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Easter
Sunday
of the Resurrection
of the Lord

In the Beginning...

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He is risen! Happy Easter!! Technically, this newsletter gets sent out on Thursday so we're not quite in the Easter Season. So...have a Blessed Triduum!! The Triduum is the shortest season on the liturgical calendar, lasting only three days ("tri-duum"). But it is the most important season. "Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil." ([USCCB](#)).

If you attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening (please do!), you may notice that the Mass technically does not end. And then on Good Friday, there is no Mass (it's the only day of the year without a Mass). Rather, there is a Good Friday service and Stations of the Cross. On Saturday, the Easter Vigil Mass, in a way, concludes the Mass that began on Holy Thursday. The three days (Triduum) are one continual event.

As we emerge from the Triduum into the Easter season, you'll find that, like Christmas, we Catholics like to keep the season going. Easter lasts for 50 days (until Pentecost). So don't be afraid to keep wishing people Happy Easter all the way through May!

Have a Blessed Triduum and Happy Easter! As St. Pope John Paul II famously said: "We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!"

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION PREP

On Sunday, April 16 we'll be having our family Mass and breakfast. Please join us at the 10:30am Mass and then gather in the Brophy Center after Mass for a free breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Students will be decorating their Communion plates. These are a great memento and will be cherished for years to come.

For those of you who did not attend the last parent meeting, we have some folders to hand out as well (a small parent booklet and a first reconciliation activity booklet for your child).

We hope to see you there!

SAINT JUDE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / RECONCILIATION DATES TO REMEMBER

PARENT MEETINGS

Sunday, January 15, 2023 5:30- 7 PM

Sunday, February 19, 2023 5:30 - 7PM

Sunday, March 19, 2023 5:30 - 7 PM

FAMILY MASS & BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 16, 10:30AM Mass

Breakfast after Mass

Student decorate Communion Plates

RECONCILIATION REVIEW & CHURCH TOUR

Students only

Sunday April 23, 2023 5:30 - 6:30 PM

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Thursday April 27, 2023 6:30 PM

FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE

Thursday May 4, 2023 6:30PM

First Holy Communion Mass

Sunday May 7, 2023 10:30AM

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According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute" (CCC 2221).

Although the parish helps to form our children in the faith, no one can take the place of the parents' role in forming holy individuals. As parents, we should be well equipped to answer questions and to act, not only as the first teachers, but as the first witnesses of faith. This page is intended to help you in the journey as we work together to prepare your children for this special moment in their lives!

SUNDAY LITURGY REFLECTION

By Scott Hahn

Readings:

[Acts 10:34, 37–43](#)

[Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23](#)

[Colossians 3:1–4](#)

[John 20:1–9](#)

[LISTEN HERE](#)



Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet, today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed." What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb.

More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan: to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27, 44).

Now they could "understand the Scripture" and teach us what He had told them: that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," the one whom today's Psalm prophesies will be resurrected and exalted (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, to give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him.

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

Source: [St. Paul Center](#)

"Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in."

JOHN 20:1-5

The Gospel at Home

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Gospel Reading:

John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Family Connection

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God. Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

"Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead."

JOHN 20:6-9

Source: [Loyola Press](#)

Did You Know?

The Shroud of Turin could be the burial cloth of Jesus



If you're not familiar with the Shroud of Turin, you should be. If you remember it being debunked by carbon dating in the 1980s, it's time to look into it again. The media was quick to jump on the bandwagon to disprove the shroud's origins, but the media never really covered the discoveries of errors in methodology that were made in the carbon dating process. Additional research and evidence gathered over the past few decades now point to the shroud's authenticity.

Follow along in this "Trial of the Shroud of Turin" from Catholic Answers to gain a basic understanding of the arguments for and against the shroud's authenticity.

The Shroud of Turin is an ancient burial cloth containing the front and back images of a scourged, crucified man whom many believe is Jesus Christ. It is the most-studied artifact in human history. It would be hard to disagree with this often-quoted statement:

“The Shroud of Turin is either the most awesome and instructive relic of Jesus Christ in existence or it is one of the most ingenious, most unbelievably clever products of the human mind and hand on record. It is one or the other; there is no middle ground” (John Walsh, *The Shroud*, c. 1963).

So, which is it? How can we know? As a former federal prosecutor, I propose that we determine the issue using the jury procedure of a federal criminal court—and you are the jury.

Imagine this hypothetical scenario: The Shroud of Turin is stolen from its home in Turin, Italy, and brought by the thief to the United States, where it's recovered by the FBI. A grand jury charges the defendant with stealing an authentic and priceless relic, which is a felony. The defendant has pleaded not guilty, alleging the cloth is a mere curiosity—a worthless fraud.

After three weeks, the trial reaches closing arguments. Each side seeks to have the jurors recall the evidence most favorable to its position. The prosecution carries the heaviest legal burden, since it must establish the defendant's guilt by establishing the authenticity of the Shroud “beyond a reasonable doubt.” Therefore, procedure dictates that the prosecution addresses the jury both first and last.

[CONTINUE READING....](#) (It's worth it!)

Source:
[Catholic Answers](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Thursday, April 6: HOLY THURSDAY/MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper. Washing of the feet.

8:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00pm.

Friday, April 7: GOOD FRIDAY

12noon - Stations of the Cross

1:00pm - Good Friday Liturgy

3:15pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday, April 8: HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL

11:30am - Blessing of the Food Baskets. Bring your Easter food to be blessed.

