

# Dear Padre,

## What's the origin of the word *Easter*? It's not mentioned in the Bible. Wouldn't a better name be Resurrection Sunday?

Experts trace *Easter* back to Old-English meanings associated with *Eostre*, the goddess of spring and fertility. Others point to the German word for east, which is derived from the Latin word for dawn. Regardless, Christianity found new meaning in the ancient celebration of nature's rebirth during the spring equinox. This resurrection of new life over the dead of winter also pointed to Christ's resurrection from the dead at dawn.

Likewise, early Christians gave new meaning to ancient symbols of fertility, such as rabbits and eggs. For example, a hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb, and the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo* ("All life comes from an egg") symbolized the resurrection. Eggs, prohibited during the Lenten fast, were reintroduced at the Easter meal and shared as decorated gifts.



In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg, "that it may become a wholesome sustenance to thy faithful servants, eating it in thankfulness to thee, on account of the resurrection of the Lord."

"Each week, on the day called the Lord's Day, [the Church] commemorates the Resurrection of the Lord, which she also celebrates once a year in the great Paschal Solemnity" (*The Roman Missal*, "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar," 1). Thus, every Sunday—even those in Lent—is a Resurrection Sunday in celebration of Christ's triumph over death, which will include our own!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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## Calendar

<b>Monday</b> APRIL 13 Octave of Easter Acts 2:14, 22–33 Mt 28:8–15
<b>Tuesday</b> APRIL 14 Octave of Easter Acts 2:36–41 Jn 20:11–18
<b>Wednesday</b> APRIL 15 Octave of Easter Acts 3:1–10 Lk 24:13–35
<b>Thursday</b> APRIL 16 Octave of Easter Acts 3:11–26 Lk 24:35–48
<b>Friday</b> APRIL 17 Octave of Easter Acts 4:1–12 Jn 21:1–14
<b>Saturday</b> APRIL 18 Octave of Easter Acts 4:13–21 Mk 16:9–15
<b>Sunday</b> APRIL 19 Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) Acts 2:42–47 1 Pt 1:3–9 Jn 20:19–31

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## Homily Pope Francis

Today however we see that our journey is not in vain. ... Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give in to resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside.

—EASTER VIGIL HOMILY, APRIL 20, 2019

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# Owri Parish COMMUNITY

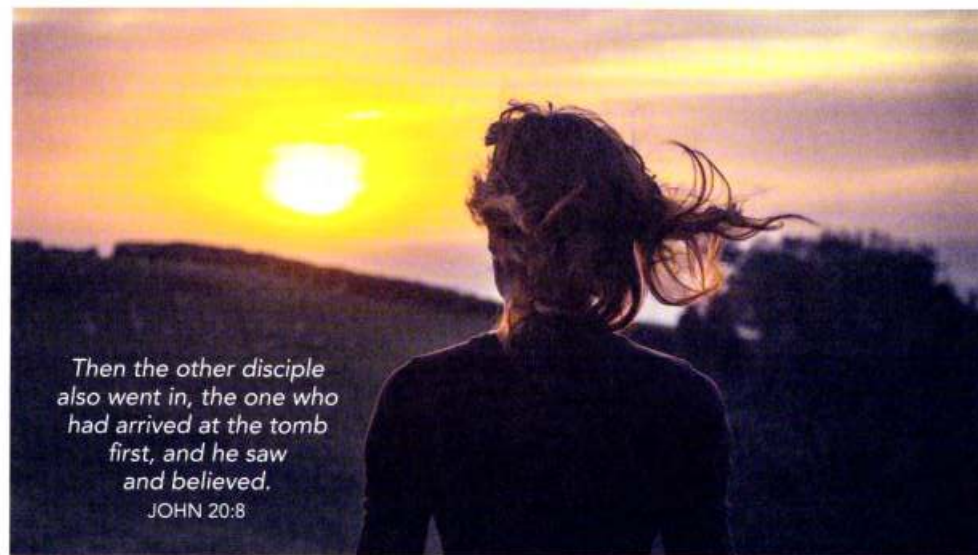
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Easter (A)

Acts 10:54a, 37–43

Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8

Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10



Then the other disciple  
also went in, the one who  
had arrived at the tomb  
first, and he saw  
and believed.

