

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 21

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Monday, April 22

Monday in the Octave of Easter

Cathedral Basilica Holiday – Mass at 12n only

Tuesday, April 23

Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 24

Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, April 25

Thursday in the Octave of Easter

Friday, April 26

Friday in the Octave of Easter

Saturday, April 27

Saturday in the Octave of Easter

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Ss. Damien/Marianne Prayer Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, April 28

Second Sunday of Easter

(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

1st Holy Communion / Confirmation at 10:30am

Christ is Truly Risen

Again, our parish family has helped us through another Easter celebration. Thank you for making the journey with us through the season of Lent, the Paschal Triduum and on to the triumph of Easter Sunday. Besides our many volunteer ministers (acolytes, choir, sacristans, lectors, ministers of hospitality & Eucharistic ministers) we would offer **special thanks** to Flower Fair, Gary A., Libert W., Linda V., Chris M., David S., Isaac G., our Palm Cutting Crew and all who help make this celebration a success. **On behalf of Msgr. Gary and Staff of the Cathedral Basilica, we wish you a Happy and Blessed Easter!**

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,359.09
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,480.53
Coffers	\$ 599.66
Holy Day Collection	\$ 125.00
Total	\$ 12,564.28



Sharing Faith

- From what anxiety, fear, or frozen state can the risen Christ free you during this Easter season?
- What does the light of Christ coming into the world mean in your own family, community, or neighborhood?

Living the Liturgy

- Burn a white candle during the Fifty Days of the Easter season. Like the candles we use during Advent, use it to remind you of the ways we are called to celebrate our new life in Christ and our life as disciples. Light it during meals, in the evening as you say prayers, or during quiet times of reflection. Draw or paste symbols on it as we do to the Paschal candle we use during Easter. Check out www.gratefulness.org for how you can light a virtual candle.
- The First Readings of the Easter season are from the Acts of the Apostles, the second volume written by the Evangelist Luke (the first being his account of the Gospel). Read or study the chapters of Acts and make a list of how a community of believers and followers of the Lord is called to act.

New Altar Server Training

Mr. Jonathan Farinas, our Altar Server Coordinator, will be conducting two Altar Server Training and Meeting Sessions – one on Saturday, May 4th and the other on May 11th both beginning at 9:00am. It's open to all youth or young adults in the 2nd grade and above who have received their 1st Communion and Confirmation. Prospective Server must attend one or the other of these meetings.

Infant Baptism

On May 5th, we will be celebrating Infant Baptisms. Parents with infants for baptism must meet with one of our priests prior to attending the required class (along with their chosen godparents). Please call the office at 536-7036 for an appointment. We look forward to welcoming new members into the life of the Church and to supporting their parents and godparents in their duty to raise their children in the practice of the faith

April 21, 2019 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. | Colossian 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 |
Sequence: Victimae Paschali Laudes | John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12 or Luke 24:13-35*

Have you ever played “freeze tag”? It is a game where one person is “it” and has to try to tag everyone. Once you are tagged, you have to freeze in place and stay in that position until someone who is still free is able to run up and tag you, or everyone is tagged and the game is over.

This game is a good metaphor for what Easter Sunday means for us Christians. We have been frozen, locked in place, in darkness and sin. But the Savior has come into our frozen and broken world. Our lives have been touched by the saving power of Jesus Christ and we have been freed from the slavery of sin and destruction. Like Mary of Magdala or Simon Peter and the other disciple, we may not totally understand what it means to be free. We may seem as uncertain or as anxious as they were at the empty tomb. But we know that with the dawning of Easter morn, something new has happened. Our lives have been unfrozen; we can touch one another with wonderment over the power of the living God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Next Sunday's Readings: “Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)”

Acts 5:12-16 | Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-2 | Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 | John 20:19-31

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

We celebrate the great event of our redemption. Like many great people in history, Jesus came among us as a man and gave us teachings and an example to follow. Like those whose prophetic mission caused opposition, he was misunderstood and eventually killed. All of this is not enough to save us. What has saved and will save us is that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. That is why Easter is the most important feast for all Christians.

The power of Christ's resurrection saves us by freeing us from our sins. He paid the price for our salvation. Whatever mistakes we have made, we can be sure that as we are sorry for them and we place them at the feet of the risen Christ he forgives them. The weight of guilt no longer needs to burden us.

The power of Christ's resurrection saves us by assuring us that Christ is alive and present in the world and in each of us. Jesus Christ is more than an historical figure who we fondly remember. He is the God-man who lives in heaven and on earth. He sits at the right hand of God the Father. He also lives here and now in every time and place and in every person.

The power of Christ's resurrection saves us by showing us that we too are meant to live forever. Where Christ has gone, we can follow. He shows us that the grave is not the finish line. Although our mortal remains will decay, we can be alive in Christ for all eternity. Christ shows us that God designed us to live forever.

My prayer is that each of us may experience the Easter the joy and peace that come from knowing that Christ is alive. May we know his forgiveness and friendship. May we set our sights on heaven. On behalf of myself and our entire Cathedral staff, I wish you an Easter filled with the joy of the Resurrection. And thanks to all who have made our Holy Week Services so meaningful.

In Christ's love,
Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector