

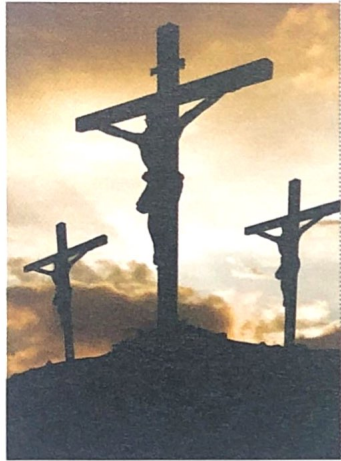
Dear Padre,

The Church says unless you're baptized, you will not enter heaven. So how was the unbaptized good thief able to enter paradise?

Jesus was crucified with two thieves. One taunted Jesus, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, rebuking him, said Jesus had done nothing criminal adding, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied to him, saying, "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:39-40, 42-43).

When the good thief rebuked the other, how did he know Jesus had done nothing wrong or that Jesus was going to his kingdom when he died? Scripture provides no background on the good thief to suggest he was baptized, but he's evidently familiar with Jesus' reputation before the crucifixion.

Regardless, even to his dying breath, Jesus desired for all a conversion experience with our compassionate God. God desires salvation for everyone. However, "God has bound salvation to the sacrament of baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1257). So while the typical way of salvation is through baptism, our merciful God can also give baptismal grace without the sacrament being conferred! For example, when unbaptized infants die, we have "hope that God will save [them] when we have not been able to do for them what we would have wished to do, namely, to baptize them" (2007 Vatican Commission, "The Hope of Salvation for Infants Who Die Without Being Baptized," 103).



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Calendar

Monday
APRIL 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 2:14, 22-33
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday
APRIL 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday
APRIL 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday
APRIL 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

Friday
APRIL 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday
APRIL 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday
APRIL 24
Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 5:12-16
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13,
17-19
Jn 20:19-31

Do you have
a question for
the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org
to send your question
and to learn more
about Dear Padre.



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 17, 2022

Easter (C)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

I Can't Believe It!

This sentence can mean two very contradictory things. It might express skepticism, similar to: "You've got to be kidding!" It means that what we are asked to accept as fact is just too far-fetched. Or we might marvel at something we think is magnificent, far beyond our expectations. Here it means: "I'm speechless!"

Let's think that the empty tomb alone is proof of Jesus' resurrection, today's Gospel shows us that even his closest friends had initial problems with the idea. When Mary of Magdala found the tomb empty, she did not immediately conclude Jesus had risen. By itself, an empty tomb proves nothing. She thought his body had been taken. In the first reading, Peter describes how later several of Jesus' followers experienced him alive. This experience certainly changed their thinking. Like Peter, they then went out and proclaimed the truth of the resurrection. However, only those who had the experience were sure.

