

The background of the poster is a warm, golden-hued scene of a sunrise or sunset. The sun is partially obscured by a large, dark, jagged rock formation, likely the stone rolled away from the tomb. In the distance, several crosses are visible against the bright sky. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and resurrection.

Easter
2026

He is not here, for He has been

raised

just as He said.

– Matthew 28:6

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Mass Schedule

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Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.
*Holiday schedules TBA

Confessions

Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Adoration

Mondays 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions



Sunday, April 5 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

9:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

11:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Monday, April 6

9:00 a.m. For Joseph Kennedy (RIP) by Irene Kennedy

Tuesday, April 7

9:00 a.m. For Richard Panko (RIP) by the Panko Family

Wednesday, April 8

9:00 a.m. For Paul & Diane Schnupp (Birthday) by Mark & Paula Coleman

Thursday, April 9

9:00 a.m. For John & Marilyn Jauch by the Panko Family

Friday, April 10

9:00 a.m. For Dorothy Oberfield (RIP) by Ginny Prusaczyk

Saturday, April 11

Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul

5:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday, April 12 | Sunday of Divine Mercy

Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul

8:15 a.m. Ed & Lisa Smith (40th Anniversary) by the Smith Family

10:45 a.m. For Tom Herr (RIP) by Pattie Herr



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits that prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls.



Sunday | 4.5

Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Ghiloni)
8:40 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Loft
9:00 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Hayes)
11:00 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Hayes)

Monday | 4.6

Office Closed

Easter Monday
No Preschool – Spring Break
9:00 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Ghiloni)
9:30 a.m. – Welcome Committee Meeting in the Lounge
7:00 p.m. – Women’s Faith Formation in Enke Parish Hall

Tuesday | 4.7

Preschool Jesus Is Risen Celebration

9:00 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Ghiloni)
9:40 a.m. – Women’s Faith Formation in the Lounge

Wednesday | 4.8

Preschool Jesus Is Risen Celebration

7:00 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Ghiloni)
6:00 p.m. – Strategic Plan Steering Committee Meeting in Enke Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. – Catechism 102 in the Lounge
7:00 p.m. – Men’s Rosary Prayer Group in the Church

Thursday | 4.9

9:00 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Ghiloni)
11:30 a.m. – Mass at Otterbein (Msgr. Enke)
6:30 p.m. – WOSE Business Meeting in Enke Parish Hall

Friday | 4.10

9:00 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Ghiloni)
10:30 a.m. – Mass at Middleton (Msgr. Enke)

Saturday | 4.11

7:00 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship in Enke Parish Hall
4:00 p.m. – Confessions
5:00 p.m. – Mass (Msgr. Enke)

Sunday | 4.12

Sunday of Divine Mercy
8:15 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Hrezo)
9:30 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Loft
9:30 a.m. – PSR in Classrooms and Enke Parish Hall
10:45 a.m. – Mass (Fr. Ghiloni)
12:00 p.m. – Baptism of Carson Raine Churchill
4:30 p.m. – Mass at Denison University (Fr. Ghiloni)
6:00 p.m. – Youth Group Meeting in the Youth Room



WELCOME
to our community

Visitors, you are known and loved by our Lord, Jesus Christ. We pray you find peace, hospitality, and friendship here. Children are always welcome! To join St. Edward Parish, stop by the church office or call 740-587-3254.

Low-gluten hosts are available. Please join one of the center Communion lines and inform the Eucharistic Minister.



Wishing you & your family a
Blessed Easter!

*“For he has been raised just as he said.
Come and see the place where he lay.
Then go quickly and tell his disciples,
‘He has been raised from the dead.’”*

– Matthew 28:6-7



April 5, 2026

Dear Parishioners and Easter Guests:

Jesus Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!
He is Risen indeed, Alleluia! Alleluia!

We are grateful to be gathered by the Spirit of the Living God to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. This message of New Life is the heart of the Gospel, a Word of Hope from God Himself to all of us. The Easter Season

opens with the proclamation of Jesus' triumph over sin and death. Easter lasts for a full 50 days, up to the Feast of Pentecost. Everything we experience finds its meaning in this reality.

