

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad

April 12th, 2020
Easter Sunday
Resurrection of the Lord

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Sunday Mass can be viewed on our website: rescathroch.org

Church doors are opened from 7:00am - 7:00 pm daily. Stop in for prayer. Please respect the 6 feet distance between people.

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Weekly Words from The Rock

Over the course of the past few weeks, I offered a series of questions on the season of Lent. As I noted, I don't know from where these questions came; however, I would like to give credit where credit is due. Here are the answers to the final two questions.

Question 1: The cause of death listed for a crucified man would be...

A. Asphyxiation

B. Shock

C. Loss of blood

D. Heart attack

Answer: A. Asphyxiation

Question 2: After the resurrection the total number of witnesses who saw Jesus alive was about

A. 500+

B. 100

C. 25

D. 12

Answer: A. 500+

Easter

With Lent behind us, we turn our attention to Easter. What a different Easter experience! Instead of our churches being full on Easter, with the celebration of Mass being suspended due to Covid-19, the church is eerily quiet. The same quiet reigned on Easter morning. Mary Magdalene arrived in the silence of the Easter sunrise to prepare the body of Jesus. To her astonished amazement, the rock was rolled away from the tomb and the tomb was empty. With that, the silence of sunrise takes on a different beat. Mary Magdalene hurries to tell the disciples. Peter and John race to the tomb. Upon entering, they notice burial cloths separated from one another. For John, it is enough. He now believes. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

Even in the event of Covid-19, those words are still proclaimed this day.

As quiet as our churches may be, the proclamation is still voiced, "The tomb is empty! Sin has been conquered. Death has been defeated. The power of sin and evil overcome." As difficult as the events of these past weeks have been, we proclaim Jesus Christ. In the midst of all of us, he is alive and present. Let us be mindful of all affected by the pandemic - our physicians, nurses and medical staff, for those who have lost work, businesses which have been shut down, those suffering from the pandemic, families and relatives affected, and the many others that deserve mention. Be people of hope! Take time and pray! Help where needed! In that, we live the Easter message. Happy Easter!

Easter Quiz

It wouldn't be Father Schuster if I didn't ask a quiz question.

Question: To have risen from the dead Jesus first had to be laid in a tomb. Whose tomb was Jesus laid in?

A. Peter's tomb

B. Thomas' tomb

C. The tomb of Joseph of Arimathea

D. John's tomb

Easter Humor I come back to this one from time to time because it says it all.



FOR SALE - Single owner tomb. Only used three days, and still has that new tomb smell. Reason for sale... resident was resurrected.

God's blessings to you! Fr. Peter Schuster, Pastor

Our 2020 Confirmation Student's Saint Shields located in the Zenk Hallway





Grades 1 - 5 Faith Formation Bulletin Board



Parish Events Spring 2020









Dedication Candles

Apr 11th - Apr 18th

1. †Jack & Lue Bien



Check out these Catholic Resources

Relavant Radio - broadcast

•Radio station 97.0 am; •website: relevantradio.com

Dr. Scott Hahn: www.scotthahn.com

• Everything Catholic

Jason and Crystalina Evert: www.chastity.com

• Chastity, Dating, Sexuality, Morality

Tim Staples: www.timstaples.com or www.catholicanswersspeakers.com

 Everything Catholic, Bible, Protestantism, Apologetics

Trent Horn: www.trenthorn.com or www.catholicanswersspeakers.com

- Everything Catholic, Bible, Protestantism, Apologetics
- Abortion, Bioethics, LGBTQ+

Karlo Broussard: www.karlobroussard.com or www. catholicanswersspeakers.com

• Everything Catholic, Bible, Protestantism, Apologetics, Philosopy

Fr. Robert Spitzer, PhD: www.magiscenter.com/ meet-fr-spitzer/ or www.crediblecatholic.com (Credible Catholic is a really amazing resource that we should be using, IMHO)

• Everything Catholic, Bible, Proofs for Gods existence from Science and Philosophy

Bishop Robert Barron: www.wordonfire.org/bishop-robert-barron/

• Everything Catholic, Theology

Dr. Stacy A. Trasancos: www.stacytrasancos.com/ about-stacy-trasancos or www.catholicanswersspeakers.com

