

Dear Padre,

Why should I believe Jesus founded the Catholic Church?

What a great question, especially during our Easter season, when the readings at Mass are about how the early Church discovers its mission and identity. Jesus intended to found a Church to carry on his mission.

Jesus chose twelve men to accompany him and learn from him. He passed on his mission to them: “Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me” (Luke 10:16). Jesus called Simon Bar-Jonah “Peter,” meaning “rock.” Indicating his foundational role, Jesus said to Peter, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:19).

Throughout the New Testament, we read how the apostles in their turn passed on their authority to other individuals by the laying on of hands (Acts 6:6; 13:3; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6). Initially, the only two orders were bishops and deacons, but soon priests were also ordained to share some of the authority of the bishop and to be his assistants.

The Church would exist and do Jesus’ work until the end of time. The whole Church, the “Body of Christ,” as Paul would call it (1 Corinthians 12:27), would be Christ acting in the world on his behalf. The Church and all its members are to be “the light of the world” and “the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13–16). ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16
Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
Acts 2:14, 22–32	Acts 2:36–41	Acts 3:1–10	Acts 3:11–26	Acts 4:1–12	Acts 4:13–21	Acts 2:42–47
Mt 28:8–15	Jn 20:11–18	Lk 24:13–35	Lk 24:35–48	Jn 21:1–14	Mk 16:9–15	1 Pt 1:3–9
						Jn 20:19–31

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The peace Jesus gives to us at Easter is not the peace that follows the strategies of the world, which believes it can obtain it through force.... This peace, in reality, is only an interval between wars.... The peace of the Lord follows the way of meekness and mildness: it is taking responsibility for others.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, APRIL 13, 2022

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (A)

Acts 10:34a, 37–43 / Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8 / John 20:1–9



Learning “Alleluia”

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

overheard this conversation in a coffee shop:

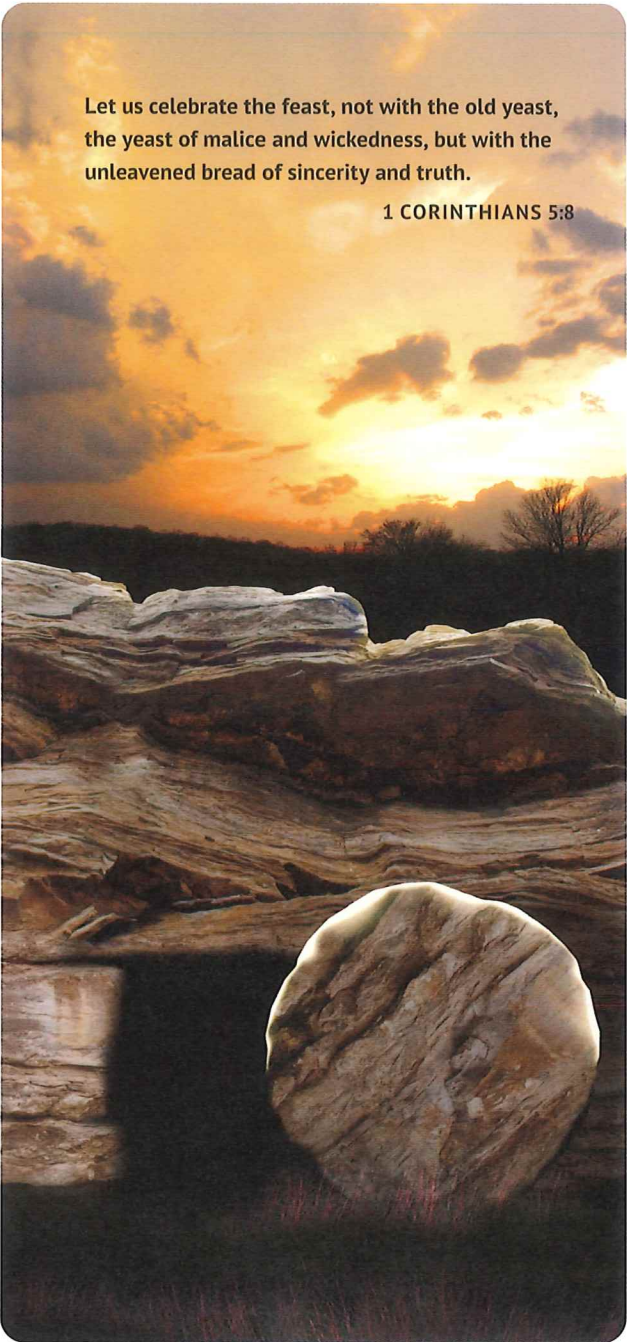
Child: Mom, I wouldn’t have to go to school today. I could stay home with you.
Mom: I know, Joe, but I think Mrs. Burns would miss you.
Child: But won’t you miss me, Mom?
Mom: Sure, Joe, but I know you’ll be back in the afternoon, and I can be with you then.
Child: But I could help you in the kitchen.
Mom: What do you think you’ll be doing in school today? It’s getting close to Easter. I bet Mrs. Burns will let you make bunnies.
Child: Yeah, maybe. Mom, I think my tummy hurts.
Mom: Oh, I think it’ll get better once you’re busy in school.
Child: Mom, couldn’t I stay home with you today? I’ll miss you.
Mom: I know you will, Joe, but it’s only for a couple of hours. How’s your apple juice?
Child: OK. Mom, I think it would be OK if I stayed home today.