JOHN 20:8

## With Mouths Wide Open

We normally speak of "eyes wide open," an experience of seeing and understanding. However, Easter is a time of total astonishment, of standing before mystery with our mouths wide open and not understanding. Even the closest followers of Jesus were dumbfounded. Mary Magdalene didn't expect to find an empty tomb. Upon seeing it, she presumed that the body had been stolen. The Gospel says that "they did not yet understand" (John 20:9). How could they? The magnitude of the mystery was overwhelming.

When did they finally understand? Actually, it's more a question of believing than understanding. The Gospel tells us that they came to believe. They came to believe in him—not that he would conquer death by not

dying, but that he would conquer it by dying and then being transformed into a new kind of life, a kind of living that isn't subject to death. They came to believe this through an experience of him.

We might envy the early followers who had Easter experiences of Jesus. But if we look carefully we will see that they experienced him in their everyday lives—in community gatherings, in the breaking of the bread. These are the very places where we can experience him in our own lives. The good news of Jesus' resurrection isn't just that we shall die and go home with him, but that he is risen and comes home with us.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## Reflection

- Be astonished today at how much God loves you. Think of the ways this is evident in your life.
- He is not dead. He is with us. Where in your life are you touched by this mystery?

Lakin—Kansas Easter 2020

Dear Parishioners,

One of my friends whose faith is Buddhism asked me "Peter, will you, Christians celebrate Easter this year due to the Coronavirus Pandemic? "Surely, we will." I answered. We will celebrate Easter by all means even without the physical presence of the faithful at church. Alleluia! Happy Easter! By his resurrection from the dead our Savior, Jesus Christ, has conquered death and sin and everything that diminishes the grace of God in us and among us. His resurrection is not just a fact of history to be retold at Easter. It is a mystery to be lived everyday; especially at this time when our faith is being tested, and the whole world is confronting with the Corona Virus. Though many activities were canceled God's presence with us has not been canceled. I wish to share the following poem - an adaptation to a writing by composer David Haas found on his website Emmanuel Center for Music, Prayers and Ministry, "What is Not Cancelled" So much has been and will continue to be, for some time, cancelled: sports events, concerts, plays, worship services, rallies, travel, meetings, classes, family gatherings, and so much more.

However - Love has not been cancelled. Mercy has not been cancelled.

Prayer has not been cancelled. Attentiveness has not been cancelled.

Goodness has not been cancelled. Thanksgiving has not been cancelled.

Loving relationships have not been cancelled. Kindness has not been cancelled.

Music has not been cancelled. Conversations have not been cancelled.

Learning has not been cancelled. Poetry and storytelling has not been cancelled.

Courage has not been cancelled. Meditation and contemplation have not been cancelled.

Painting and dancing has not been cancelled. Families have not been cancelled.

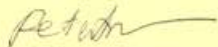
Community and solidarity has not been cancelled. Faith has not been cancelled.

Hope has not been cancelled.

And ... God's presence with us, has not been cancelled.

I pray that you and your loved ones have a blessed Easter! We may not see each other at church for a while, but may we meet each day in our prayers until we will see each other at our Loving Parish Church in a very near future!

In Christ,



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\*\*\*\*\*SUNDAY, April 12, 2020\*\*\*\*\*

Even though all public celebrations of the Holy Mass are cancelled until further notice, daily Masses are still offered by Fr. Peter. When you watch the livestreamed Mass, please remember to pray for the following Intentions. Let's joyfully celebrate the most important mystery of our faith: the Suffering, Death, and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. ALLELUIA—HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA

Sunday, April 12	The People, Tema, Clarence Knoll & Steve B
Monday, April 13	Pete Ramos
Tuesday, April 14	Margaret Cahoj
Wednesday, April 15	St. Raphael's Women & Men
Thursday, April 16	Thomas Kennedy Edwards
Friday, April 17	Rory Cahoj
Saturday, April 18	For the People, Clarence Knoll & Steven Burgardt
Sunday, April 19	Marilyn Wheat, Paul Tema

**CONFESSIONS:** Confessions will be heard on Saturday afternoon from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm; and again on Sunday morning from 8:00 am to 8:45 am; or call for an appointment.

