



# Believing Is Seeing

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**W**e celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring, which is also the first Sunday after Passover. The whole history of the world comes to this point, and today's gospel catches the eternal thrill of that day. A desperate Mary Magdalen cannot find her Lord in the tomb. Thinking that his body has been stolen, she alerts the apostles. Peter and John go running, and a moment of unforgettable suspense follows as first Peter and then John enter the tomb. The details are significant. They saw the burial cloths there and "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Thieves would not have taken

the time to unwrap the body and fold the face cloth. These details are intended to point to the truth of the resurrection. They saw and believed!

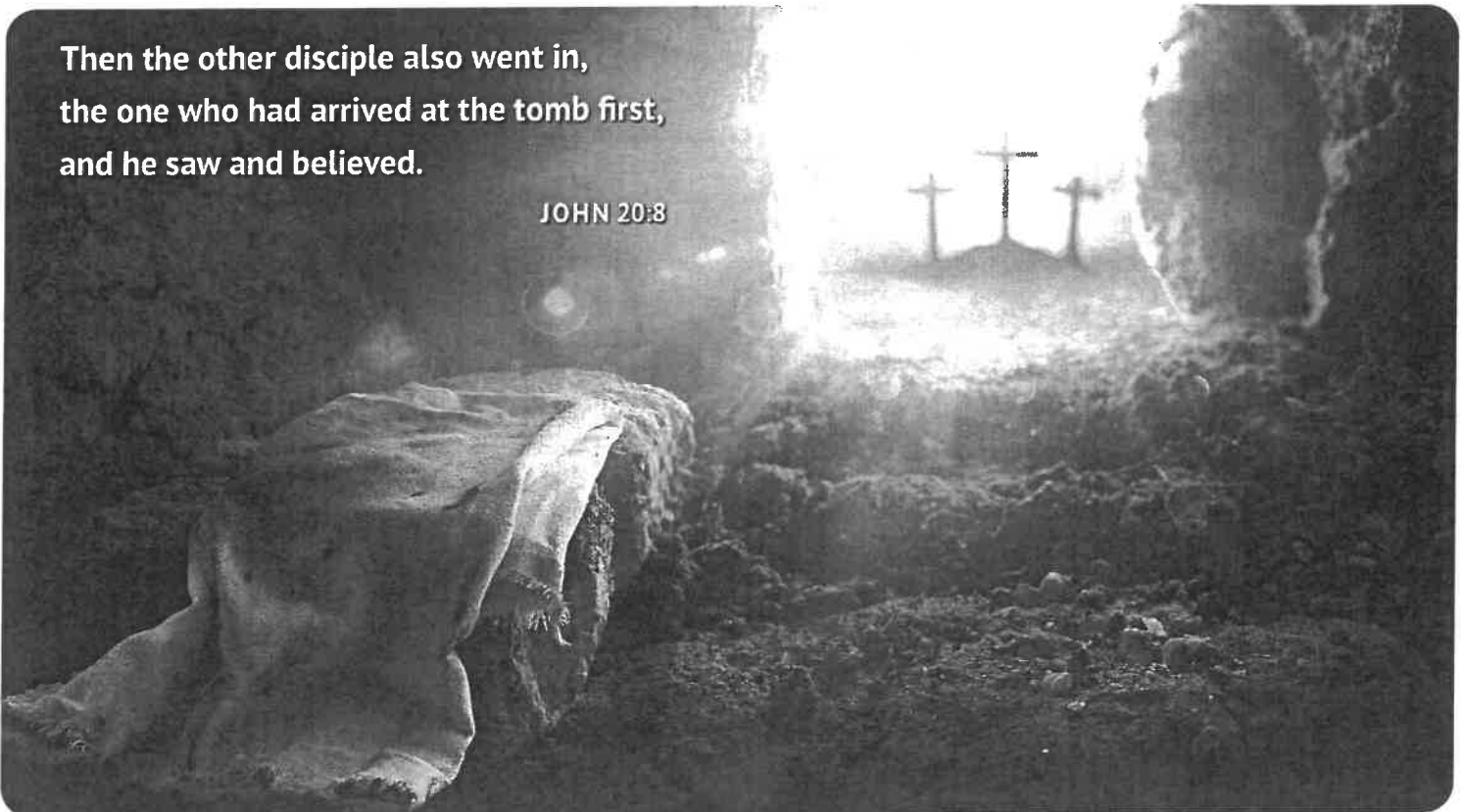
The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six times in Acts. This proclamation, or *kerygma*, incorporates the message and the motivation for a change of life. God anointed Jesus, raised him from the dead, and promised that all who believe in him will be forgiven their sins and rise with him. Happy Easter! ●