Some come to see the beautiful flowers and to hear the wonderful music of Easter choirs. Some come from a habit that draws them in a few times a year to keep themselves tethered to the Faith of their childhood. All of us are here because God's own Spirit has spoken to our hearts to hear and rejoice together in the wonder of God's Gift of His own Divine Life to our human nature, which we share with the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ our Savior.

As we celebrate our joy, we acknowledge also that our whole world is in turmoil. All the forces that led to the death of Jesus are still operating. At times, it can seem like they have the upper hand. Our reactions of fear and worry, anxiety about the future, and anger at those who put it in jeopardy can push us beyond our limits. The invitation of Easter is to put our Faith in the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ Who raised Him from the dead and poured out the Holy Spirit to bring Life to the world.

Many of you have heard about my own personal crisis of health. I have been diagnosed with hepatocellular carcinoma, that is, cancer of the liver. In March (during Lent), I went through treatment at The James Hospital in Columbus, having five sessions of radiation. That treatment has been concluded, and I got to ring the famous bell that patients ring when their regimen of radiation has been finished. Now it is a question of waiting to see how effective treatment has been. At present, I am feeling okay, but I am being cautious and following doctors' orders. One thing that has impressed me is just how many folks have been through such "unexpected adventures." I also marvel at just how many experts and helpers collaborate to attend to each patient. Modern medicine does marvels.

The greatest support to me has been the prayers of so many people. Parishioners of St. Edward Church and those whom I have served throughout the Diocese of Columbus have offered prayer and good wishes. Folks who share with me the Hope of Unity throughout the whole world have also let me know that they are with me in spirit. God reveals His immense Love for me and for each one of us through such gifts that come from His own.

Please keep Easter in your mind and heart every day throughout the whole Easter Season. Lent was 40 days; Easter will last 50 days, all the way to Pentecost. Let the Spirit Who brought Jesus to the fullness of Life fill you and be a witness of the truth of God's Love for the world. Easter Blessings to all!

Rev. Timothy M. Hayes
Pastor

Notes from the Loft



Notes from the Loft

Prelude

Introductory Rites

Entrance: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (#179)

Gloria: Mass in Honor of Saint Benedict

(text on inside cover or p. 6)

Liturgy of the Word

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 118: This is the day... (p. 138)

Sequence (Cantor/Choir): Christians, to the Paschal Victim (p. 138-139)

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 140)

Sprinkling Rite: I Saw Water Flowing (text in this bulletin)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: The Strife Is O'er (#607)

Sanctus, Mem. Acc. A, Amen, Agnus Dei:

Mass in Honor of St. Benedict

Communion Hymn (All Masses): Festival Canticle:

Worthy Is Christ (#614)

Communion (Bell Choir, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.):

All Creatures of Our God and King (arr. Scholes)

Communion (Choir, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.): That Easter Day

(arr. Everson/Grier)

Concluding Rites

Recessional: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (#193)

Postlude

Cantors

7:30 a.m.: Dave Conway

9:00 a.m.: Kevin Skinner

11:00 a.m.: Kayla Drummond

Trumpet

7:30 a.m.: Dave DeCarolus

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.: Jeffrey Korak

Notes from the Loft

♪ "Sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply!" Alleluia! He is risen! Thank you to the Choir, Bell Choir, cantors, instrumentalists, their supportive families, and everybody who has joined in song during this Holy Week. May the joy of the Resurrection bring light and hope to us and to all the world.

♪ Words for Sprinkling Rite:

R./ I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, Alleluia! Alleluia!

1) The water flowed, Alleluia! Flowed from the temple, Alleluia!

2) It brought God's life, Alleluia! And his salvation, Alleluia!

3) The people sang, Alleluia! They sang in joyful praise, Alleluia!

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YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent parish listening sessions. We are grateful for the time, honesty, and care so many of you shared as we begin discerning the future of St. Edward the Confessor Parish.

