

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

**THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER
EASTER SUNDAY**



The Resurrection

Dear Faithful of St. Michael,

Alleluia, Christ is risen...He has risen indeed!

The feast of Christ's Resurrection commemorates the main tenet of our Holy Faith. As Catholics, we hold Jesus to be the 2nd Person of the Blessed Trinity, truly God and fully man. We profess that He really died on the cross, which means that His human soul separated from His human body, although we believe that His human body remained united to His Divinity. On Easter morning, His body was reunited with His human soul, and Jesus rose from the dead with a glorified body.

We are separated from the earthly life of Christ by time and space. We hear about His miracles, we read His teachings, and we try to live our life according to the truths He revealed; but does the reality of His earthly life or the truth of His resurrection affect my faith and how I live my life today? Let's take a minute to let this truth sink in.

Our Lord Jesus Christ on several occasions claimed to be God. He proved this claim by doing things that only God could do; **"the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have the good news preached to them."** (Matt 11:4-5) It's true that many similar miracles were performed by the prophets in the Old Testament times, like Elijah, Elisha, and Moses, and many more were performed by the Apostles and other saints like Gregory the Wonderworker, St. Vincent Ferrer, or Padre Pio. But in all of these cases, the countless miracles and prodigies were performed as a proof of the veracity of the message of the God of the prophets, or in the case of the saints of the New Covenant, they were performed to demonstrate the truth of the Gospel of Jesus. None of the prophets or saints performed miracles to claim glory for themselves or point to their goodness, but always for the truth of their message. The miracles Christ performed were not done for vanity or pleasures, no for convenience; Christ suspended the laws of nature in order to prove the message He was given by the Heavenly Father. Part of that revelation was the God is a Trinity, and that Jesus is the 2nd Divine Person of the Trinity and as such actually had power for Himself over all of creation.

Imagine watching Him take His last breath on the cross, feeling the weight of wickedness seem to conquer God Himself, only to have Him walk through walls to appear before you glorified. He promised to be with us always, and He promised to come back to us. Do we live like He is alive, do we live prepared to see Him again?

Time and space give us reasons to doubt, but remember too, the apostles doubted too. In fact they had the very same doubts that we have today. Christ satisfied their doubts by appearing to them and showing them His glorified wounds. Their hearts were transformed to the very pillars of our Faith, their blood would be shed for their Faith in Christ. Let their testimony satisfy our doubts. May God bless you all!

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LITURGY SCHEDULE APRIL 17 - 23

SUNDAY: EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM LOW MASS
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

MONDAY: EASTER MONDAY

7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: EASTER TUESDAY

7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: EASTER WEDNESDAY

7:45 AM LOW MASS

THURSDAY: EASTER THURSDAY

7:45 AM LOW MASS

FRIDAY: EASTER FRIDAY

5:00 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
6:00 PM LOW MASS

SATURDAY: EASTER SATURDAY

8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
9:00 AM LOW MASS

CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY: 7:15 AM AND 9:30 AM
MON-THURS: 7:25AM - 7:40AM
FRIDAY: 5:10 PM - 5:40 PM
SATURDAY: 8:10 AM - 8:40 AM

OR BY APPOINTMENT

Announcements and Upcoming Events



A big thank you to all the servers, singers, and all of the volunteers that helped with the ceremonies of Holy Week. Truly a lot goes into making the ceremonies of this important week special and reverent. Ironing, candle cleaning, vacuuming, mopping, moving furniture, practice, practice and more practice. Thank you all!

We all know the awe-inspiring story of Mary Magdalene, the first person Christ appeared to after his Resurrection. She was a true saint of hope running to tell the Apostles she had seen the Lord. They didn't believe her until they ran to the tomb themselves.

The unbelief of the Apostles steeled her for a life of ministry to many who did not believe in Christ's Resurrection. Her story didn't end at the tomb of Jesus. She continued to witness to the Faith and Resurrection – and she did it with an egg. It's part of the reason we use Easter eggs at Eastertime.