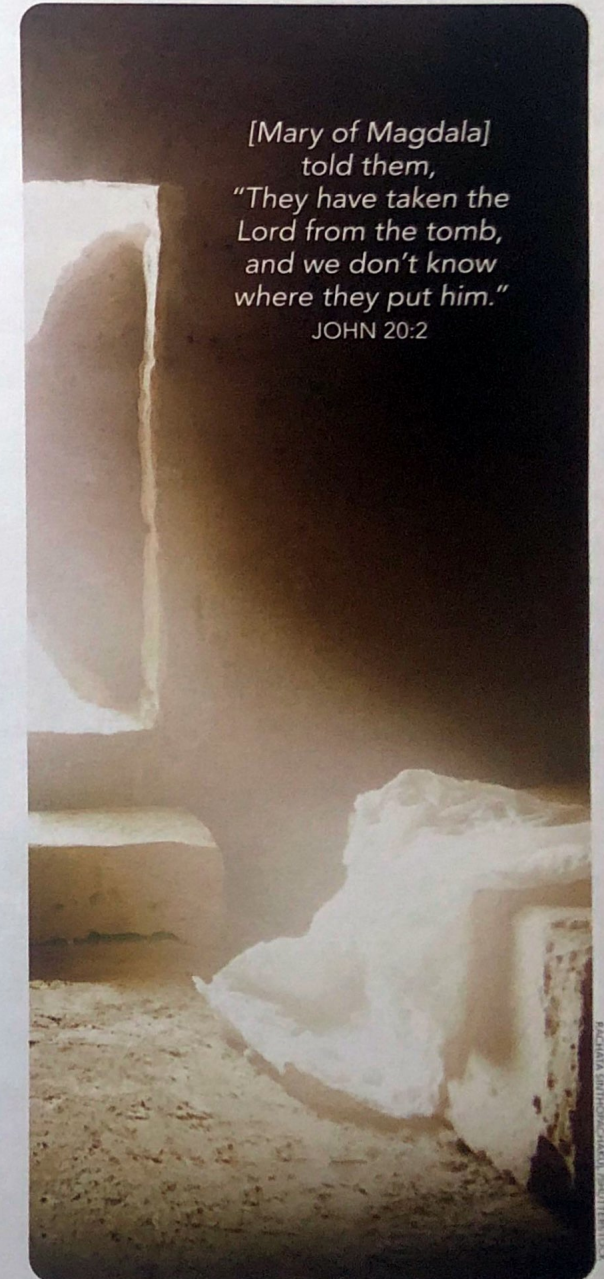
Neither empty tomb nor someone else's personal experience are by themselves certain evidence of the resurrection. Then what is? We find the beginning of an answer in the even-later writing of Paul. Speaking to the Colossians he says: "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (3:3). In other words, the real proof of the resurrection is the faith of centuries of Christians whose lives have been changed by that faith. In other words, the way you and I live proclaims whether Jesus is alive and well in us.

I can hardly believe it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ We may have to wait for our own resurrection to get insight into the resurrection of Jesus. Pray for a deepened faith.
- ★ What might you do to make your own life a stronger witness of Jesus' resurrection?



[Mary of Magdala] told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."
JOHN 20:2



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Jesus' answer does not leave [the good thief] waiting; he speaks of the present. He says, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." In the hour of the cross, the salvation of Christ reaches its height; and his promise to the good thief reveals the fulfillment of his mission: that is, to save sinners.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 16	8:30 p.m.	Thomas K. Edwards +
Sunday, April 17	9:15 a.m.	J.M & Margaret McComack
Monday, April 18	8:00 a.m.	Marlyn Morrison
Tuesday, April 19	8:00 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Thursday, April 21	8:00 a.m.	Sp. Int. Louise Miller
Friday, April 22	8:00 a.m.	Special Int. Powers F.
Saturday, April 23	4:00 p.m.	Rosie Perez
Sunday, April 24	9:00 a.m.	For Rain

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (color: White)

4/16/2022 - Saturday, 8:30p.m.

Servers: Volunteers

Reader: Volunteer

4/17/2022 –Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kingston Guerrero, Cade Berning, Jace Berning

Reader: Fred Jones

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (color: White)

4/23/2022 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Maggie Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

Reader: Debbie Frederick

4/24/2022–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Cade Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.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.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – APRIL 17, 2022



Friends, Happy Easter, everyone. Alleluia! It brings me great joy to be with all of you this day as we gather to remember and celebrate and give thanks for the incredible God we have. This is a God who doesn't simply watch the world he created. He immerses himself in it. This is a God who doesn't simply tell us how to live. He shows us. This is a God who doesn't make us go it alone, but one who walks with us every step of the way. And this is a God who isn't just willing to give a little to rescue us. He's willing to give everything for our sake --- give his very life so that we may have the very thing he laid down --- life --- and have it abundantly.

What a God we have!

So as we celebrate Easter, rejoicing in God's great love for us shown through the incredible act of our Lord Jesus --- let's strive to do for others what God has done for us:

Seeking the lost.

Comforting the sorrowful.

Forgiving what seems unforgivable.

Reaching out to the lonely.

Loving those we seem unlovable.

And most importantly --- let's do it for no other reason than that God loves us unconditionally --- and wants us to do the same. That's our gift to God. Let's give it.

He is risen! Alleluia!

Have a blessed Easter everyone.