Those conversations were an important first step, and we would like to continue listening. This weekend, surveys and QR codes will be available to give all parishioners an opportunity to share their thoughts, experiences, and hopes.

Your voice matters. We encourage you to complete the survey in full so that your feedback can help guide the next steps for our parish as we grow in faith and community.



<https://forms.gle/qXVW6VcLqdq5dqdf6>

Open House on
Sunday, April 12
after 10:45 am Mass!



St. Edward Preschool 2026-27 Enrollment

St. Edward Preschool provides a loving early learning environment built on a strong foundation of Catholic faith, teachings, and values. Scan the QR code to register and pay the \$100 fee online or pick up a packet in the Preschool Office or Gathering Space.

Questions? Contact
Adrienne Evans:
740-587-3275 or
preschool@saintedwards.org



Grab Your Basket and join us for an Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Sunday, April 5 | After 11 am Mass



On the Front Lawn

(In case of rain, we will move to Enke Parish Hall)

🐰 Featuring a visit from the Easter Bunny 🐰

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
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Easter Flowers 2026

In Loving Memory

Living & Deceased Members of the Baldwin & Lanciault Families
by Stephen & Rita Baldwin

Harper Bianco; Mark McDaniel by Mr. & Mrs. Bianco & Lilah Bianco
Dr. James E. Bradley by Nancy Bradley

Marvin Baker by Victalia Baker

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Behrman; Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Bledsoe
by Art & Peggy Bledsoe

Sandy Carpenter; Dominga Gamil; Donata Gamil; Eddie Gamil;
Edwin Gamil; Aggie Norris; Jonjie Rempillo; Vilma Rempillo; Eden
Tibor; Romeo Tibor

by Kendall & Jeanette Carpenter
Thomas & Doris Barbush; Michael & Barbara Casale
by John & Sue Casale

Kathleen M. Goodwin by Don & Kris Charlton & Family

William Clapper by Carole Clapper

Charles & Lois Caulley by John & Pattie Deblo

Deceased Members of the Brielmaier & Downing Families
by Von & Margo Downing

Randy Dusenberry; Riley Grace Dusenberry by Deb Dusenberry
Vernon & JoAnn Ellis; Leslie Manley; John & Mary Rosa; Robert Rosa
by Vernon & Mary Ellis

Jarret Evan Adams & Jude Michael Adams (sons of Hunter &
Danielle (Evans) Adams)
by Scot & Adrienne Evans

Bob & Virginia Evans (parents of Dan/Peggy Evans)
by Scot & Adrienne Evans

Mark D. Evans (son of Dan & Peggy Evans) by Scot & Adrienne Evans
Jud & Susie Lewis by Scot & Adrienne Evans

Charles & Marie Flautt & Family; Leonard & Ann Ott & Family
by Martin & Carol Flautt

Arthur & Edith Brandt; Francis Foley by Dennis & Linda Foley

David Gaul by The Gaul Family

Edward Elliot Gerber by Barbara Gerber & Family

The Deceased Members of the Hayes & Lamb Families
by Arther & Karen Hayes

Elaine Hayes by Susan & Tom Hayes

The Reding Family by The Hobens-Redings-Bechers

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Saunders by Tim & Cindy Hughes
Hermine & Walter Danninger by Jurgen & Yvonne Kraft
Erwin Kraft; Fritz Anna Kraft; Irma M. Kraft

by Jurgen & Yvonne Kraft

Ingrid Parsley; Marion Sluder; Maria Weber
by Jurgen & Yvonne Kraft

Donald & Helen Spurlock; Thurman Spurlock by Yvonne Kraft
Esther Arter; Patricia Cavanaugh; Cathy Colvin; Pamela Jill Crider;
Dan & Joan Lupton; Vicente & Josefa Mendoza; Maria Norris;
Tom Skufca