• Science, Theology

Steve Ray: www.catholicconvert.com

• Apologetics, Protestantism

Weekly Readings

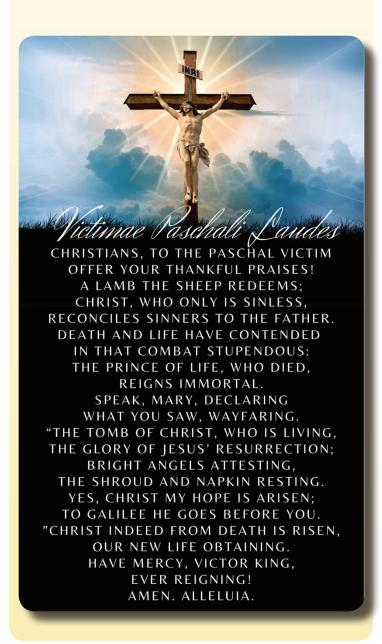
Monday 13 April	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15 "After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb."
Tuesday 14 April	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18 "Woman why are you crying?", they asked her. She answered, "They took my Lord away, and I do not know where they have put him."
Wednesday 15 April	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35 "What are you talking about to each other, as you walk along?" "Are you the only visitor in Jersusalem who doesn't know the things that have been happening there these last few days?"
Thursday 16 April	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48 "They were terrified, thinking that they were seeing a ghost. Why are you alarmed? Why are these doubts coming up"
Friday 17 April	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14 Jesus said to them, "Come and eat." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?"
Saturday 18 April	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15 "And when they heard her say that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe her."
Sunday 19 April	Divine Mercy Sunday Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31 "We have seen the Lord."



Musical Musings from Joy

Music & Choral Director choirdirector@rescathroch.org

Alleluia! A blessed Easter to each and every one of you! I know it looks a lot different this year than in prior years. Have faith in God that this is all part of His plan! This week, I give to you for reflection the Easter Sequence. This is sung just ahead of the Gospel Acclamation. I encourage you to pray with it and reflect more deeply on the Gospel Message of the Resurrection this day.



Mass Intentions

Private Daily Masses will be offered by Fr. Schuster/Fr. Shawn for the Mass interntion below

Mon., Apr. 13th	8:30 am †Thomas Haremza
Tues., Apr. 14th	8:30 am †Janice Cain
Wed., Apr. 15th	8:30 am †Gene Sellner
Thurs. Apr. 16th	8:30 am †Casper Mueller
Fri., Apr. 17th	8:30 am †Poor Souls
Sat., Apr. 18th	8:00 pm For the Parish
Sun., Apri. 19th	8:30 am Mulhern Family
	10:30 am †Tom McDonald

Divine Mercy Sunday April 19th

Question: Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from? Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church.



In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

How to recite the Divine Mercy chaplet, go to https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet

Faith Formation

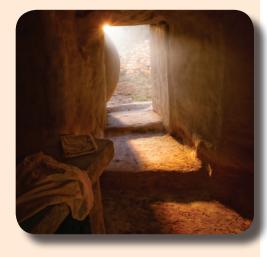


News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org An Easter Prayer for Families:

Merciful and loving God, we thank you

- * That Easter is not about a people, but all people.
- * That your love and your Salvation are for all who confess with voices, hearts, and lives.
- * *That* the tomb is empty because Jesus is risen.
- * *That* we know forgiveness.
- *That we might be reborn and your name glorified now and for eternity. Amen.

First Communion: Today is a day of great celebration! Jesus Christ has Risen Indeed! Keep this day as a joyful time with your children. You can keep practicing the steps to receiving communion at home. I wish you all a very Happy Easter and keep you in my daily prayers.



Virtues in Practice: April's virtue is forgiveness and St. Patrick is our saint. St. Patrick was born in England. As a teenage, he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland as a slave. While tending his master's flocks alone, Patrick turned to prayer and his Catholic faith. After six years of slavery, Patrick escaped. While preparing to become a priest, he had a dream of the Irish people asking him to return and teach them the Catholic faith. Out of love for the people of Ireland, St. Patrick returned there and brought the people the message of Jesus' love and forgiveness. St. Patrick, you forgave the Irish people when they made you a slave. Help us to be like you and to forgive those who hurt us. Amen. St. Patrick, pray for us.



News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Grades 6-12, Children and Youth Ministry, dresscm@rescathroch.org

Family Prayer: Jesus, we thank you for the joy of the resurrection, when you rose from the dead and were filled with new life. Help us to remember that you suffered and died on the cross for us, so that one day we, too, will share with you the joy of everlasting life. Amen.

Domestic Church: I want to share some images that I have taken that reflect how my family and I seek to build up our domestic church during this time of quarantine. It has been such a shock

for all of us to have to adjust how we practice our faith and to recognize what we take for granted. We are praying the rosary more as a family, created an alter for streaming the Mass and participated in Adoration with Pope Francis. Share some of your images via email!





