



**St. Paul Catholic  
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**Iglesia Católica San  
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**Pastor: Rev. Paul O'Connell**

**Deacon Ron Milkas**

**Church Secretary: Janet Benton**



**March 25 – March 31**

**Tuesday:** No Daily Mass—Father will be in Savannah for the Chrism Mass

**Wednesday:** No Daily Mass

**Holy Thursday:** 7:00pm, Mass, Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament until midnight

**Good Friday:** 3:00pm, Way of the Cross, The Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday:** 8:00pm, Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday:**

**8:00am** - English, Holy Family

**9:30am** - English, St. Paul

**12:00pm** - Misa Español, St. Paul

**5:00pm** – English/Español, St. William

**Palm Sunday, March 24**

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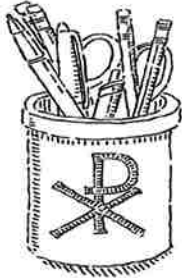
**"The Church is a Field Hospital at the scene of a Battle."**

**--His Holiness, Pope Francis**

Our Mission  
Statement  
Declaración  
de Misión

**"La Iglesia es un hospital de campaña en el escenario de una batalla."**

**--Su Santidad, el Papa Francisco**



*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*

**Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week and is a day of glory and impending tragedy.**

The scene is set with Jesus making his triumphant journey from Bethany to Jerusalem, where he started that final movement, which would bring all and everything together through his death, crucified as a common criminal on a cross. The sight of Christ riding into Jerusalem on a donkey with people waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna" and acclaiming him the conquering king made the visiting crowds gathered for a festival stop in amazement. Little did they know that the rejoicing would quickly be swept aside. Before long, as triumph turned to tragedy, those palm branches took the shape of a cross and the hosannas became jeers and calls for his death.

Holy Week is the most sacred time of the Church year. It highlights the peak moments of Christ's love for us, gives us an opportunity to look at our lives and accept responsibility for our sins. The passion story spells out the last events of the life of Jesus and makes clear the price he paid for our sins. He was betrayed by Judas, denied by Peter, and abandoned by almost all. In loneliness he reached out for companionship and support to the Father but there was nothing to comfort him: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" His death on the cross reminds us that there is a God towards whom we journey and whose friendship we seek. Every Christian becomes aware that in his own life he has to meet the same fate as Jesus. We must join in Christ's suffering and death in order to share his glory. The road to eternal life will not by-pass the hill of Calvary. Our victory, like Christ's, comes only through the cross.

This final week of Lent offers us an opportunity to bring our hearts and minds into

harmony with Christ. Make a special effort to attend the Church ceremonies which dramatize the last agonizing moments of the Savior's life. Listen to the passion story in a spirit of prayer and embrace its message. No one can follow Jesus through the liturgy of Holy Week without the truth dawning anew in our hearts. The truth is that God loves us all with a love that cost him death on the cross.



**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**EASTER TRIDUUM  
AT ST. PAUL, DOUGLAS**

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**The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring two Easter Egg hunts**, one after the 9:30 Easter Sunday Mass and one after the 12:00 Easter Sunday Mass. Bring children's Easter baskets, and parents, please accompany your children for the fun.

**El Domingo de Ramos es el comienzo de la Semana Santa y es un día de gloria y tragedia inminente.** La escena se sitúa con Jesús realizando su viaje triunfal desde Betania a Jerusalén, donde inició ese movimiento final, que uniría a todos y todas a través de su muerte, crucificado como un común delincuente en una cruz. La visión de Cristo entrando en Jerusalén montado en un asno con la gente agitando ramas de palma y gritando “Hosanna” y aclamándolo como rey conquistador, hizo que las multitudes visitantes reunidas para un festival se detuvieran asombradas. Lo que no sabían era que el regocijo pronto se desvanecería. Al poco tiempo, cuando el triunfo se convirtió en tragedia, esas ramas de palma tomaron la forma de una cruz y los hosannas se convirtieron en burlas y llamados a su muerte.

