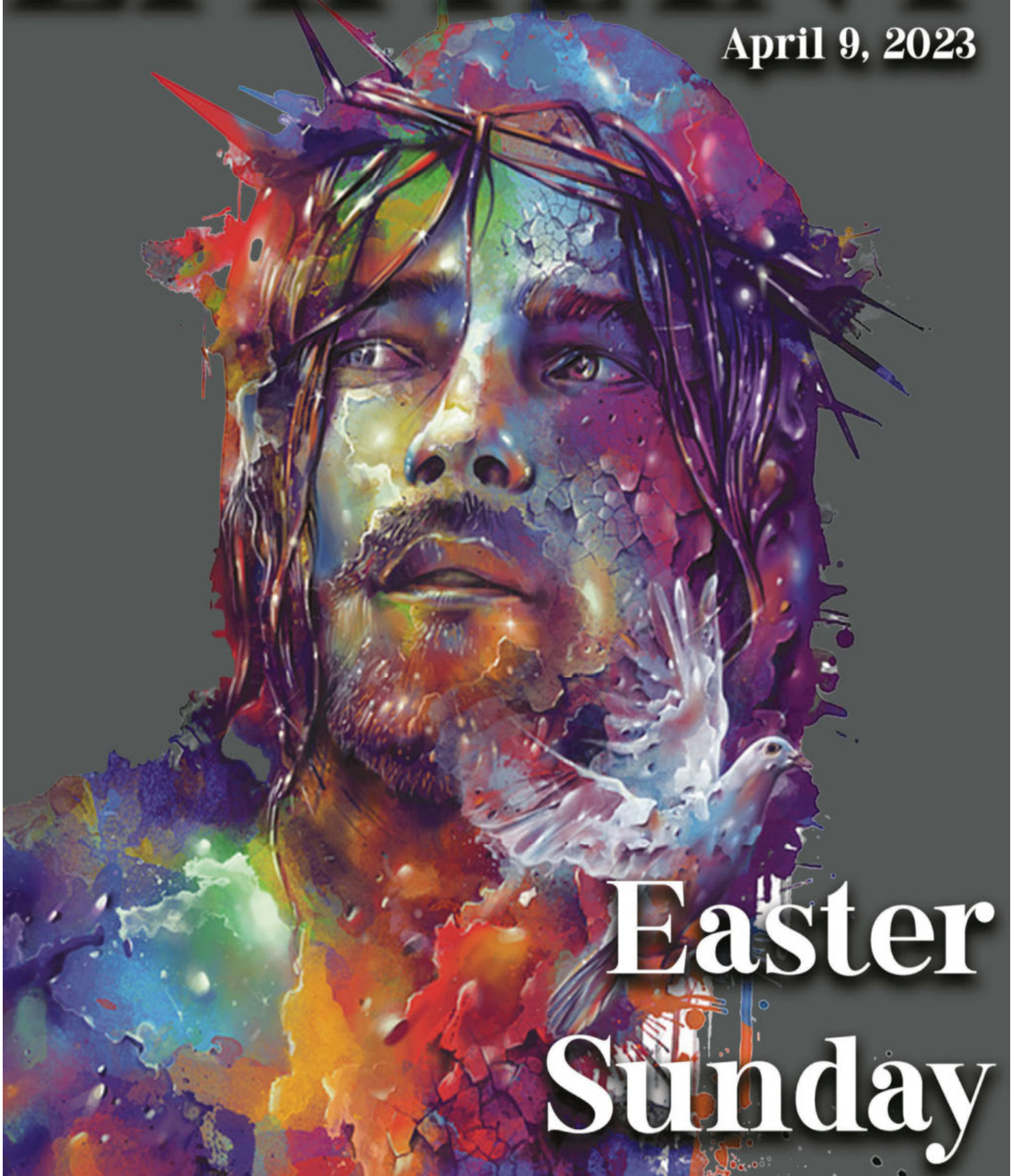


EPIPHANY

April 9, 2023



Easter Sunday



WELCOME
To
Epiphany

Remember Jesus of Nazareth, staggering on broken feet out of the tomb toward the Resurrection, bearing on his body the proud insignia of the defeat which is victory, the magnificent defeat of the human soul at the hands of God.



About God's Word

THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Apr 09, 2023

From hole to whole

Accounts vary. Sometimes Easter dawns with helpful instruction-bearing angels and a palpable earthshaking. In other narratives it's almost a stealthy affair: a yawning open tomb, the shroud deserted, its meaning unclear. So too we experience the Easters of our lives in a variety of ways: fervent or undecided, joyful or indifferent or possibly even sorrowing. The empty tomb is an invitation to faith, an absence that can be filled any number of ways. We pray for each other this day, that what is empty in any of us may be filled with hope and trust.

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Victimae Paschali Laudes; John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10 (42, 41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"There was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven . . . rolled back the stone, and sat upon it."*

Monday, Apr 10, 2023

God brings all things to completion

Who doesn't sometimes get impatient with God's plan for them? Consider that the waiting can not only be useful but also beautiful. "Trust in the slow work of God," wrote Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (who died on this day in 1955). He would know—this French Jesuit priest was forced to leave his teaching post and withdraw controversial statements in 1925 and was further condemned by the church posthumously in 1962. Decades later, leading cardinals started to see his ideas differently—favorably—and so did Popes Benedict XVI and Francis. "It is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability," Chardin wrote—so, like him, accept "feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete."