by The Lupton Family

Dan Lazar by Nancy Lazar

Deceased Members of the Leshner & Mastenbook Families
by Bob & Selma Leshner

George & Patricia Simon by Stephanie Luellen

Thomas L. Martin by Sharon Martin

Karen Beaver by Val & Lisa Matula

Matthew Joseph Mazur by Al & Pam Mazur

Robert & Kathleen Chema by Rose Mitchell

Watts Miller by Rob & Lauren Montagnese

Anthony Montagnese by Rob & Lauren Montagnese

Carl & Betty McCullough by Patrick & Cathy Murphy
Herbert J. Murphy, Jr. & Patricia R. Murphy

by Patrick & Cathy Murphy

Edward Nagy by Mariann Nagy

Richard & Dorothy Oberfield by Diane Oberfield

Patricia Flanagan Ott by James Ott

Joe Prusaczyk by Debbie & Ginny Prusaczyk

Mary Agnes Radkowski by Paul & Judy Radkowski

Catherine Ragno; Kris Ragno; Phillip Ragno by Kevin & Amy Ragno

Bernard & Eileen Kennedy; Bill & Lois Rogers by Bill & Teresa Rogers

Richard L. Smith; Victoria M. Smith by Al & Jan Smith

The Deceased Members of the Steele & Terlecky Families
by The Terlecky Family

Lee Vanderhoff by The Vanderhoff Family

Jean Ann Gloeckner by Dennis & Mary Wehner

Richard Wells by Bonita Wells

In Loving Honor

Ella Jongwe; Mildred Jongwe; Christine Mushore; Ticha Mushore
by Dr. & Mrs. Josiah Bote

Harry & Dolores Bukala by David & Pamela Bukala

Margaret Ceneviva by Dr. Mark & Mrs. Regina Ceneviva

Isaiah Perry by Dr. Ann Singer-Clark

The Brogan Family by Ellen Clark

David Denius; Leo & Lucy Huck by Clarita Denius

Leo & Betty Fox; James & Mary Wagner by Leo & Suzanne Fox

Fr. Timothy Hayes by Susan & Tom Hayes

The Pillitteri & Robinson Families by Carmen & Cheryl Pillitteri
Dale Brown; Andrew Clarke; The Long Family; The Ritzer Family

by Rick & Michele Ritzer

The Skufca Family; The Stofcik Family by Anthony & Dorothy Skufca

Sarah Ann Tokar by Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Tokar

Lee Vanderhoff by David Vanderhoff

Linda S. Wagonseller by Tom Wagonseller

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Blizzard; Mr. & Mrs. Millard Willey

by David & Nancy Willey

Flower Donations

Collin Churchill & Madison Henry

Wayde & Susan Gutridge

Glenn & Annemarie Wirth

Stephanie Helgerman

Mark Motz, Sr.





Receive the Sacrament of Anointing

On April 18 and 19, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is being offered at all Masses. All who are experiencing a serious illness or living with a chronic condition are encouraged to receive this Sacrament of healing.



PSR Fees Due For 2025-2026

Fees for 2025-2026 PSR classes are due. If you have outstanding fees, please scan the QR code to submit your payment online. The fee amounts are as follows: **\$110 for one student; \$195 for two students; \$225 for three or more students.** If you are unsure whether your fees have been submitted, please contact the PSR Office at 740-587-4160.

St. Vincent de Paul Donations – Food Pantry

Currently, the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in need of contributions of **cereal and cans or plastic jars of spaghetti sauce**. Please consider sharing an item or two with our neighbors in need. Thank you for your generosity!

NEW FOOD COLLECTION LOCATION: Items can now be brought to the Conference Room/ Counting Room across from Fr. Hayes’ office. The same wooden container is located just behind the door.



Share Your Gifts with Women of St. Edward

As springtime approaches, the Women of St. Edward would like to announce the following open positions on their leadership team: **Secretary** – Records, edits, finalizes, and distributes minutes of all business meetings, handles WOSE correspondence, takes attendance at meetings, maintains a contact list of active members, and extends

invitations to new women of the parish; **Bereavement Luncheon Ministry Chairperson** – Maintains the bereavement team lists and notifies team captains when a funeral lunch is scheduled; **Santa’s Attic Co-chair for Publicity** – Assists with publicity for the fundraiser (a complete record of the previous year’s publicity is available); **Christmas Bazaar Christmas Greenery Chairperson** – Arranges the sale of poinsettias and other Christmas greenery (a complete report of prior sales is available). **Women of the parish are encouraged to prayerfully consider filling these positions.** For details, contact President Annie Lach at annielach626@gmail.com or 502-541-1715.