## Reflect

*Why do I believe in the resurrection, and how does my belief impact my life?*

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

JOHN 20:8



Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock  
 Sacramental Minister: April 2, 3, 4 & 5 Fr. Len Sudlik  
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 Confession: SM: Saturday – 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
 SJB: Sunday – 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Please keep those who are serving our country in your prayers! Tech. Army Special Forces Blaine Woodman, Spencer Harwood, David Black, Sgt. Hunter Williams, & SSG Curtis Jason; SGT Spencer Malek; Isaac Fahey (Navy); Isaac Eves (Army); PFC Josh Billings

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday— 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday & Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday – closed  
 Friday: 9:00-3:00 p.m. or any day by appointment

**If you have any questions**, need to plan a funeral, prepare for Baptism or Marriage, or an Annulment, etc., please contact Nancy at:

Parish office: 989-584-6044 (with answering machine)

Nancy's home: (989-762-5320); Cell: (989-287-0089)

Church e-mail: secretary@smsjbparish.com

Nancy's email: nwoodcock@smsjbparish.com

Website: <http://stmarystjohn.net/>

Appointments are available evenings & weekends.

The parish office address is: 404 N. Division St., Carson City, MI 48811. Feel free to contact us.

**FACEBOOK:** St. Mary/St. John the Baptist Parishes  
 The deadline for bulletin information is noon on Monday.

T-Coil is available in both churches.

AED Units are in both Parish Halls & Churches.

**SATURDAY – April 4, 2026 – Easter Vigil**

SM – 9:00 p.m. – Jim Beck by Lilly Beck; Norma Fitzpatrick by Gene & Karol Sanborn

**SUNDAY – April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Donna Patton by Jim & Laurel Michalek; Susie Barker by Jim Barker; Vicki Dailey by Joan McKenna; Sue Couzzins by Sam & Julia Griffin

**SUNDAY – April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

SM – 11:00 a.m. - Ken Cusack by Carrol & Vickie Albert; Ken Keiffer by Don & Shirley Feuerstein

**TUESDAY– April 7, 2026 – SJB Rosary & Noon Prayer**

**FRIDAY- April 10, 2026 – SM Noon Prayer**

**SATURDAY- April 11, 2026 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

SM – 9:00 p.m. – Linda Antes by Chris Antes; Ken Coe by Jill Postema; Gary Coon by John Schneider; Joe & Marie Schafer by Sharon Schafer

**SUNDAY – April 12, 2026 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Gene Schafer by Max & Joanne Pinkney; Barry Christiansen, Sr. by Kelly Peiffer; Jim Huhn by Family; Russell Jay Fletcher (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) by Corrine, Clara & Benjamin; Gary & Bernadette Fletcher; Dave & Tanya & Family; & Dawn & Gary & Family

**SUNDAY April 12, 2026 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Alice McCrackin by Francis & Barbara Henrickson; Esmeralda-Nava-Gonzalez by Anne & Joe Wiggers

**April 11, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM**

Lector: Annette Jones  
 Ushers: 22  
 Greeters: Laura & Mike Fitzgerald  
 OMHC: Cheryl Miller, Deb McCrackin, Margaret Lauer  
 Altar Servers: Volunteers  
 Musician: Connie

**April 12, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB**

Lector: Shannon Heckman  
 Ushers: Team 12  
 Greeters: Tom & Stephanie Dailey  
 OMHC: Darrel & Shannon Heckman, Nancy Curtis  
 Altar Servers: Volunteer  
 Musician: Mike & Choir

**April 12, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM**

Lector: Tabitha Keiffer  
 Ushers: Team 21  
 Greeters: Jerry & Linda Tasker  
 OMHC: Marty Riker, Dan Schneider, Roberta Jensen  
 Altar Servers: Claire & Ryne Bahm  
 Musicians: Brian & Group

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS!!!**

They can be mailed to:  
 404 N. Division St.  
 Carson City, MI 48811

For either parish or use the Online information to give electronically.