By the time they left, it looked as if Joe was going to school. Joe was learning an important lesson in life. Sometimes we have to do what we don’t want to; we have to go into what seems to be “the tomb of death” if we’re going to find life.

Easter’s Gospel is that of Peter and John going and finding the tomb empty. Curiously, they didn’t become believers until they entered the tomb, until they entered death’s home. It’s how faith happens, finding life when we expected only death and recognizing the hand of God in it. ●

Reflect

Have you ever had a Lazarus Experience—called out of a dark place into the light?



Let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:8



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EASTER VIGIL

4/8/2023 - Saturday, 8:30 p.m.

All MINISTERS: Volunteers

EASTER SUNDAY 4/9/2023—9:15 A.M.

Servers: VOLUNTEERS

Reader: VOLUNTEERS

E.O.HC: Alvin Bergkamp, Bob Woodrow

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

4/15/2023 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Lucy Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

Reader: Debbie Frederick

E.O.HC: Rosemary & Tom Bachman

4/16/2023 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Luke Woodrow, Cade & Jace Berning

Reader: Hannah Schauf

E.O. HC: Mike & Cindy Broeckelman

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& Nanette Rice	355-7676

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 8	4:00 p.m.	For the People
Sunday, April 9	9:00 a.m.	Ron Gorges
Monday, April 10	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Tuesday, April 11	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Thursday, April 13	8:30 a.m.	Sp. Int. Powers Family
Friday, April 14	8:30 a.m.	For Vocation
Saturday, April 15	8:30 p.m.	For the People
Sunday, April 16	9:15 a.m.	Suellen Bergkamp

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

APRIL 9—THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Ps. 118)

Happy Easter everyone. Alleluia! It feels good to be able to say that again. And it brings me so much joy to gather with all of you this holy day to celebrate God's great love for us, a love that is so far beyond our understanding. Alleluia! We know the story well. We've celebrated it and contemplated it and heard it many times before --- and yet it still has the power to amaze. What a story! What a gift! What a God we have!

Easter gives us faith and hope that allows us to be hopeful in the face of disappointment and sorrow. It inspires us to meet the needs of others before our own needs. It moves us to give without counting the cost --- without wanting or requiring there to be something in it for us. It helps us see others not as "other" but as children of God --- worthy of love and respect.

And it enables us to forgive the seemingly unforgiveable.

And it's the kind of faith and hope that makes us want to be more than we were yesterday.

My friends, we have a choice, a choice each and every day --- a choice to be life-givers or not, people who share with others the grace we have been gifted with or not, people who extend our hands in love to others or not. Who will we be? Have a blessed Easter everyone.

Fr. Peter

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK How has my life been transformed since three years ago? What can I make new in my life, in my community, in the world?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (adapted from the Opening Prayer for Easter Sunday) O God, through your only begotten Son you conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity. Grant that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord’s resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (John 20:1-9)

Stories of the empty tomb The author of this Gospel reshaped earlier versions of this story. He notes that a woman is the first to find the tomb empty, but he doesn’t explain why she’s there. She can’t have come to anoint Jesus’ body because in this Gospel Jesus’ body was already anointed (19:39-40). Also, Mary tells the disciples that “we don’t know where they put him,” implying she had been joined by other women.

Two male witnesses According to Jewish law at least two witnesses were required for legal testimony to be valid (Deuteronomy 19:15). These witnesses had to be men, however, which meant that the testimony of Jesus’ female disciples would have been ignored. This Gospel-writer is thus careful to show that two men verify Mary’s report. Ironically, the fact that all four Gospels note the embarrassing detail that women were the first to find the tomb empty serves to strengthen the story’s credibility today.