8:00pm - Easter Vigil Mass. Reception in Brophy Center after Mass.

Sunday, April 9: EASTER SUNDAY

8:30am - Mass

10:30am - Mass

Tuesday, April 11:

7:00pm - Men of Emmaus in the Millennium Conference Room.

Wednesday, April 12:

8:30am - Senior Men's Group in the Thaddeus Center.

"Jesus replied,
'The first is
this: 'Hear, O
Israel! The Lord
our God is Lord
alone! You shall
love the Lord
your God with
all your heart,
with all your
soul, with all
your mind, and
with all your
strength.'"

MARK 12:29-30

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Save the Date

Vacation Bible School

SAINT JUDE PARISH

July 24-28

9 am to 12 noon

All Children
age 4 - 5th Grade

join us
in



For more information
or to volunteer
contact Janet DeBoe at
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Alleluia!

Today is the biggest feast of the year!

Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too after we die.



Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed! How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

But then- some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with you!" Now what would you think?

*Today is the day
for rejoicing!*
JESUS IS ALIVE!

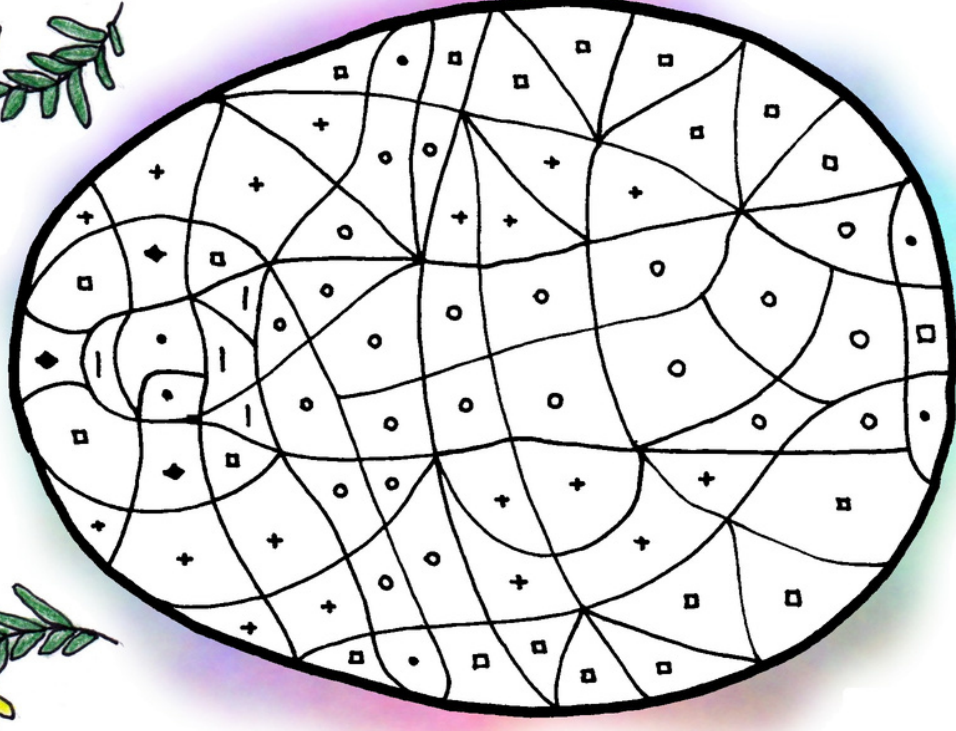


Answers to Easter True or False:
1. false 2. false 3. false 4. true 5. true
6. true 7. false

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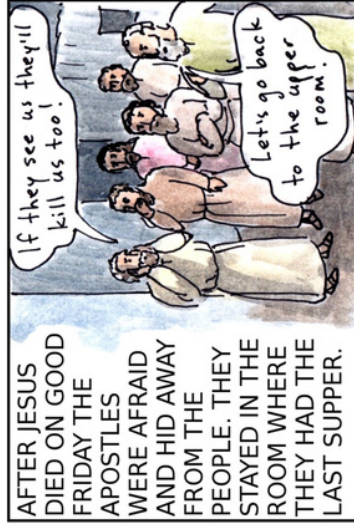
Easter Sunday
April 9th, 2023



The two men on the road to Emmaus didn't know the man who came and walked with them on Easter morning. Use the colour code below to see if you can figure out who it was!

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| ♦ Red | + Purple | • Skin-colour |
| ▪ Yellow | - Brown | ◦ White |

Easter Sunday



WHEN JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS HIS FOLLOWERS THOUGHT THE END HAD COME. BUT JESUS HAD DIED ON PURPOSE TO SAVE US FROM HELL! THEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD SO THAT WE COULD RISE FROM THE DEAD TOO. REJOICE WITH OUR LADY AND THE APOSTLES THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD!

Easter: True or False?

How well do you know the Easter Story?

See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.

1. After Jesus died on the Cross He was buried in a tomb for four days. True or false?
2. The first time the women went to the tomb on Easter morning, they saw Jesus' dead body in it. True or false?
3. Nobody went to Jesus' tomb until the afternoon on Easter Sunday. True or false?
4. At first when she saw Him, Mary Magdalen didn't recognize Jesus. True or false?
5. When Jesus rose from the dead, He could never die again. True or false?
6. With His resurrected body, Jesus could go through locked doors. True or false?
7. The disciples were not surprised when Jesus came back after He died, since they knew all along that was going to happen. True or false?