Money Counters for April: Cindy Howard, Hank Marshall

**Live – Streaming can be found at [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com), click on the search icon and look for St Mary-St John the Baptist (do not use any punctuation); the video should be running just before 11:00 a.m. Mass will be available on the St. Mary/St. John the Baptist Facebook page within 30 minutes after the Mass. Volunteers NEEDED!**

**PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE!**

**Please call the Parish Office (989) 584-6044** if you are interested in having your baby or child baptized. Baptisms can be held during Mass.

**CSA 2026 ASSESSMENTS**

St. Mary Parish	\$36,771.00
Week One:	3,750.00
Week Two:	2,000.00
Week Three:	<u>3,500.00</u>
Balance:	\$27,521.00

St. John the Baptist	\$23,932.00
Week One:	2,600.00
Week Two:	1,630.00
Week Three:	<u>1,900.00</u>
Balance:	\$17,802.00

**PLEASE give your donation/pledge!**

**DO NOT WANT TO GIVE a pledge?  
Please consider giving a donation  
when you receive your Income Tax  
Refund – not getting a refund???  
Consider giving a pledge or donation  
NOW!**

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL  
SENIORS:**

**Applications for Senior Scholarships  
are available now. Please visit the  
Office and pick up YOUR Application.**

**Attention College Students who will  
be Sophomores – Seniors next year  
please contact the Office for an  
Application.**

**PLEASE NOTE: The credit card fees for Online  
Giving have doubled to \$30.00/month/parish  
plus transaction fees**

**Suggestions for Credit Card USERS**

- 1. Give an extra \$1.00 to help with increase.**
- 2. Give monthly instead of weekly to save on transaction fees.**

**The Maryknoll Cemetery Veteran's  
Committee is working on a monument  
to veterans of all branches of the Military  
Service. The monument will cost  
\$5,500.00 plus the base & concrete.  
THANKS to all who have given so far.  
Donation Reports to the Maryknoll  
Veteran's Monument will return after  
we meet OUR CSA GOALS!**

**EASTER WHITE BOOKS ARE  
AVAILABLE AT THE DOORS OF THE  
CHURCH TO GUIDE YOU IN YOUR  
Easter prayers. Take one for yourself,  
your friends, and family!**

**OUR DIOCESE & BEYOND:**

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:**

**O God, hear our prayer and let our  
cry come unto You. Bless the Diocese  
of Grand Rapids with many vocations to  
the priesthood, diaconate, and religious  
life. Give your sons and daughters the  
confidence to accept Your call, and the  
love to follow always in the footsteps of  
Your beloved Son with courage and  
dedication to your will. Seminarian of  
the week: **Seminarian of the week:****

**Daniel T. Willison**

**Camp Sancta Maria is a Catholic  
Summer Camp located in Gaylord,  
MI, where we have spent 90 years  
helping young people build a  
personal relationship with Jesus  
Christ. Learn more or register at:  
CampSanctaMaria.org**

**Jeff Veley, who shares practical tools  
for raising faith-filled children will  
give a Presentation at All Saints  
Academy on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:00-8:30. Childcare is available**

**The Grand Rapids Diocesan Council  
of Catholic Women will have a  
pilgrimage of churches on May 12<sup>th</sup>  
from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Fr. Tom  
Simons will conduct a historical tour of:  
St. Mary Magdalen, The Cathedral of St.  
Andrew, and the Basilica of St. Adalbert.  
Men are welcome. The trip includes  
the tour, Mass, lunch, & bus  
Transportation. Deadline is April 14  
Email: [grdccw@GRdiocese.org](mailto:grdccw@GRdiocese.org) or  
call St. Mary's office at: 989-584-6044**

**NOTES FROM NANCY:**

Today we celebrate Easter!!! We are blessed as Catholic Christians to believe in the Risen Christ! The day can be filled with JOY as we celebrate alone or with our families. Easter with children is filled with eggs, chocolate candy or parents sharing in the hunt. We must share the reason for the celebration – JESUS HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD–ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Share the message with all of your friends and family – invite them to attend Mass on Easter and the weeks to come! The Easter Season has begun! Take time...



**Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**



- List of Traditional Prayers
- Set Prayer Reminders
- Submit Prayer Requests to the parish

Prayers

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

**.Volunteers are needed to sort the plastic eggs and fill them on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Adults, please bring your friends and have a GREAT time sorting & filling the Easter Eggs needed for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30.**

**Parents, the last Religious Education Class of the 2025-26 will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Religious Education will be held as usual from Noon-2:30. At 2:30 the students, along with toddlers, pre-kindergarten & anyone else that wants to attend will gather at age related areas. Please come with your bag or basket & have some fun! There will be prizes!**

<b>St. John the Baptist Parish March 29, 2026</b>	
Adult Envelopes: (31)	\$1,499.85
Sunday Loose:	133.65
Catholic Relief: (1)	100.00
Easter Flowers: (2)	45.00
Tithe:	<u>16.50</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,795.00</b>

<b>St. Mary Parish March 28 &amp; 29, 2026</b>	
Adult Envelopes: (38)	\$ 1,955.00
Sunday Loose:	<u>288.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,243.00</b>

**Mass Intentions, Parish Envelope donations, donations to collections for Missions, etc. need separate checks as they are deposited into different accounts. Thank you for your willingness and cooperation.**

**ONLINE GIVING FROM THE WEB PAGE**

**Select: The Parish you wish to donate to. Each parish has its own Online Giving Page. Click on Sign in, Enter your e-mail (your e-mail will be your User ID). Click below on "Don't have an account? Create One" Enter your Login Information and remember your password. Now you will be able to login & submit your information. You can set up recurring donations - weekly or monthly. You can also give one-time gifts as well.**

**Your generosity towards CSA '26 will allow us to demonstrate OUR viability for EACH parish. PLEASE give!**

**PLEASE invite YOUR family & friends to Church EVERY Week!**

**COME ONE, COME ALL & ENJOY THE EASTER EGG HUNT!**

## IN MEMORY OF:

**Jack & Eileen Stoudt**  
**Earl VanDyne**  
**Jan Rogers**  
By Richard & Jackie VanDyne

**Tammy McMeeken**  
**Jim Lee**  
**Eloise Tayler**  
**Catherine Grant**  
**Beatrice & Harold Jensen**  
By Bernadette Lee

**Joe Wright**  
**Don Schafer**  
**Joan Watson**  
**Ray Schafer**  
**Leonard Riley**  
By Michael Schafer

**Deceased Family Members**  
By Mrs. & Mrs. Greg Bozung

**Robert Clark**  
By Stan & Angie Kwiatkowski

**Dan Kapustka**  
By Staci Kapustka

**In Honor of Agnes McKenna**  
**In Memory of Robert McKenna**  
By Roberta Jensen

**Richard Lobdell**  
**Mavis Wood**  
**George Horwath**  
By Lori Richardson

**Johnny Schafer**  
**Tom & Lucille Churchill**  
**Richard & Augustine O'Connell**  
**& Deceased Family Members**  
By Sharon Schafer

**Ron Jackson**  
**Ray & Vivian Schrauben**  
By Barbara Jackson

**Cletis Coble**  
**Maybelle Coble**  
**Allen Coble**  
By Martha Schmitz

**Robert McKenna**  
By Agnes McKenna

**Bob & Georgiann Ward**  
**Tom & Alice Ward**  
By Tom & Kathy Ward

**Susie Barker**  
By Jim Barker

**Phill Stoddard**  
**Jim Huhn**  
By: Neal & Colleen Hoffman

**Doug Campbell**  
**Bob & Rosie McMillan**  
**Clayton & Phyllis Campbell**  
**Jr. Campbell**  
**John & Carol Fitzpatrick**  
**Leo McMillan**  
By Pat Campbell

**Ashton Sanborn**  
**Fr. James Bozung**  
**Walter Jr. & Margaret Suchek**  
By Gene & Karol Sanborn

**Roger & Patty Shively**  
**John & Catherine Burke**  
**John & Martha McGrath**  
**Pat & Betty McGinn**  
**Bernard (Buddy) McKenna**  
**Bill Freeman**  
**John & Viola Stoffs**  
By Brett & Katrina Moe & Family

**Mike & Jackie Hogan**  
By Michael & Susan Hogan

**Bob & Rosie McMillan**  
**Leo McMillan**  
**Robin Spring**  
**Beverly Schafer**  
**Don Bennett**  
By Max & Joanne Pinkney

**Edward & Ruth Woodcock**  
**Grace & Hugh Kelly**  
**Joey Rosenburg**  
**Christina Woodcock**  
**Dick & Marion Kelly**  
By Nancy Woodcock

**Walter & Mary Jacobs**  
**Bob Richardson, Jr.**  
**Helen Osbon**  
By Juila Smith

**Russell & Florence Fletcher**  
By Gary & Bernadette Fletcher &  
Family

**Russell Jay Fletcher**  
By Corrine, Clara & Benjamin &  
Fletcher Family

**Sara Jean Fletcher**  
**Russell Fletcher**  
Love, Mom & Dad; Dave, Tanya,  
Ryleigh & Brooklyn; Dawn, Gary,  
Clayton & Fayth; Corrine, Clara &  
Benjamin