According to tradition, St. Mary Magdalene—who was a wealthy woman – gained an audience with the Emperor Tiberius in Rome after Christ's Resurrection. Denouncing Pilate for the way he conducted himself at Christ's trial, Mary told the Emperor about Christ and His Resurrection from the Dead.

Holding out an egg to him, she proclaimed "Christ is Risen!"

The Emperor was not impressed. He told St. Mary Magdalene that there was about as much chance of a human being returning to life from the dead as there was of the egg in her hand turning red.

The egg promptly turned red!

This is why many icons painted in the Byzantine Catholic style show Mary Magdalene holding a red egg. Even before the time of Christianity, eggs were a symbol of creation, spring, and rebirth. After the Resurrection of Christ, they took on deeper symbolic meaning. The sealed tomb of Christ was the uncracked egg. St. Augustine described Christ's Resurrection from the dead as a chick bursting from an egg.

The Eastern Catholic Church to this day distributes red Easter eggs, and the tradition of sharing Easter eggs across the world stems directly from Mary Magdalene's proclamation of Christ's Resurrection to the Emperor and the miracle of the red egg. (by Jennifer Linberg www.tektonministries.org)

Regina Caeli

Regina coeli, laetare, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.

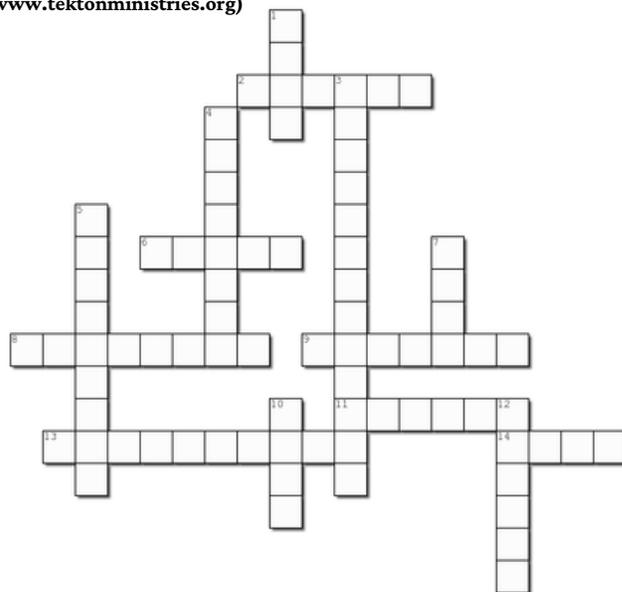
Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, Alleluia,

R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Oremus: Deus qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus, ut per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.



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Across

2. He exclaimed, 'My Lord and my God!'
6. He was given the task, 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep.'
8. He was freed instead of Christ.
9. Another word for the Easter candle and season.
11. Jesus appeared to Cleopas while traveling to this town.
13. On Easter night, Christ established this sacrament.
14. 1st stop for Jesus after His death (hint: He descended there)

Down

1. He ran faster than Peter to the tomb.
3. The first disciple to see the empty tomb.
4. Our Lord appeared to her requesting a feast to commemorate His Divine Mercy.
5. Where Christ met the apostles hiding in fear.
7. Food that the resurrected Jesus ate. (Luke 24:43)
10. Flower signifying the Resurrection (as well as St. Joseph).
12. Burial linen with Christ's image preserved on it.

"And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed with a white robe, and they were astonished. Who saith to them, Be not affrighted; ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: He is risen. He is not here; behold the place where they laid Him."

MARK 16:5-7

TAKEN FROM THE GOSPEL OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 17 - 23

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

Pro Populo

Erika Delperdang and Baby Francis
rb Mr. Frank Leo

Monday: 7:45 AM

Caroline Gillenkirk
rb Gillenkirk Family

Tuesday: 7:45 AM

Robert & Karen Florance
rb Elisse Florance

Wednesday: 7:45 AM

Richard Davidson
rb Davidson Family

Thursday: 7:45 AM

Dorothy Pheasant
rb Michael & Mary Pheasant

Friday: 6:00 PM

Brian Boyle
rb Michael & Mary Pheasant

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Newborns of St. Michael's & their Families
rb Mr. Frank Leo