Learn More About WOSE and Our Parish

Women of the parish are invited to join the Women of St. Edward for a meeting on **Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Enke Parish Hall.** Parish Business Administrator Laura Appleman will lead a Q & A session about the parish, and information about planning for future WOSE events will follow. All women are welcome to attend!



St. Charles Offering Summer Programs, Camps, and Classes

This June and July, St. Charles is hosting 35 exciting camps and classes for students of all ages and interests. Options include co-ed camps in Track & Field, Robotics, Volleyball, and Ice Hockey! Students can also participate in Camp Cardinal, a fun-filled day camp exploring the best of St. Charles, along with Baseball, Basketball, Borromeo Project, Engineering, Football, Lacrosse, Quiz Bowl, Soccer, Speed Camp, Ultimate Frisbee, and Wrestling camps. For incoming freshmen, St. Charles also offers readiness courses in Latin, Algebra, English Preparation, and Study Skills. To register or learn more, visit scprep.org and select “Summer Programs” under the “Admissions” section. For questions, contact Ryan Aiello at 380-209-2248 or raiello@scprep.org.

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Avila, Loyola and Lourdes

You are invited to join the Diocese of Steubenville’s Fr. Bradley Greer and Fr. Timothy Huffman on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Avila, Loyola, and Lourdes on **September 10-20, 2026.** Highlights include the Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, the Shrines of Fatima and Lourdes, the Chapel of Conversion where St. Ignatius of Loyola had his conversion, the Convent of St. Teresa of Avila, and more! The cost is \$5,346 per person (based on double occupancy) and includes roundtrip airfare from Pittsburgh (other departure cities available). For details, visit QoHTours.com or call 1-800-213-4295.

Easter Sunday Rosary

Celebrate the Risen Lord by gathering to pray the Rosary before the 11 am Mass on Easter Sunday. Prayer begins at at 10:35 am.



Happy Easter!

The Parish Office is closed on Easter Monday, April 6.

There is no Adoration on that day.

Keep Our Grounds Beautiful

Do you have a green thumb? Consider joining our landscaping ministry to help keep our parish looking lovely all year.

Contact the Parish Office for details: church@saintedwards.org

Interested in becoming Catholic, or learning more about your faith?

Inquire about OCIA today!



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Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

“Get up and do not be afraid.”

Mt 17:7



Scan the March Focolare Word of Life above or visit focolaremedia.com

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Stay in Touch!

Our Flocknote email is the way to stay up-to-date on happenings at St. Edward Church



Scan the QR code to join, or register online at StEdwardChurch.flocknote.com

Scholarships Available to St. Edward Parishioners

Two \$1,500 scholarships—the Father Lowery Scholarship and the Bernice and Joe Ciricosta Scholarship—are now open to parishioners who are actively pursuing a post-secondary program.

Scan to apply online. Applications are due by May 18.



Ministry Schedule

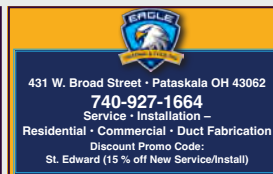


April 11-12 | Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy

	Eucharistic Ministers:	Lectors:	Altar Servers:
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Natalie Cannon Cliff Kirchner Leann Kirchner Michelle Swickard	Cheryl Boggess	Arianna Carter Luke Priano NOT FILLED
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Sue Casale John Casale Suzanne Fox Johnda Orndorff	Netti Nau	Brooklyn Aransky Francis Aransky Avery Miller
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Lisa Barrett Stephanie Dodd Emily Dunbar Annie Lach Bernadette Lieberth Peter Thomas	Roy Brewer	Katelyn Shaw Cooper Skinner Anna Beth Zigan

Please check in sacristy for current list of weekend volunteers.