**ANOIDING OF THE SICK:** If you know someone who is sick or before having a surgery and needs the sacrament of the anointing or wanted Fr. Peter to visit, please do not hesitate to call the above phone numbers.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** St. Anthony's Parish is offering of \$500 Scholarship again this year. Candidate must be a Lakin High School 2020 graduate. Applications can be found in the back of church.

**RUMMAGE SALE:** We will be having it again this summer (not date has been set), but if you have items you would like to donate we will gladly accept them anytime. You may call any of the following people to bring items to the hall. Tressa Powers 355-6206; Jana Jenkinson 290-5201; Carolyn Robertson 290-5569; Jane Sullivan 355-7341, or Gwen Waechter 355-7203.

**COLLECTION** for April 5: Envelopes: \$1000; Online Giving: \$927.82; Total \$1,927.82; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,989.55. Income over/under (61.73) Maintenance Fund: \$258.30.

Thank you so much to our faithful stewards for supporting our parish, diocese, and worldwide Church.

**RESTING IN GOD'S LOVING ARMS:** Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

**VOCATION VIEW:** The stone is rolled back, the tomb is empty! We are to go and tell the Good News. Rejoice in the power of the resurrection! Alleluia! (John 20:1-9). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or [vocations@dediocese.org](mailto:vocations@dediocese.org).

**SIX WAYS TO STAY SPIRITUALLY ENGAGED:** 1. Watch or listen to livestreamed daily Mass; 2. Read the Mass reading daily; 3. Pray the Rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy; 4. Make a spiritual communion in our own words; 5. Go to adoration and make a Holy Hour at church (church is open daily 7am-7pm) Pray to St. Anthony our Patron for your family & loved ones & all those who have contracted the Covid 19.

**LIVESTREAMED MASS WITH OUR BISHOP:** Bishop John celebrates mass (Monday-Friday at 8 am and Sunday at 9am). Go to [www.dediocese.org](http://www.dediocese.org) click on the Facebook icon on the Facebook icon (you don't have to be on Facebook) in the upper right hand corner.

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:** My Jesus I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually in to my heart. As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You. Amen.

**FORMED AVAILABLE IN OUR PARISH** We have 30 day free trial to see whether it will be beneficial to our parish. If you like it, please let me know. **FORMED.Org** is an online resource with a lot of different Catholic program, movies, books, and talks, designed to be accessible anywhere at anytime (on smartphones, tablets, and computers). This tool is open to All Parishioners in the Three Parishes. All you have to do is sign up and you will be equipped to learn, experience, or even teach your Catholic faiths in ways like never before.

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**SUNDAY MEDITATION** *They did not understand. (John 20: 19)*

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! Sin is defeated, and death has lost its sting! The long years of waiting and hoping have finally come to an end. You would think that the Gospel reading for today would reflect all the joy embedded in these truths. But that's not what we hear. Rather, we hear a tale of panic, misunderstanding, and incomplete faith. Mary Magdalene thinks Jesus' corpse has been stolen. Peter is stunned by the empty tomb. And John? He begins to believe, but he still leaves the scene unsatisfied. Where is the joy? What about the victory that Jesus has promised?

It's on the threshold, just about to break through. One more thing still had to happen. The disciples still have to *meet* the risen Lord. Over the next few days at Mass, we'll see Mary Magdalene, the apostles, the Emmaus disciples, and Peter all have personal encounters with Jesus. And when they do—that's when the joy comes in. Today at Mass, we will sing "Alleluia" before the Gospel reading. And we will hear how "on this day . . . above all" it is right and just to praise Jesus "more gloriously" than at any other time of the year (Preface I of Easter). But don't limit your rejoicing based on your having *heard* the good news proclaimed in the Gospel. Instead, imagine how great, how deep, and how glorious your rejoicing will be as you come to meet the risen Lord in Holy Communion. Imagine what will happen as you come seeking a personal encounter with him, an encounter with his love and grace. Christ is risen—for you. He has overcome sin—for you. He has opened heaven—for you. Take hold of these gifts by taking hold of Jesus. Then watch as your heart is filled with joy. "Lord, I don't want to be satisfied with just hearing about you. On this day above all others, let me meet you." *From The Word Among Us*