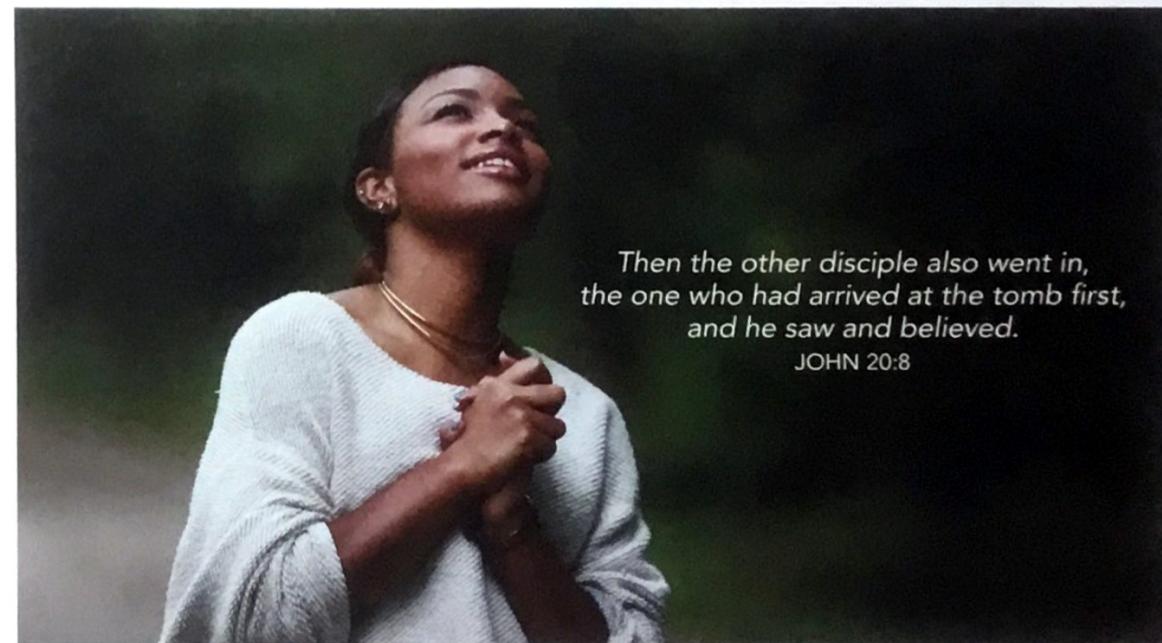
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Easter (B)

Acts 10:34a, 37–43

Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8

Jn 20:1–9 or Mk 16:1–7



Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

JOHN 20:8

Seeing Is Believing

Clever phrase. But is it accurate? Believing means that we sometimes accept as true something for which we have no positive proof. We might base our belief on the word of someone we consider reliable, but we ourselves have no undeniable evidence. We may use this phrase in everyday conversation and know what we really mean, but when it comes to the resurrection of Jesus, the phrase “seeing is believing” really doesn't fit well.

In today's first reading, Peter states that Jesus was visible to some of his followers. What does this mean? It's clear from most of the Easter narratives that many people had a profound, life-transforming experience of the risen Jesus. They may not have realized this at first, but they were convinced of it when he allowed them to recognize him. Was it a visual experience? Was it auditory as Paul describes (Acts 9:4)? Or was it

touch as Thomas demanded (John 20:25)? Every mystic describes a revelation of Christ as an experience of one or more senses. For example, St. Bernadette saw our Lady, while St. Francis heard a voice. This isn't to say that the revelations weren't real. It is to say that our senses are our only way of experiencing it or talking about it. We are, after all, only human.

Maybe when referring to the resurrection we should modify this phrase: believing is seeing or hearing or feeling or being somehow convinced that he is really here. And this can be true for all of us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- * Have you ever had a moment of profound religious insight? If so, how would you describe it?
- * The risen Christ is with us still. Think about that for a moment.