La Semana Santa es la época más sagrada del año eclesiástico. Destaca los momentos cumbre del amor de Cristo por nosotros, nos da la oportunidad de mirar nuestras vidas y aceptar la responsabilidad por nuestros pecados. La historia de la pasión explica los últimos acontecimientos de la vida de Jesús y deja claro el precio que pagó por nuestros pecados. Fue traicionado por Judas, negado por Pedro y abandonado por casi todos. En la soledad buscó compañía y apoyo del Padre pero no había nada que lo consolara: “Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?” Su muerte en la cruz nos recuerda que hay un Dios hacia quien caminamos y cuya amistad buscamos. Todo cristiano toma conciencia de que en su propia vida debe correr la misma suerte que Jesús. Debemos unirnos al sufrimiento y la muerte de Cristo para poder compartir su gloria. El camino a la vida eterna no pasará por alto el monte del Calvario. Nuestra victoria, como la de Cristo, llega sólo a través de la cruz.

Esta última semana de Cuaresma nos ofrece la oportunidad de poner nuestros corazones y mentes en armonía con Cristo. Hagan un esfuerzo especial por asistir a las ceremonias de la Iglesia que dramatizan los últimos momentos agonizantes de la vida del Salvador.

Escuche la historia de la pasión con espíritu de oración y acepte su mensaje. Nadie puede seguir a Jesús a través de la liturgia de la Semana Santa sin que la verdad amanezca nuevamente en nuestros corazones. La verdad es que Dios nos ama a todos con un amor que le costó la muerte en la cruz.



### TRIDUO PASCUAL EN SAN PABLO, DOUGLAS

Jueves Santo, 28 de Marzo – Misa de la Cena del Señor a las 7:00pm con Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento hasta la medianoche

Viernes Santo, 29 de Marzo – El Vía Crucis, la Pasión del Señor a las 3:00pm

Sábado Santo, 30 de Marzo – Vigilia Pascual a las 8:00pm

Domingo de Pascua, 31 de Marzo –  
8:00 am - Inglés, Sagrada Familia  
9:30 am - Inglés, St. Paul  
12:00pm - Misa Español, St. Paul  
5:00pm – Inglés/Español, St. William



Los Caballeros están patrocinando dos búsquedas de huevos de Pascua: una después de la Misa del Domingo de Pascua de las 9:30 y otra después de la Misa de las 12:00. Padres, acompañen a sus hijos en la diversión.

**FVI**  
~FOR YOUR INFORMATION~



**RAFFLE TICKETS** - The Knights are selling raffle tickets (proceeds for Knights' state charities). The tickets are \$5.00 each or a book of 5 for \$20. Winners receive cash prizes!

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**

**No Food** to be eaten in classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, Day Chapel or Main Church—food may only be eaten in the Social Hall.

**No hay Comida** Para comer en las aulas, los pasillos, los baños, la capilla diurna y la iglesia principal. ¡La comida solo se puede comer en el salón social!

\*Called to Care\*

We are collecting through March tee-shirts, socks, little blankets for boys & girls, all sizes.

**AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP**

St. Paul

<b>FY Offertory Budget</b>	<b>\$275,000.00</b>
Received to date	211,166.70
Received 3-17-24	5,672.00
<b>FY Bldg FundBudget</b>	<b>\$144,000.00</b>
Received to date	30,473.74
Received 3-17-24	410.00
<b>Food Sales</b>	1,473.00
<b>Flowers Donations</b>	50.00

**Offertory: St. William**

Sunday (3-17-24): \$735.00

**Offertory: Holy Family**

Sunday (3-17-24): \$447.00

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**OUR WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ARMED FORCES**

Jose Bardomiano, Brenda Contreras, Sgt. Blake Downs (N. Carolina), MSgt. Emmanuel Gamboa (New Mexico), Kristopher Lentz, April M. Martin (Japan), Michael Martinez, CW3 Jeb S. McKinnon (USA), Martin Rios, Candise R. Rolerson (Witchita Falls, TX), Juan Vargas, Erick Vilches, Octavio Rodriguez, Rolando Chavez.