Sponsors of the Week



CATECHISM corner

CATECHISM CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK:

Read paragraphs 777 - 780 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

CATECHISM QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What does the word "Church" mean?

Look in next week's bulletin for the answer!

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

What are the mysteries of Jesus' public life as taught by the *Catechism*?

The mysteries taught by the *Catechism* are (1) Jesus' baptism, (2) His temptations, (3) the proclamation of the Kingdom of God, (4) the signs of the Kingdom, (5) the keys of the Kingdom, (6) the Transfiguration, (7) Jesus' ascent into Jerusalem, and (8) His messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

NO CATECHISM? NO PROBLEM!

Scan the QR code to read the *Catechism* online.



ST. EDWARD
YOUTH GROUP | 7-12 GRADE
2025 - 2026

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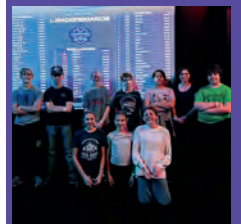


Happy Easter!

We're grateful for all the amazing teens who have been part of our youth group this year. We'll be back on **April 12** and can't wait for more faith, fun, friendship, and service together.

Thank you to all who support our youth group with your time, donations, and prayers. Your generosity makes a big difference in the lives of our young people and the future of our Church.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT STEVEN
YOUTH@SAINTEDWARDS.ORG



Celebrate Deacon Adrian!

Celebrate and support Deacon Adrian after Masses on May 9 and 10. He is graduating from The Pontifical College Josephinum on May 16 and preparing for ordination in Uganda this July.

Contributions are being collected through the Parish to help provide a vehicle supporting safe travel among the parishes he will serve.



CATECHISM 102

Building on a great start with **Catechism 101**, we're continuing with a four-part series on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Whether you've attended before or are new, you're invited to explore what we believe, how we worship, and how we live and pray. Participants receive a *Catechism* and set of index tabs.

SCHEDULE: 7 PM | THE LOUNGE

April 8 | Part I:

Man's capacity for God; God comes to meet man; Man's response to God

April 22 | Part II:

The Paschal mystery in the age of the Church; Sacramental celebration of the Paschal Mystery; Liturgical diversity and the unity of the mystery

May 6 | Part III:

The dignity of the human person; The human community; God's salvation law and grace

May 20 | Part IV:

The revelation of prayer; The tradition of prayer; The life of prayer



Sunday, April 5 | The Resurrection of the Lord: The Mass of Easter Day

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Gospel: John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10 or Luke 24:13-35

Monday, April 6

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Gospel: Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 7

First Reading: Acts 2:36-41

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22

Gospel: John 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 8

First Reading: Acts 3:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, April 9

First Reading: Acts 3:11-26

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Friday, April 10

First Reading: Acts 4:1-12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a

Gospel: John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 11

First Reading: Acts 4:13-21

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21

Gospel: Mark 16:9-15

Sunday, April 12 | Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Pope Leo XIV

Intentions of the Month:
April

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

JOIN US EACH 1ST THURSDAY TO PRAY FOR
AN INCREASE IN PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

MARCH 5TH - SETON PARISH, PICKERINGTON

8:30AM MASS

9:00 AM HOLY HOUR

APRIL 2ND - HOLY THURSDAY

MAY 7TH - ST. PAUL, WESTERVILLE

5:00 PM - HOLY HOUR

6:15 PM MASS

JUNE 4TH - ST. FRANCIS DESALES, NEWARK

9:00 AM - MASS

9:30 AM - HOLY HOUR

JULY 2ND - TBD

Are You Called to Volunteer?

We are looking for volunteers to support our Parish Office on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Responsibilities include answering phones, greeting guests, preparing mailings, and performing other daily tasks. We are especially appreciative of volunteers who are able to make a regular time commitment. Thank you for helping make our parish a welcoming and supportive community!

Contact Laura at church@saintedwards.org



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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit.