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261). *"And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them."*

Tuesday, Apr 11, 2023

Wage peace

One of the most significant pillars of Catholic social teaching turns 60 today: *Pacem in terris*—in English, "Peace on Earth"—the encyclical written by Pope John XXIII to address the menace of nuclear war and the need to uphold international human rights, including racial equality and women's rights. Significantly, it stands as the first encyclical addressed to both Catholics and non-Catholics alike, drawing worldwide admiration for the church's willingness to confront the social and economic costs of the Cold War. "The social progress, order, security, and peace of each country are necessarily connected with the social progress, order, security, and peace of all other countries," he wrote. Let peace begin with you today.

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 (262). *"Mary went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and then reported what he had told her."*

Wednesday, Apr 12, 2023

Leave the battlefield behind

Most people know that the Civil War, which began on this day in 1861, was largely an unjust war fought in defense of slavery in the Southern United States (then, for a time, the Confederate States of America). What many do not know is that the first skirmish of the war,

the Battle of Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina, was led in part by a Catholic, Confederate Brigadier General P. G. T. Beauregard, a Creole Catholic born and raised on a plantation in Louisiana. After the failures of the Confederacy in the war, Beauregard returned to civilian life in his home region, advocating for black civil rights (including voting), societal unity, and also became an admirer of Abraham Lincoln. May we model repentance in the face of our sins and work always for the common bonds of humanity.

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263). *"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."*

Thursday, Apr 13, 2023

Accountability matters

When the risen Christ appears to his dumbfounded disciples, he reminds them "that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name." Even the church itself must repent sometimes. The Catholic Native Boarding School Accountability and Healing Project is such an undertaking. Few expect rapid change, but this group of religious, church officials, and laypeople have named a "sin" the church's role in the federal efforts to dismantle Native American culture through boarding schools. That's a start. Learn more on this topic so you can be part of the healing.

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48 (264). *"Then he said to them, 'Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?'"*

Friday, Apr 14, 2023

Time for breakfast

Comedian Steven Wright may have been on to something when he quipped: "I went to a restaurant that serves 'breakfast at any time,' so I ordered French toast during the Renaissance." For Christians, who wouldn't choose a morning meal prepared by Jesus on the banks of the Sea of Tiberias? In one of the most memorable stories in the Gospel of John, the disciples are treated to just such an amazing repast. The risen Christ's tender care to ensure that the disciples have a good breakfast is both achingly sweet and altogether practical. He knew that to continue his mission, the disciple would need not only the warmth of his love but the strength and focus a hearty breakfast provides. Take care of your physical and spiritual health so that, you too, may be prepared to carry on Christ's loving mission each day.

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 (265). *"Jesus said to them, 'Come, have breakfast.'"*

Saturday, Apr 15, 2023

More than mere appearances

It turns out that Jesus appeared in different forms after his Resurrection. In John's gospel Mary of Magdala, arguably one of the Lord's closest friends, thought he was the gardener. In Luke's gospel two disciples invite him to their house for dinner and haven't a clue who he is. In today's gospel from Mark, we read that "he appeared in another form." Makes you wonder whether it might still be going on. Jesus did say that we engage him in the least of others. In what form will the risen Christ appear to you today?

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15 (266). *"After this he appeared in another form."*

Alpha

New Young Adult Alpha
Beginning
April 27th 7:00pm

New Parish Adult Alpha
Beginning
April 30th 12:30pm

New Parish Connect
Beginning
April 25th 7:00pm

Explore
Life
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APR. 9 - APR. 16

EVENTS



EASTER SUNDAY
11:00am Family Mass
7:30 Young Adult Mass



12:10pm Mass
12:30pm Miraculous
Medal Novena
7:00pm The Chosen



11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
7:00pm Connect



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
6:00pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word via Zoom



12:10pm Mass
7:00pm Legion of Mary
7:00pm YA Alpha



12:10pm Mass
6:30pm Sant' Egidio Fridays



11:00am Bible Study
4:00pm Vigil Mass



11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture Program
7:30 Young Adult Mass

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	\$(253,409) 28% decline	\$(132,623) 16% increase

Please tithe by giving 5% of your total income each year to God's Church.

Easter Giving

What Should I Give to God at Easter? Truly, all we have, we owe to Christ, who spared nothing of himself on Calvary. During the Easter season, we build our commitment to God by placing our treasure where our hearts need to be. Give Him your heart, by supporting Christ's bride, the Church, with a generous donation. Our Easter Christmas collection is our most important collection. Thank you for your heartfelt generosity.

Missionaries of the Holy Rosary

April 15-16 at all Masses
Sister Ifeoma Onwudinjo
will visit Epiphany.
Please be generous in your
support of the sisters
and their work in Africa.



MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm
Saturday Vigil: 4pm
Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 8 *HOLY SATURDAY*
8:00pm SOLEMN MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL

Sunday, April 9 *EASTER SUNDAY*
11:00am Mr. & Mrs. William Frazier
7:30pm Fritz Andrew Robello

Monday, April 10
12:10pm Kathryn & Peggy Meany

Tuesday, April 11
12:10pm Marguerite & Sam LaBarba

Wednesday, April 12
12:10pm George Dillon

Thursday, April 13
12:10pm Gloria Siegel

Friday, April 14
12:10pm Alva & Christopher Meade

Saturday, April 15
4:00pm Cornelius McShane

Sunday, April 16
11:00am John Huegel & Maureen Donovan
7:30pm Francis DeBritz

Monday, April 17
12:10pm Vilma & Thomas Shea

Tuesday, April 18
12:10pm intentions of Dominick Bianco

Apr. 9 - Apr. 15
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Jack Warmbrand & James Lee
Sanctuary Lamp
Vincent & Monica Moran

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