**Departed St. Mary's Parish**  
**Members & Families**  
**Departed:**

**Alcoser Family**  
**Ryan Family**  
**Tijerina Family**  
**Rodriguez Family**  
By Mark & Nora Ryan

**Carl & Rita Hauck**  
**Deb Ritchie**  
By Lezlie Hauck

**Jimmy O'Brien**  
**Al & Dorothy Cashen**  
By Mary Cashen

**Clare & Stella Harden**  
**Deb Ritchie & Rick Sparks**  
**Living & Deceased Pung Family**  
By Dennis Harden

**Arnold & Margaret Fox**  
**Ken Schafer**  
**Barb Fox**  
**George & Diane Fox**  
**Phil Fox**  
**Charles & Dorothy Fox**  
**Ed & Rita Schafer**  
By Lucy Schafer

**Mike Jegla**  
By Sharon Jegla

**The Herald, Silvernail &**  
**Heppard Families &**  
By Anita Heppard

**Donald Hogan Family**  
By Tom Hogan



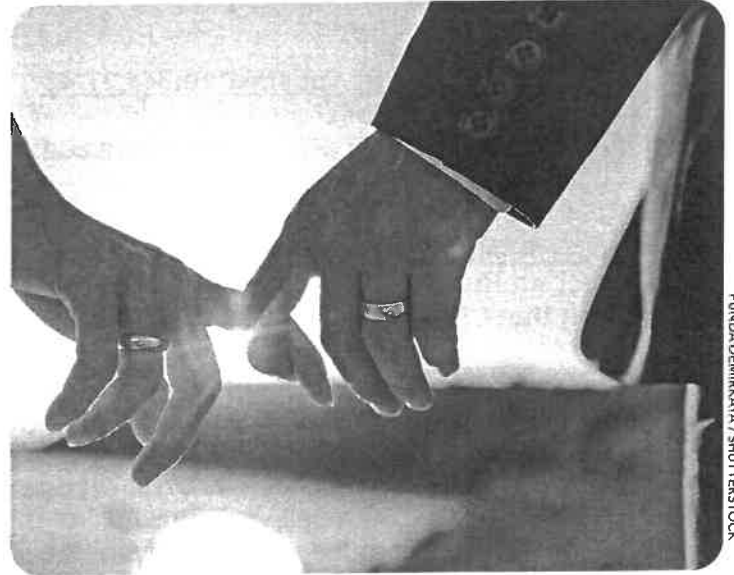
# Dear Padre,

***I'm marrying my girlfriend! Although she grew up Catholic, she doesn't practice the faith. Is it still OK to marry her?***

Will you enter marriage with your fiancée because of a mutual love for each other? Do you both understand that this love will be strengthened by the sacramental grace of your matrimonial union, a grace you will receive because of baptism, not practice? Will you both try to create a loving family and, together as a family, try to be open each day to the grace of God already at work in your lives? Do you both realize that this grace calls you to create, in the name of Jesus, a witness to the truth of the gospel, which is even more powerful than the love you share?

If you hesitate to answer any of these questions with a wholehearted "yes," then consider exploring these questions together with your pastor or another person helping to prepare you for marriage. Perfect faith is not required for a good, sacramental marriage. Openness to faith is believing that the Lord who has brought you together is not yet finished with either of you. You both have more to learn, and, with God's grace, you will respond to his love. Jesus will work through both of you in ways that you may not even be able to imagine. In that spirit, marry her, build a life together, and know that God's plan for you will always be there. ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org**



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## **A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV**

***Holy Saturday...is the day in which heaven visits earth most deeply. It is the time in which every corner of human history is touched by the light of Easter.... Nothing can be excluded from [Christ's] redemption. Not even our nights, not even our oldest faults, not even our broken bonds. There is no past so ruined, no history so compromised***

***that it cannot be touched by mercy.***

**GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**



MARCO IACOBUCCI EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

## **Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

<b>Monday</b> April 6 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15	<b>Thursday</b> April 9 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48	<b>Sunday</b> April 12 <i>Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)</i> Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31
<b>Tuesday</b> April 7 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18	<b>Friday</b> April 10 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14	
<b>Wednesday</b> April 8 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35	<b>Saturday</b> April 11 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15	