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Apr. 5 8:00 a.m. **Dorothy Hoffman+**
Tuesday, Apr. 6 8:00 a.m. **Charles & Eileen Hoff+**
Thursday, Apr. 8 8:00 a.m. **Special Intention**
Friday, Apr. 9 12:15 p.m. **Charles & Eileen Hoff+**
Saturday, Apr. 10 4:00p.m. **For the People**
Sunday, Apr. 11 9:00 a.m. **Ron Gorges +**

April 4, 9:00 a.m. Karen Burden
 April 10, 4:00 p.m. Debbie Frederick
 April 11, 9:00 a.m. K of C Members
 April 17, 4:00 p.m. Alvin Bergkamp
 April 18, 9:00 a.m. Fred Jones
 April 24, 4:00 p.m. Tom Bachman
 April 25, 9:00 a.m. Mike Broeckelman
 May 1, 4:00 p.m. Debbie Frederick
 May 2, 9:00 a.m. Karen Burden
 May 8, 4:00 p.m. Julie Kaps
 May 9, 9:00 a.m. Steve Sullivan

Thank you so much for your ministry!

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. every Friday from 4:15—4:50 p.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

EASTER DAY-THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD—APRIL 4, 2021



WAS IT NOT NECESSARY THAT THE CHRIST SHOULD SUFFER THESE THINGS AND ENTER INTO HIS GLORY? LK24

Happy Easter everyone. Alleluia! It feels so good to be able to say that again after such a long time – 40 days I believe. Alleluia! It brings me great joy to gather with all of you to rejoice in and give thanks to God for the greatest gift we could ever imagine --- the gift of redemption, the gift of salvation, the gift of new life won for us through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. What a God we have! Alleluia!

We do need to Praise with elation . . . Praise every morning . . . God’s recreation of the new day

My friends, whoever you were yesterday --- doesn’t really matter.

Whatever you did in your past, whatever ways you have strayed --- doesn’t matter.

Whatever you don’t like about yourself --- doesn’t matter

Whatever problems you are having or grief you are carrying . . .

Whatever is breaking your heart or weighing you down . . .

Whatever cross you are carrying . . .

These things don’t win.

They won’t the get the best of us. They don’t get the last say. They are not the end of the story --- not the end of our story. God wins. Every single time --- and therefore gives us an opportunity to wake up each and every day and be the person not only we want to be, but be the person God wants us to be --- for God, for ourselves, and for the world. That’s what it means to be a resurrection people, an alleluia people, a people of faith, a people who live in the light and power of what we are celebrating today.

What a God we have! The victory has been won! He is risen!

And each of us gets to share in that victory. Morning has broken! Now what do we intend to do with it?

I pray that you and your loved ones have a blessed Easter! Fr. Peter Tran

COLLECTION for March 28, 2021: Envelopes: \$725.00; Loose: \$243.00; Online Giving: \$410.10; Total \$1,378.10; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under (-383.07) *Thank you so much to your faithful stewards for supporting our parish, diocese, and worldwide Church.*

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS We would like to extend our congratulations to our newly Baptized, **Newt Lane Morgante**, son of Matthew and Danielle Morgante who was baptized on March 27. Welcome to God's family in the Church! May our Loving God continue to pour down His abundant blessings upon Newt and his family.

RCIA CONGRATULATIONS TO **Rony Jahir Santos Gutierrez, Alex Hernandez Alcantar, Yareli Ibarra, Mailia Ibarra, & Andrew William Powers** who received their sacraments of Initiation this Easter Vigil— Holy Saturday. We would like to thank you the sponsors, family members and parishioners who accompanied our New Members on their faith journey. A big Thanks to all those who helped in forming and catechizing our new members.

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS We wish to congratulate **Victor Davian Ramirez and Jovan Saul Saenz** who were confirmed this Easter Vigil— Holy Saturday. Because of the time conflict they weren't able to receive confirmation last March 18. We are grateful to their parents, sponsors, catechist who worked hard to prepare them for this very special day on their journey of faith! May the love of Jesus forever remain close to you.