“On the day of His Resurrection, Jesus Christ left in the tomb the shroud which is the symbol of our infirmities, our weaknesses, our imperfections. Christ comes from the tomb triumphant – completely free of earthly limitation; He is animated with a life that is intense and perfect, and which vibrates in every fiber of His being. In Him everything that is mortal has been absorbed by His glorified life.” +BLESSED COLUMBA MARMION

Monday, April 6 ~ The Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:8-15 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce the news to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had happened. The chief priests assembled with the elders and took counsel; then they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him while we were asleep.’ And if this gets to the ears of the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” The soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has circulated among the Jews to the present day.

Meditation: Have you ever asked what the basis of our faith is in the resurrection? The scriptures tell us that “faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen”(Hebrews 11:1). Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. Our faith is a free assent to the whole truth which God reveals to us through his word. Faith is certain because it is based on the very word of God who cannot lie. Faith also seeks understanding. That is why God enlightens the “eyes of our hearts” that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us (Ephesians 1:18). Peter the Apostle says we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3). Through the gift of faith, the Lord reveals himself to those who believe in his word and he fills them with “new life in his Holy Spirit”. Do you live in the joy and hope of the resurrection? And do you recognize the presence of the Risen Lord in his word, in the “breaking of the bread”, and in his church, the body of Christ?

Prayer: O God, who give constant increase to your Church by new offspring, grant that your servants may hold fast in their lives to the Sacrament they have received in faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Are you always prepared to meet the Risen Lord? The disciples of Jesus were as unprepared for his resurrection as they were for his death. The empty tomb made them fearful and joyful at the same time. “Where did they put the body or did he really rise just as he predicted?” Even though Jesus had spoken to them before of his death and rising, they could not believe until they saw the empty tomb and met the risen Lord. Aren’t we the same? We want to see with our own eyes before we believe! The guards brought their testimony to the chief priests and elders who met the news with denial. They were resolved to not believe that Jesus had risen and they bribed the guards in the hope of keeping others from believing.

Tuesday, April 7 ~ The Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 20:11-18 Mary Magdalene stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the Body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken my Lord, and I don’t know where they laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are

you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and then reported what he had told her.

Meditation: The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our hope – the hope that we will see God face to face and share in his everlasting glory and joy. "Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:8-9). And so, do you recognize the Lord's presence with you, in his word, in the "breaking of the bread", and in his church, the body of Christ?

Prayer: O God, who have bestowed on us paschal remedies, endow your people with heavenly gifts, so that, possessed of perfect freedom, they may rejoice in heaven over what gladdens them now on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: How easy it can be to miss the Lord when our focus is on ourselves! Mary did not at first recognize the Lord because her focus was on the empty tomb and on her own grief. It took only one word from the Master, when he called her by name, for Mary to recognize him. Mary's message to the disciples, I have seen the Lord, is the very essence of Christianity. It is not enough that a Christian know about the Lord, but that we know him personally. It is not enough to argue about him, but to meet him. In the resurrection we encounter the living Lord who loves us personally and shares his glory with us. The Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to see the truth of his resurrection and victory over sin and death (Ephesians 1:18).

Wednesday, April 8 ~ The Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his Body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the Eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Meditation: St. Augustine provides a reflection on the dimness of their perception: "They were so disturbed when they saw him hanging on the cross that they forgot his teaching, did not look for his resurrection, and failed to keep his promises in mind" (Sermon 235.1). "Their eyes were obstructed, that they should not recognize him until the breaking of the bread. And thus, in accordance with the state of their minds, which was still ignorant of the truth (that the Christ would die and rise again", their eyes were similarly hindered. It was not that the truth himself was misleading them, but rather that they were themselves unable to perceive the truth." (From The Harmony of the Gospels, 3.25.72) How often do we

fail to recognize the Lord when he speaks to our hearts and opens his mind to us? The Risen Lord is ever ready to speak his word to us and to give us understanding of his ways. Do you listen attentively to the Word of God and allow his word to change and transform you?