**Pray for us that we may be healed.**

Francesco Abbondanza, Liza Agullo, Tullis Allen, Jaedon Arvidson, Brenda Atkinson, James Bookhardt, Ann Branch, Logan Brigmond, Mary Brown, Ernestine Bryant, Steve Bueneing, Ricardo Jose Camarillo, Cindy Carter, Amber Carver, Lee Ann Cash, Toby Cash, Calvin & Gail Carver, Jack Chaney, Rory Chaney, Bill Cummings, Dan Curte, Isabel Espinoza, Jerry Feltman, Eloise Ferguson, Demarcus Fields, Fr. Daniel Firman, Donna Friant, Antonio Guerrero, Michael & Michelle Gilliard, Denise Goyette, Amy Paulk Grist, Judy Hackett, Michael Hackett, Robert Hackett, Judy Hattaway, Katrina Havelock, Mary Hayes, **Gilbert Hernandez**, Jamie Hersey, Debra Heveder, Elaine Hinson, June Houston, Braylynn Hughes, Matthew Humphrey, George Irving, Bill Jacob, Oscar Kirkland, Amanda Knight, Christy Knight, Ann Koch, Stacy Lewis, Tommy Lindsey, Andrew Lott, Roxanne Maini, Aldo Meza, Deacon Ron Milkas, Barbara Miller, Dale Moon, Rachele Navarro, Elaine Newhart, Irene Nolan, Marilyn Perkins, Terry Oates, Bobby O'Neal, D. J. O'Neal, Trisha Pape, Violet Pappy, Karen Paulk, **John Pfefferle**, Lou Pierce, Mike Pierce, Cubias Perez, Robin Pierce, Michael Pozzanghera, Dane Pranke, Kenny Purvis, Nicole Rigdon, Johan Saavedra, Tony Scaccia, Betty Spears, Stephanie Stone, Gene Thewes, Caitlin Thurman, Denver Thurman, Pablino Tinajero, Summer Van Hook, Egdal Gonzalez Vazquez, Marissa Vickers, Gene Waldron, Charles Westman, Kathy White, Melissa Williams, Carmen Willis, Warren Winters, A.D. Young, Mary Young

*Live streaming every weekend*



Please join us for live streaming of all weekend masses and ones of special occasions. Live streaming can watched on FaceBook (St Paul Catholic Church) page and our website page, [stpaulmissions.org](http://stpaulmissions.org) All masses are archieved on our website for viewing anytime.



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# Pray every day this Easter season

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**Daily Gospel,  
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Close your day with an Examen,  
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# TRIDUUM

## THE PASSOVER OF OUR LORD

The Paschal Triduum, or “Three Days,” is the most solemn event of the Christian year. Beginning on the evening of Holy Thursday and closing with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday, these three days celebrate Christ’s passage through death to new life.

Early Christians celebrated only the Easter Vigil, concluding with a Mass at dawn at which the catechumens were baptized. By the fifth century, the events of Easter were commemorated as units, and there emerged an Easter Triduum of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter. Later, Holy Thursday evening was added because the “days” were reckoned from sundown the day before.