UPCOMING MEETINGS Finance Parish Council: April 5, Pastoral Council: April 7, and K of C: April 7. All meetings will be held at Parish Hall.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES –APRIL: 7, 14, 21, 28—Last day of CCD. **FIRST COMMUNION MASS will be next Saturday, April 10 at 4:00 p.m. Mass.** Please pray for our parish kids who are going to receive Jesus in the Form of Bread and Wine for the first time.

BUDGET SHOP We will be working at the Budget Shop on **Saturday, April 10 and Tuesday, April 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Any help will be greatly appreciated. And “Thank You” ahead of time.

VOCATION VIEW “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!” This day changes everything. The power of sin and death are broken, live in the freedom that comes solely in Christ. (Psalm 118)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (adapted from Ubi Caritas) O Living God, You are love itself. The love you offer us in Christ, your Son, gathers us into one. May we rejoice and be glad in him. May we love and reverence you and love others from the depths of our heart. May Christ be in our midst, putting an end to our bitterness, quarrels, and strife. May we see the face of Christ in glory and know pure and unbounded joy forever. Amen.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at **3 p.m., Sunday, April 11**, at St. Rose Church in Great Bend. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers and meditation. Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church. **Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are in the brochure rack of the church. CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE PRAYER SERVICE.** This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio, KRRT, 88.1.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK (EASTER VIGIL Mark 16:1-8)

Disbelief about the empty tomb Opponents of early Christianity, who had as much difficulty believing that a person could be raised from the dead as people do today, claimed...

- Jesus didn't really die, (which begs the question of where his body went)
- it was the wrong tomb
- the disciples hid the body Mark makes it clear that the women knew where Jesus' body was (15:47). As for the notion that the disciples hid the body, it's unlikely that they would endure persecution and death for something they knew wasn't true.

Interpreting the empty tomb The empty tomb isn't by itself a clear statement that Jesus was raised. The young man, an angelic, otherworldly figure, must explain what's happened. The women are amazed, as in stunned or baffled. They saw Jesus die on the cross (15:40). They probably believed that God would raise him at the general resurrection of the just, but they hadn't expected him to rise before then. An unexpected resurrection Some Jews believed that God would one day raise the just to eternal life, but only when God exercised final judgment over the earth. By raising Jesus, God worked a miracle that went beyond anything anyone had expected.

The shocking ending (v.8) The last verse of Mark's original Gospel, verse 8, is abrupt and unsettling. It was cut from our Easter reading. Mark's ending, however, is a bold challenge. Mark begins his Gospel somewhat strangely: “the beginning of the gospel...” (1:1). Well, obviously it's the beginning. What Mark means is God's saving activity is about to enter a new era in Jesus. Once Jesus has been raised, this good news must be handed on by people brave enough to proclaim it. In order to proclaim that God has brought about salvation in Jesus, a person must believe that new and eternal life comes from giving of oneself even into death. This is hard to believe. Despite Jesus' efforts to prepare his disciples for his Passion and death, they fled when he was arrested. The trembling and bewildered women are like the male disciples, except they flee when they learn that Jesus has been raised. Mark's ending reminds us just how extraordinary these events were. These events also make extraordinary demands of those who believe in them.

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QUESTIONS CATHOLIC ASK

Do Catholics believe in faith healing?



Most of us equate faith healing with a miraculous resolution of a medical condition that can't be explained by other means. In charismatic instances of faith healing, a sick person receives the laying on of hands, is prayed over often in an unintelligible language of tongues, and may experience being “slain in the Spirit”—falling to the ground involuntarily. In the movies, this is the moment when the person gets up, throws away the crutches, and walks away restored.

But what about the gift of healing. In the gospels, healing is frequently achieved by Jesus. In the early church, James exhorts the community to lay hands on the sick and pray for them—presuming a curative effect. Our Sacrament of the Sick today is an anointing with oil that seeks to restore the sick person to wholeness in body, mind, and spirit.

