

# Easter Sunday

## Octave of Easter

### Masses and Intentions for the Week

#### Sunday, March 23 White

Easter Sunday, *I Class*

7:30 AM Tom Peter

10:30 AM Pro populo (*Solemn Mass*)

#### Monday, March 24 White

Easter Monday, *I Class*

12:00 PM Andrew and Ally DuBois

#### Tuesday, March 25 White

Easter Tuesday, *I Class*

7:00 PM Catherine Noble

#### Wednesday, March 26 White

Easter Wednesday, *I Class*

12:00 PM Margaret Glasshagel

#### Thursday, March 27 White

Easter Thursday, *I Class*

7:00 AM Gloria Carroll +

#### Friday, March 28 White

Easter Friday, *I Class*

12:00 PM John and Elizabeth Schmidt +

7:00 PM Kelsey Patterson

#### Saturday, March 29 White

Easter Saturday, *I Class*

7:15 AM William Miller +

#### Sunday, March 30 White

Low (Quasimodo) Sunday, *I Class*

7:30 AM Sarah Breen

10:30 AM Pro Populo

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### Thank You!

A *sincere word of thanks* is extended to all who helped in so many ways to make the Holy Week and Easter liturgies acts worthy of divine favor, from the choirs to the servers, to all who helped clean and decorate the church, God will not be outdone in generosity....

### Easter Duty Reminder

Holy Mother Church attaches a *grave obligation* for all Catholics of age to make a confession of all mortal sins (since the last worthy confession) and receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season, which lasts until Trinity Sunday.

### Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter egg hunt for the children (10 and under) will take place next Sunday, March 30, following the 10:30 High Mass. All are invited.

### Spring Break...

Please note that the children's choir, girls' and boys' groups, and high school classes will not meet this week on account of the Easter octave.

### Men's Solidarity – Saturday

The Married Men's Solidarity will meet this Saturday evening beginning with exposition, a spiritual conference, and Benediction at 7:00.

### Feast of St. Joseph - April 1

Tuesday, April 1, is the feast of St. Joseph (the feast was transferred this year due to Holy Week). The usual 7:00 PM Mass will be a High Mass.

### Special Guest Lecture - April 13

We are privileged to host Michael Matt, author of the book *Gods of Wasteland* on the history and effects of rock music, who will lecture on the topic Sunday evening, April 13, at 6:00. Parents are greatly encouraged to attend and to spread the word. Because of the nature of the subject, some of the material may not be appropriate for children under 12, so parental discretion is asked.

### Please Keep in Your Prayers...

Archbishop Buechlein; Patricia Wycislo; Jane Doe; Ted Knight; Bridgette Schutzman; Neal Miller Family; Bischel Family; Tom Peter; Joseph Shake; Rosie Rolfes; Virginia Mendel; Brett Feller (Iraq); closure of Planned Parenthood in Bloomington; Don Farwick +; James Peter +; Ed Lachman +; Shirley Heppner +; Martha Deller +; Christine Rosfeld +; Mary Deegan +

### Contributions – Thank You!

March 16        \$1611.00  
Window Fund   \$31651.24        (69%)

### Calendar of Events

March 23        Easter Sunday  
March 29        Married Men's Solidarity  
March 30        First Communion Class  
March 30        Easter Egg Hunt  
April 1         Feast of St. Joseph (High Mass)  
April 4         First Friday  
April 5         First Saturday/Mothers' Solidarity  
April 13        Special Guest Lecture

### A Final Thought...

The Paschal joy is solidly grounded on the knowledge that we are in the truth, the truth which Christ brought to the world and which He confirmed by His Resurrection. The Resurrection tells us that our faith is not in vain, that our hope is not founded upon a dead man, but on a living one, the *Living One* par excellence, whose life is so strong that it vivifies, in time as in eternity, all those who believe in Him. *I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, although He be dead, shall live* (Jn 11:25). Joy in truth: for only sincere and upright souls who seek the truth lovingly and, still more, "do the truth" can fully rejoice in the Resurrection. We are sincere when we recognize ourselves for what we are, with all our faults, deficiencies, and need for conversion. From this knowledge of our miseries springs the sincere resolve to purify ourselves of the old leaven of the passions in order to be renewed completely in the risen Christ.

[...] The Gospel for Easter (Mk 16:1-7) places before our eyes the faithful holy women who, at the first rays of the Sunday dawn, run to the sepulcher, and on the way wonder: *Who will roll back the stone from the door of the sepulcher for us?* This preoccupation, although it is well justified on account of the size and weight of the stone, does not deter them from proceeding with their plans; they are too much taken up with the desire of finding our Lord. And behold, hardly have they arrived when they see *the stone rolled back*. They enter the tomb and find an angel who greets them with the glad announcement: *He is risen, He is not here*. At this time, Jesus does not let Himself

be found or seen; but a little later, in obedience to the command of the angel, the women leave the tomb to bring the news to the disciples, He will appear before them saying: *All hail* and their joy will be overwhelming.

We, too, should have a keen desire to find the Lord; perhaps we have been seeking Him for many long years. Further, this desire may have been accompanied by serious preoccupation with the question of how we might rid ourselves of the obstacles and roll away from our souls the stone which has prevented us thus far from finding the Lord, from giving ourselves entirely to Him, and from letting Him triumph in us. Precisely because we want to find the Lord, we have already overcome many obstacles, sustained by His grace; divine Providence has helped us roll away many stones, overcome many difficulties. Nevertheless, the search for God is always progressive, and must be maintained during our whole life. For this reason, following the example of the holy women, we must always have a holy preoccupation with finding the Lord, a preoccupation which will make us industrious and diligent in seeking Him, and at the same time confident of the divine aid, since the Lord will certainly take care that we arrive where our strength could never bring us, because He will do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Every year, Easter marks a time of renewal in our spiritual life, in our search for God; every year we reascend the path toward Him in the newness of life (Rom 6:4).

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