### THREE DAYS OF WORSHIP

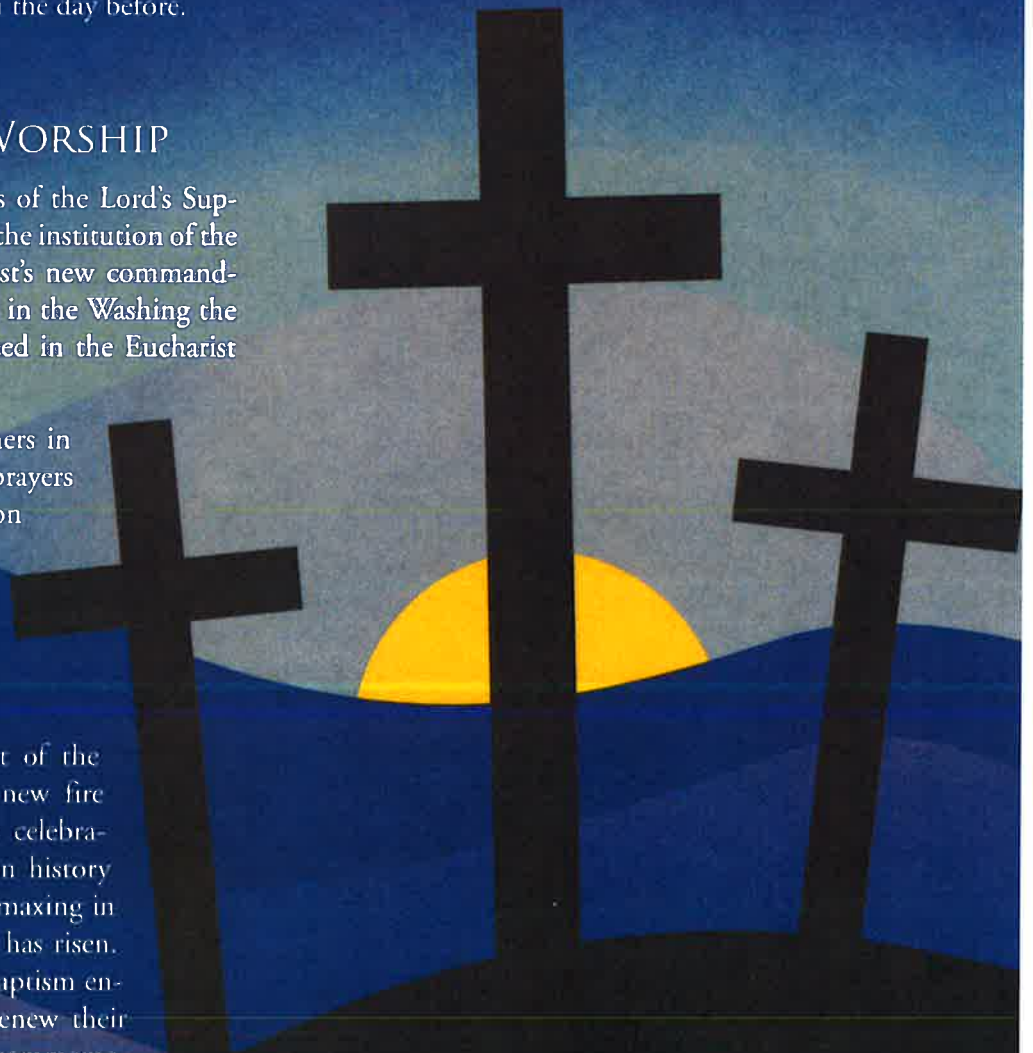
**Holy Thursday** celebrates the Mass of the Lord’s Supper in the evening, commemorating the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. Christ’s new commandment to love one another is recalled in the Washing of the Feet. That love becomes fully realized in the Eucharist and Christ’s sacrifice on Calvary.

On **Good Friday**, the Church gathers in silence to read Scripture and offer prayers for the whole world. The Veneration of the Cross takes place not simply to mourn Jesus’ suffering and death but to acknowledge that through the cross of Jesus we are led to glory.

The **Easter Vigil** is the high point of the entire Church liturgical year. The new fire is blessed and candles glow in the celebration of Christ as our light. Salvation history is proclaimed through Scriptures, climaxing in the joyous proclamation that Christ has risen. Those who have been prepared for baptism enter the Church, and all Catholics renew their baptismal promises, for this night commemorates our share in the dying and rising of Jesus.

The celebration of each day revolves around a central liturgical action: the Washing of the Feet, The Adoration of the Cross, the Baptism of the Catechumens.