But what exactly are we praying for when we pray for healing? Theologian John Craghan distinguishes between seeking God's intervention, and trying to assert mental control over the illness. Movements like Christian Science attempt the latter, while Catholic tradition invokes divine help. Craghan outlines four elements particular to Catholic teaching on healing: All healing is a gift from God. Sickness is not merely a result of incorrect thinking but a real condition. Medical help available through science cooperates with the goal of healing and should not be rejected as contrary to faith. And finally, the body isn't the only place where sickness lodges and healing is needed; mind and spirit need restoration as well to achieve wholeness.

This understanding suggests it's not enough to insist, “If it's God's will, I'll get better”—denying a doctor's recommendations or prescriptions. Likewise, those suffering from depression shouldn't imagine that if only their faith were stronger, their condition would evaporate overnight. The loss of physical or mental health is distressing enough without the addition of unwarranted blame or guilt.

The church has always invested in healing by means of the sacraments, as well as in caring for the sick by the construction of hospitals worldwide. Modern health care too often depersonalizes and dehumanizes the sick person in clinical settings and procedures. The Sacrament of the Sick restores the sick to the community of faith, and reveals them as a sign of Christ's enduring suffering and compassion. (Alice L. Camille)

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)

RACE TO UNDERSTANDING

Does it matter who gains insight first, so long as we all get there? Competition is overrated, which may be why evangelists don't agree on who arrives at the tomb first. Mark reports that Mary Magdalene; Mary, mother of James; and Salome got there at dawn. Matthew asserts it was the Magdalene and the “other Mary.” Luke claims it was Mary Magdalene; James' mother, Mary; Joanna; and assorted “others.” In John, the Magdalene arrives alone. You may be a cradle Catholic, or this may be your first Easter. Welcome to the recognition that death doesn't have the final say. (Prepare the Word)

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA RESURRECCIÓN DEL SEÑOR (DOMINGO DE PASCUA)

CARRERA HACIA LA COMPRESION

¿Importa quién llega primero a la revelación, con tal de que todos lleguemos a ella? La competencia está sobrevalorada, y quizá por eso los evangelistas no se ponen de acuerdo sobre quién llega primero al sepulcro. Marcos cuenta que María Magdalena, María, madre de Santiago, y Salomé llegaron al amanecer. Mateo afirma que fue la Magdalena y la “otra María.” Lucas afirma que fue María Magdalena, la madre de Santiago, María, Juana, y varios “otros.” En Juan, la Magdalena llega sola. Es posible que seas un católico de cuna, o que ésta sea tu primera Pascua. Bienvenido al reconocimiento de que la muerte no tiene la última palabra.

PARKING LOT PROJECT -THANK YOU

We cannot say this enough.....A HUGE thank you to all the workers who showed up to help run the concrete Monday morning. Without those men (and women) who came out to help, the task of pouring 53 ¾ cubic yards of concrete would have been a much more difficult task.

When the first truck showed up at 9:45 Monday morning the number of young men there was very relieving to see. Not to be left out, some of our 'more experienced' members, were very welcome too. All of the parish members involved were greatly appreciated. With all the help involved, it made the burden on everyone a bit easier. I hesitate to name names for fear of leaving someone out, so I won't even try. Just let it be known, we, the building committee, thank each and everyone who showed up, to finish the parking lot project.

Not to be forgotten, a big “Thank you” to those who prepared the parking lot before the big pour on Monday. My college professor always said; Prior preparation, prevents poor performance....if that is true, and I'm sure it is, these men and women who participated in the preparation made the job on Monday a breeze.

A special 'Thank you' goes out to Kent Landon, who without his knowledge, experience and equipment, the project would have taken considerably longer.

And without the spiritual guidance from Father Peter, who knows where we would have been. Beyond the spiritual guidance, Father handles a shovel pretty well. :-)

Again, the building committee members are extremely happy and pleased with the outcome of the project and thank any and all who had anything to do with the successful completion of our parking lot project, whether you were there physically to help, donated monetarily or prayed for the success of this long, drawn-out project.

THANK YOU FOR THE DONATION OF 2021 EASTER FLOWER—MEMORIALS



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