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Weekday Mass: Monday—Saturday 9:00am

Sunday Mass: Saturday 5:00pm (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

EASTER SUNDAY, RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: MARCH 31, 2024

“EASTER’S NOT A SUNDAY, BUT A WAY OF LIFE.”



Most of us didn't grow up thinking of Easter as being fifty days long. The trumpets volleyed on Easter Sunday, and then the church stayed fairly quiet until Pentecost.

But from as far back as at least the middle of the second century and for many centuries thereafter, Christians celebrated Easter as a fifty-day feast, lasting from the first Alleluia of the Vigil until evening prayer on the day of Pentecost.

Our ancestors found great meaning in this fifty-day period. Fifty days was a symbol of eternity. Fifty days is seven weeks—a week of weeks—plus one day. This was the eighth day, the same name they used for the day of resurrection, the same name they used for Sunday, the first day of the week.

For them this eighth day was not just the start of a new seven-day week, but the beginning of a whole new creation, the beginning of life in the Spirit, the beginning of the last days, the celebration of life in Christ.

These fifty days of Easter, therefore, were the “Great Sunday” of the year, one celebration, a time when kneeling and penance were forbidden and joyous songs of Alleluia filled the air. This was the time to bask in the glory of the risen Christ. This was the special time to rejoice with the neophytes, the new members of the community who had been initiated into the faith through baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil celebration that began the season. And for the neophytes, these fifty days were known as the time of mystagogy, the time to gather with their bishop and deepen their understanding of the mysteries they had experienced.

Now we are able to savour what our ancestors savoured, a special time for delving into the mysteries we have celebrated, a season rich in Scripture and liturgical prayer, a season that can reveal so much about the Christian life.

Source: *Becoming Disciples: Living and Celebrating the 50 Days of Easter* by Daniel Connors.

Artwork: *Apparition du Christ à Marie-Madeleine* by Laurent de la Hyre.

THE DISCIPLES DISCOVER THE EMPTY TOMB



Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed...

(John 20:8)

The empty tomb was not a proof of the resurrection, but rather a silent witness of the greatest event of our faith. Seeing the empty tomb, the disciples were motivated to seek the risen Lord at work in their midst. They saw and believed in the continuing presence of the Lord of love. All the empty and lonely places of human life are precisely where the Lord wishes to work and be revealed.

Source: *The Stations of the Resurrection*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 1 — Sunday, April 7, 2024
(† Deceased)

Monday.....Celebrant's Intention
 Tuesday.....Dominic Tan †
 Wednesday..... Sandra Young
 Thursday..... Caitlin Demello
 Friday.....Peter Rodriguez
 Saturday 9:00am.....Teodoro Lim
 Saturday 9:00 pmSimon Ong Jr. †
 Sunday 9:00am.....Parishioners
 Sunday 11:00am.....Kum Kwong †

COMING UP



Divine Mercy devotions will be led by Fr. Jose Thomas next Sunday April 7 at **3:00 PM**. Divine Mercy Sunday is an official feast day in the Church that concludes the Easter Octave on the 2nd Sunday of Easter. Let us pray together as a community that we may receive the extraordinary grace available to us through the Divine Mercy Indulgence.

Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!

Artwork: Divine Mercy by Tianna Williams (www.sacredartbytianna.com)



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Come and spend time this Easter with our

risen Christ the Lord in adoration. Our monthly parish Holy Hours are:

Every 1st Saturday of the month: April 6 at 8:00 AM (in silence) and every 2nd Thursday of the month: April 11 at 7:00 PM (with music).

Last month's Holy Hour with music leapt from 16 people in February to 66 in attendance in March!

Easter Break: The office will be closed on Easter Monday. Line dancing will take a break on Wednesdays April 3 & 10, resuming April 17.



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