

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 9, 2023

FIRST READING: Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

PSALM: Let us be joyful in this day of the Lord (Psalm 118).

SECOND READING: All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4)

GOSPEL: Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9)

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: REJOICE AND BE GLAD

If Christmas is the “most wonderful time of the year,” then Easter is the most joyous, glorious, awesome time of the year! Really? Today’s readings don’t exactly brim over with the kind of holiday cheer we find at Christmas—except for the responsorial psalm, which admittedly rings with gleeful joy. But otherwise, not so much. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter gives a dry, condensed rendering of the story of Jesus to a group of Gentiles in Caesarea. The Colossians reading actually does have us looking forward to glory. Most underwhelming, though, is the Gospel proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we want to hear about angels and earthquakes and trumpets and glory, we hear about a dark, silent, empty tomb. This Easter Sunday story from John’s Gospel is startling in its emptiness. Like Peter in the story, we must enter into this mystery. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	04/09	
MON	04/10	
TUES	04/11	
WED	04/12	
THURS	04/13	
FRI	04/14	
SAT	04/15	3:00PM CONFESSION
SUN	04/16	



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (April 10th– April 16th)

MON	4/10.	7:50AM.	+ James Marshall – (Cass Kasper)
TUES	4/11.	7:50AM.	+ Kevin Gritzer – (Seven Springs Friends)
WED	4/12.	7:50AM.	+ Rebecca Alwine – (Aunt Patricia)
THUR	4/13.	7:50AM	+ Intention Dantis
FRI	4/14.	7:50AM	+ (A) Ted Figart – (Millie Cascino)
SAT	4/15	4:00PM	+ Laverne Bobby – (Brother, Jimmy)
SUN	4/16.	7:30AM.	+ George Antonikas – (Patty Zahurak)
		. . . 10:30AM.	+ (A) Rebecca Alwine – (Son, Ryan)



Sunday April 9, 2023

Stewardship Reflections: Easter Sunday:

The Resurrection of the Lord

The great feast of Easter has begun. Let us rejoice Christian Stewards and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. Let's make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace for the whole Easter Season! St. Peter says that our Lord, "commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead." How do we do this? We do so through how we live our ordinary lives, through the intentional use of our time, talent, and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony. We are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (April 1st & April 2nd 2023)

Weekly	\$ 4,747.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,424.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 15.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.

REGINA CAELI - The Regina Caelis is said beginning Easter Sunday until Pentecost. It is said standing:

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
- R. For He whom you merited to bear, Alleluia
- V. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia
- R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
- R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us Pray: O God, who through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has given joy to this world; grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the same joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen

The St Anne's Christian Mother's Annual Basket Party will be held on April 16th. Doors open at Noon. Tickets are \$5 for 25 basket chances and includes cake & coffee. Additional tickets and food will also be available for purchase.



A Big Thank You for the Children's Easter Party
A special Thank You goes out to KOC & Christian Mothers in making this year's Easter Breakfast Party another huge success. The KOC out did themselves on the food, everything was delicious!! The kids especially enjoyed all the different crafts, and let's not forget their Big Train Bag full of Treats!! A great time was had by all, we appreciate your generosity.



The Christian Mothers would like to thank everyone for the tremendous response to our No Bake- Bake Sale for George Ferrante. Your generosity was overwhelming! **Our parishioners are the best in showing kindness to one another!** Thank you!

Summer Basket Bash

The **Summer Bash** has been set for **July 22nd & 23rd 2023**. We are asking again for **Themed baskets at least \$25 in value**. The next meeting is **Monday, May 8th at 6PM**. Anyone interested in helping plan or working the Bash please attend the next meeting. This is a Church Fundraiser; we will need as many hands as possible. It is your chance to **Get Involved!**

Families and the Gospel - (John 20: 1-9) Easter Sunday

Today's gospel instructs us Jesus "had to rise from the dead." The dying we experience with unmet expectations in marriage and parenting is normal to family life. Families must rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.



"Babies are bits of stardust, blown down from the hand of God"

ABORTION - "God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end; no one can under any circumstance claim the right directly to destroy an innocent human being,"

St Therese Holy Name would like to wish all Parishioners of St Therese a Peaceful & Prayerful Easter Season.



Dearlly Beloved in Christ,

Easter is the most glorious celebration of the whole year! Some may not think so. They remember most of all Christmas, Birthdays, New Year's Day and yes Halloween. None of these compare with Easter Sunday. It commemorates Christ's rising from the dead. Three days earlier he was crucified and died, buried at the hands of his Mother Mary and a few Apostles. Then placed in a burial tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. A huge rock was placed in front. Soldiers were reported to be watching the tomb.

Now, very early in the morning women came to anoint his body with spices as was the custom. The tomb was empty. Later on that day when Mary came to tell the frightened Apostles Jesus had risen, the tomb was empty, but the burial cloths were there. The Apostles gathered in safe room. That evening Jesus appears to them. Other disciples on a walk to the town of Emmaus were talking about all the events that occurred near Jerusalem. Then Jesus, whom they did not recognize walked with them. As it was getting dark, they asked him to stay and eat with them. When he took the bread and wine, they recognized Him.

Christ has Risen, Christ has truly Risen!

Let us all rejoice and be glad.

Fr Balestino

St. Therese Christian Mothers Flea Market & Bake Sale

Our Flea Market and Bake Sale will take place **Friday, May 5TH** and **Saturday, May 6TH** from 9 to 1PM in the Social Hall.



Gathering dates will be:

- 9 to 12AM on May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

Once again, we ask that ALL items be clean and in good repair. We will not take anything that is dirty, torn or damaged. Thank you so much for your cooperation. Start your spring cleaning! **Please omit clothing, shoes, TVs, computers, car seats, and outdoor grills as we are unable to sell these items.**



Upcoming Dates to Remember – Mark Your Calendars!!!

April 16th
April 23rd
May 4th
May 5th & 6th
July 22nd & 23rd

St Anne's Christian Mothers Basket Party
First Holy Communion St Therese
Confirmation - St. Johns Gualbert Cathedral
St Therese Christian Mothers Spring Flea Market
Burgers & Baskets Summer Bash

We are an Easter People

An Easter Message from Bishop Mark

"Alleluia is certainly an appropriate word at Easter since it is a word of praise for the great mystery of the Resurrection of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is because of that great mystery of faith that we can say: 'We are an Easter People.' At the same time, we do not pretend that life is limited to happiness and beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, poverty and death, war and human suffering around the world. But we also know and believe that Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain and death to the glory of the Resurrection. We live in the light of his Paschal Mystery - the mystery of his Death and Resurrection. As an Easter people, we don't try to ignore the presence of sin, which drains the joy out of our hearts. As an Easter people we look to the Risen Christ who proclaimed, 'I am the resurrection and the life; the one who believes in me will live, even if he dies.'"