Fr. Peter

COLLECTION for April 10th, 2022: Envelopes: \$775; Loose: \$467; Online Giving: \$1438.87; Total \$2680.87; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under + 919.70

CHURCH PROJECT GOAL \$52000—Last weekend contribution: \$505; Building Fund To Date: \$9479.26

Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.

FIRST COMMUNION – APRIL 23 AT 4: 00P.M MASS Please pray for Jocelyn Barrios Gomez, Joselyn Nicole Pantoja, Kipton Koons, Noel Saenz, Nicolas Barrera, Zoey A Gary, Michelle Moreo, Amada Mia Ruiz, Owen J. Maddux, Eden D. Vazquez, & Luz Monte.

VOCATION VIEW “The Lord is truly risen!” Are you being called to proclaim the the Lord’s resurrection as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to “be intent on the things above rather than on things of earth.” We too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!



VALUE THEM BOTH



In 2019, the Kansas Supreme Court issued a ruling that "discovered" a right to an abortion in the 1859 Kansas Constitution. This decision puts at risk all existing pro-life laws that protect women and their unborn children from the abortion industry. In January 2021, the Kansas Legislature stood up to the abortion industry to support women and babies. They voted to put the *Value Them Both* amendment on the ballot the next year. Now, Kansans will get the final say with a vote on the amendment in August of 2022. *Value Them Both* will allow Kansans to, once again, regulate the abortion industry.

Vote YES on August 2nd, 2022



VALUE THEM BOTH



En 2019, la Corte Suprema de Kansas emitió un fallo que “descubrió” el derecho al aborto en la Constitución de Kansas 1859. Esta decisión pone en riesgo todas las leyes provida existentes que protegen a las mujeres y a sus hijos por nacer de la industria del aborto. En enero 2021, la Legislatura de Kansas se enfrentó a la industria del aborto para apoyar a las mujeres y los bebés. Votaron para poner la enmienda Valóralos a Ambos en la boleta electoral el próximo año. Ahora, los habitantes de Kansas tendrán la última palabra con una votación sobre la enmienda en agosto 2022. *Value Them Both* (Valóralos a Ambos) permitirá a los habitantes de Kansas, una vez más, a regular la industria del aborto.

Vote Sí el 2 de agosto de 2022

PRAYER OF THE WEEK Father, look with love upon your people, the love which our Lord Jesus Christ showed us when he delivered himself to death and suffered the agony of the cross. Forgive us when we fail to imitate his perfect love. Reveal the ways we must still grow as disciples. Give us the strength to continue following his way of humility, reconciliation, and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and giver of peace. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - Easter Vigil (Luke 23: 1-12)

The empty tomb Opponents of early Christianity had as much trouble believing that a person could be raised from the dead as people do today. Some claimed that Jesus didn't really die (which begs the question of where he went) or that his disciples went to the wrong tomb. Luke thus emphasizes that Jesus has truly died (v.53). He also notes that the women know exactly where Jesus' tomb is and have even seen Jesus' body placed inside it (v.55).

Telling tales Some Jews at this time believed that God would raise the just to eternal life, but only when he exercised final judgment over the earth. No Jew expected a lone individual to rise from the dead. The women are thus puzzled when they find the tomb empty. The other disciples think their story is an idle tale or nonsense. Peter is amazed.

Remembering what Jesus said The two men dressed in radiant clothes are angels, heavenly messengers who help the women understand what has happened, though first they scold the women for expecting to find Jesus dead. The angels recall Jesus' own words. Although Jesus had said that he would be killed and raised up, his followers couldn't understand what he meant. Now that it's all happened, the women remember his words and try to share the good news.

From Jerusalem Jesus' ministry began in Galilee and ended in Jerusalem. In Luke's Gospel the appearances of the risen Jesus all happen in Jerusalem. In the Book of Acts the early church grows outward from there. As the church expands, Luke shows how new communities remain linked with the church's birthplace. Converts who had opposed the church or each other become unified. Thus, faith in Jesus, the king of peace who offered his life in Jerusalem, fosters unity and peace among his followers

HOLY THURSDAY: JOHN 13:1-15

His hour to be lifted up Some people call the first part of John's Gospel The Book of Signs because in it Jesus works signs that reveal he is from God. The second half, The Book of Glory, starts with chapter 13, when Jesus' hour has come. Jesus' hour is his crucifixion and resurrection, one inseparable action.