The burial cloths The details about Jesus’ burial cloths serve two purposes. First, they show that Jesus’ body was not stolen by grave-robbers. Thieves would not take the time to tidy up after themselves. Second, and more importantly, this Gospel-writer again highlights Jesus’ power over life and death. In John 11, after bringing his friend Lazarus back to life, Jesus orders people to unwrap the burial cloths that bind Lazarus (v.44). Jesus himself needs no such help. In John 10:17-18 Jesus declares that he freely gives his life and takes up his life again. Jesus doesn’t need anyone to help him out of burial cloths or out of the tomb.

The disciple whom Jesus loved Although scholars have speculated about the identity of the disciple whom Jesus loved, also called the Beloved Disciple, we will never know who he was. He has deliberately concealed his identity. He might be someone who founded or helped form the community from which this Gospel emerged. This disciple is first mentioned in John 13:23, right before the story of Jesus’ Passion and death. His appearances in the narrative enhance the story’s credibility while his anonymity keeps the focus on Jesus. This disciple’s anonymity also enables him to appear as a model of faith for later generations: he believes without seeing the risen Jesus. (oursundayreadings.wordpress.com)

UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING (Acts 10:34a, 37-43)

In the home of Cornelius Peter is speaking to the friends and family members of Cornelius. Though a Gentile, Cornelius is devout and God-fearing (10:2). Cornelius had a vision in which God told him to invite Peter into his home. Peter, however, is a devout Jew who would not have entered the home of a Gentile had he not been instructed to do so by the holy Spirit.

For everyone Peter and the other apostles didn’t know that God planned to offer salvation to everyone. They were Jewish just as Jesus was Jewish, and so for generations their faith and practices had set them apart from non-Jews. Jesus’ followers thus struggled to believe that through their Jewish Messiah God was offering salvation to everyone, both Jews and Gentiles. The meeting between Peter and Cornelius becomes the pivotal moment in which God’s salvation is formally extended to the Gentiles.

A pivotal speech Peter’s words are his last major speech in the Acts of the Apostles. This passage is especially suitable for Easter Sunday because it captures the main elements of Christian belief and emphasizes that God offers salvation to all. Peter’s speech also transitions us from hearing about Jesus’ ministry and death to hearing how his followers spread the gospel from Jerusalem to the rest of the known world

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION **Missing** Lord, how should we respond to your missing person? I visited your tomb early this morning and the stone was moved and the tomb was empty. No one knows what has been done with your body. I know it has only been three days, but it feels like an eternity. What if the demons come back, and you are not here to remove them? I know, I know, fast and pray, Mary Magdalen, fast and pray. Jesus, the others are in hiding, afraid, unsure, empty as your tomb. Please come back! Your mother is so sad. Thankfully, John is with her now. Peter is inconsolable. He speaks of the three times, “three times” he repeats. Thomas does not know what to believe. I will go back to the tomb now. I remember seeing a gardener there, perhaps he will know something of your whereabouts. (Catholicdioceseofwichita.org)

Desaparecido Señor, ¿cómo debemos responder a tu desaparición? Esta mañana temprano visité tu sepulcro y la piedra se había movido y el sepulcro estaba vacío. Nadie sabe lo que han hecho con tu cuerpo. Sé que sólo han pasado tres días, pero parece una eternidad. ¿Y si vuelven los demonios y no estás aquí para expulsarlos? Ya lo sé, ya lo sé, ayuna y reza, María Magdalena, ayuna y reza. Jesús, los otros se están escondiendo, asustados, inseguros, vacíos como tu sepulcro. ¡Regresa, por favor! Tu madre está tan triste. Afortunadamente, Juan está con ella ahora. Pedro está inconsolable. Habla de las tres veces, "tres veces" repite. Tomás no sabe qué creer. Ya vuelvo al sepulcro. Recuerdo que viallí a un jardinero, tal vez él sepa dónde estás.

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SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - 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. (Preparetheword)

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA RESURRECCIÓN DEL SEÑOR -De vacío a pleno

Los relatos varían. A veces, la Pascua amanece con ángeles portadores de útiles instrucciones y un temblor de tierra palpable. En otros relatos es casi un asunto oculto: una tumba abierta, el sudario desierto, su significado confuso. También nosotros percibimos las Pascuas de nuestras vidas de diversas maneras: fervorosos o indecisos, alegres o indiferentes, o incluso afligidos. La tumba vacía es una invitación a la fe, una ausencia que puede llenarse de muchas maneras. Hoy rezamos unos por otros para que lo que está vacío en cualquiera de nosotros pueda llenarse de esperanza y confianza.