Prayer: O God, who gladden us year by year with the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection, graciously grant that, by celebrating these present festivities, we may merit through them to reach eternal joys. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: We often wonder how it would have been difficult for the disciples to recognize the risen Lord. To put it simply, Jesus' death scattered his disciples and shattered their hopes and dreams. They had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. They saw the cross as defeat and could not comprehend the empty tomb until the Lord appeared to them and gave them understanding. Jesus chided the disciples on the road to Emmaus for their slowness of heart to believe what the scriptures had said concerning the Messiah. They did not recognize the risen Jesus until he had broken bread with them. Do you recognize the Lord in his word and in the breaking of the bread?

Thursday, April 9 ~ The Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 The disciples of Jesus recounted what had taken place along the way, and how they had come to recognize him in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Meditation: Isn't amazing how much we are like the apostles? We won't believe unless we can see with our own eyes. The gospels attest to the reality of the resurrection. Jesus goes to great lengths to assure his disciples that he is no mere ghost or illusion. He shows them the marks of his crucifixion and he explains how the scriptures foretold his death and rising. Jerome, an early church bible scholar, comments: "As he showed them real hands and a real side, he really ate with his disciples; really walked with Cleophas; conversed with men with a real tongue; really reclined at supper; with real hands took bread, blessed and broke it, and was offering it to them...Do not put the power of the Lord on the level with the tricks of magicians, so that he may appear to have been what he was not, and may be thought to have eaten without teeth, walked without feet, broken bread without hands, spoken without a tongue, and showed a side which had no ribs." (*From a letter to Pammachius against John of Jerusalem 34, 5th century*)

Prayer: O God, who have united the many nations in confessing your name, grant that those reborn in the font of Baptism may be one in the faith of their hearts and the homage of their deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: A central teaching of the gospel is the cross; but it does not stop there. Through the cross Jesus defeated our enemies – death and Satan and won pardon for our sins. His cross is the door to heaven and the key to paradise. The way to glory is through the cross. When the disciples saw the risen Lord they disbelieved for joy! How can death lead to life, the cross to victory? Jesus shows us the way and he gives us the power to overcome sin and despair, and everything else that would stand in the way of his love and truth. Just as the first disciples were commissioned to bring the good news of salvation to all the nations, so, we, too, are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to all who live on the face of the earth. Do you witness the joy of the gospel to those around you?

Friday, April 10 ~ The Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 21:1-14 Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in

Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

Meditation: Why didn't the apostles immediately recognize the Lord when he greeted them at the Sea of Tiberias? John gives us a clue. He states that Peter decided to return to his home district of Galilee, very likely so he could resume his fishing career. Peter was discouraged and didn't know what to do after the tragedy of Jesus' death! He went back to his previous career out of despair and uncertainty. The other apostles followed him back to Galilee. When was the last time Peter was commanded to let down his net after a futile night of fishing? It was at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee when the Lord dramatically approached Peter in his fishing boat after a futile night of fishing and commanded him to lower his nets (see Luke 5:4-11). After the miraculous catch, Jesus told Peter that he would be 'catching people' for the kingdom of God. Now Jesus repeats the same miracle. John, the beloved disciple, is the first to recognize the Lord. Peter impulsively leaps from the boat and runs to the Lord. Do you run to the Lord when you meet setbacks, disappointments, or trials? The Lord is ever ready to renew us in faith and to give us fresh hope in his promises.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who gave us the Paschal Mystery in the covenant you established for reconciling the human race, so dispose our minds, we pray, that what we celebrate by professing the faith we may express in deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Skeptics who disbelieve the resurrection say the disciples only saw a vision of Jesus. The gospels, however, give us a vivid picture of the reality of the resurrection. Jesus went out of his way to offer his disciples various proofs of his resurrection – that he is real and true flesh, not just a spirit or ghost. In his third appearance to the apostles, after Jesus performed the miraculous catch of fish, he prepared a breakfast and ate with them. Peter's prompt recognition of the Master and exclamation "It is the Lord!" stands in sharp contrast to his previous denial of his Master during the night of Jesus' arrest. The Lord Jesus reveals himself to each of us as we open our hearts to receive his word. Do you recognize the Lord's presence in your life? Do you receive his word with faith? Are you open to conforming your mind and heart to that of Jesus Christ, so that you can follow him with love as a true disciple?

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