Nasty feet In a world of sandals and unpaved roads, feet got quite dirty. The job of washing feet was relegated to slaves. It might also be done by someone who wanted to express love and devotion to others.

A symbolic action Jesus turns the washing of feet into a symbolic gesture in order to help his disciples interpret his crucifixion. This story, unique to John's Gospel, shows how Jesus, whose status makes him worthy of the highest honor, assumes the role of the least among us. Those who wish to follow him to glory must treat others with the same selfless, even degrading love.

Peter misunderstands In the other Gospels Peter rebukes Jesus for speaking about his forthcoming suffering. Here Peter acts similarly by refusing to let his master act like a slave. Jesus explains that true disciples follow his example of humility and sacrifice. Peter is already clean because he and the others (except Judas) believe in Jesus. They must keep believing despite all that happens next, and they must imitate their master in everything.

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**SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
The tree of life blossoms again**

A teaching from the Law of Moses says it all: "Cursed be the one who hangs from a tree" (Deut. 21:23). The body of such a person was to be buried the same day, or the land would be defiled. Religious leaders sought a verdict of crucifixion from the Romans for precisely this reason: to quell talk that Jesus was God's chosen. It's also why Jesus' disciples rushed to gain permission to take him down from the cross that same day. Like every kingdom paradox, of course, the "cursed tree" becomes a tree of life for those who believe. Celebrate this hope today! (Prepare the Word)

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA RESURRECCIÓN DEL SEÑOR (DOMINGO DE PASCUA)

El árbol de la vida vuelve a florecer

Una enseñanza de la Ley de Moisés lo dice todo: "Maldito sea quien cuelgue de un árbol" (Dt. 21:23). El cuerpo de tal persona debía ser enterrado el mismo día, o la tierra sería profanada. Los líderes religiosos buscaron un veredicto de crucifixión por parte de los Romanos precisamente por esta razón: para acallar las habladurías de que Jesús era el elegido de Dios. También es la razón por la que los discípulos de Jesús se apresuraron a obtener el permiso para bajarlo de la cruz ese mismo día. Como toda paradoja del reino, por supuesto, el "árbol maldito" se convierte en un árbol de vida para los que creen. ¡Celebremos hoy esta esperanza!

Our K Of C NEWSLETTER: Happy Easter! I'm a bit late getting this letter out and I have no real reason for it other than time has gotten away from me again. Our last meeting, April 6, was relatively short, as we didn't really have a lot to discuss. Some communications from Supreme and the State organizations. We did get notice that our selected Family of the Year, the Bill Rooney Family, was also chosen as District Family of the year. Now they go on to Diocese Family of the year competition...Good luck Bill!

The State council continues pushing the "Value Them Both" amendment vote coming up in August. A vote "YES" is a vote for Pro-life. We have ordered several yard signs which will be available early in May if you would like one to put in your yard. For any questions you might have about this amendment visit. <https://archkck.org/prolife/resources/value-them-both/>.

Kenny Waechter reported that the workday is scheduled for April 30 to get some things cleaned/fixed up. A list is has been compiled so that when we get together the day will be booked. If any parish members would like to get involved, we won't turn down any help. :-)

The Knights will be hosting another biscuits and gravy breakfast after Sunday Mass, May 8 In honor of our Mothers.

As you have noticed the carpet is installed and the Church looks fantastic. And the organ is now up in the choir loft and can be used from there if the need arises There is a TV in the back which Father has important information scrolling on during Mass Times.

Thanks to all who made the effort to come to Stations of the Cross on the Wednesday evenings during Lent. The turnout could have been better, but I'm satisfied with the numbers we did have on those nights. I plan to continue doing this next year during the Lenten season. I hope that each of you consider attending, at least one Wednesday, next year.

Well, I've carried on long enough. Our next meeting is May 4, which, just so happens to be the last meeting of the Fraternal year and our last official meeting until September. God bless each and every one of you.

Tom Bachman GK