The centerpiece of the Church’s entire liturgical year is the Easter Vigil. Beginning with the blessing of the new fire and the light ceremony, the Vigil recounts our salvation history in an extended liturgy of the Word. Baptism and the renewal of our baptismal promises prepare us to receive the Eucharist with new hearts. The Paschal Triduum concludes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday, and the 50-day Easter Season begins.



## TERMS AND CUSTOMS OF THE TRIDUUM

**Fasting** throughout the Triduum or for 40 hours before Easter sunrise was a tradition in the first centuries of the Church.

**The Mass of the Lord's Supper** is celebrated on the evening of Holy Thursday inaugurating the Easter Triduum and commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. Many parishes reenact the washing of the disciples' feet during this Mass as well.

**Mandatum** is the Latin word for commandment (referring to Christ's command that we love one another given to his followers at the Last Supper.) Holy Thursday is sometimes called "Maundy Thursday" because of the *mandatum*.

The **Stripping of the Altar** occurs at the end of Mass on Holy Thursday. All the altar coverings are removed, symbolizing the fact that Christ was stripped of his garments upon his arrest.

The **Veneration of the Cross** is part of the liturgy on Good Friday. The clergy and congregation approach a cross or crucifix one by one, and offer a gesture of respect by either bowing or kneeling and reverently kissing the crucifix.

The **Service of Light** takes place at the beginning of the Easter Vigil. The new fire and the paschal candle are blessed, the candle is lit and all light their candles from it. Honoring Christ as the light of the world, it concludes with the singing of the *Exsultet*, the Easter proclamation.

The **Easter Vigil Readings** follow the story of salvation from God's creation of the world, the sparing of Noah and his family from the flood and the deliverance of God's people from Egypt to the Gospel accounts of Jesus rising from the grave.

A **Catechumen** is one who is learning about Christianity in preparation for formal entry into the Church.

**Evening Prayer** is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official public prayer of the Church comprised of hymns, psalms, spiritual and biblical readings, and prayers. Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday concludes the Paschal Triduum.

## EASTER VIGIL & BAPTISM

From the days of the early Church the Easter Vigil has been the time for adult converts to be baptized and enter the Church. The Easter Vigil consists of four general parts: the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Baptism, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. After the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word, catechumens (those who have never been baptized) and candidates (those who have been baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination) are initiated into the Church respectively by baptism and confirmation. The faithful are sprinkled with holy water and renew their baptismal vows. Then all adult candidates are confirmed and general intercessions are stated. The Easter Vigil concludes with the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the reception of Holy Communion.



### TRIDUUM PRAYER

Almighty God, you gather your Church  
in solemn celebration of the mystery of our Redemption.  
Open our hearts and minds as we remember the dying  
and the rising of Jesus so that we may appreciate  
more deeply the mystery of our own baptism.  
May these days remind us that we are not alone  
in our suffering nor without hope.  
May the joy we share strengthen us  
to be witnesses of the Gospel throughout the year.  
We ask this in the name of your Son and our Lord,  
Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### MASS READINGS 2020

**Holy Thursday** • Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14;  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

**Good Friday** • Isaiah 52:13—53:12;  
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9;  
John 18:1—19:42

**Holy Saturday** • Genesis 1:1—2:2;  
Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15—15:1;  
Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11;  
Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4;  
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28;  
Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10



# Easter

## NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

**EASTER**, the celebration of Christ's Resurrection, is the oldest and most solemn feast of the liturgical year.

**THE RESURRECTION** is recorded in the Gospels and proclaimed in the New Testament, particularly by St. Paul, who wrote that without the Resurrection, "your faith has been in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14).

**DISCIPLES WHO KNEW JESUS** was dead and where he was buried went to his tomb, but found it empty, and were told: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised" (Luke 24:5-6). Later, St. Paul writes, the risen Jesus appeared to more than five hundred disciples (1 Corinthians 15:6).

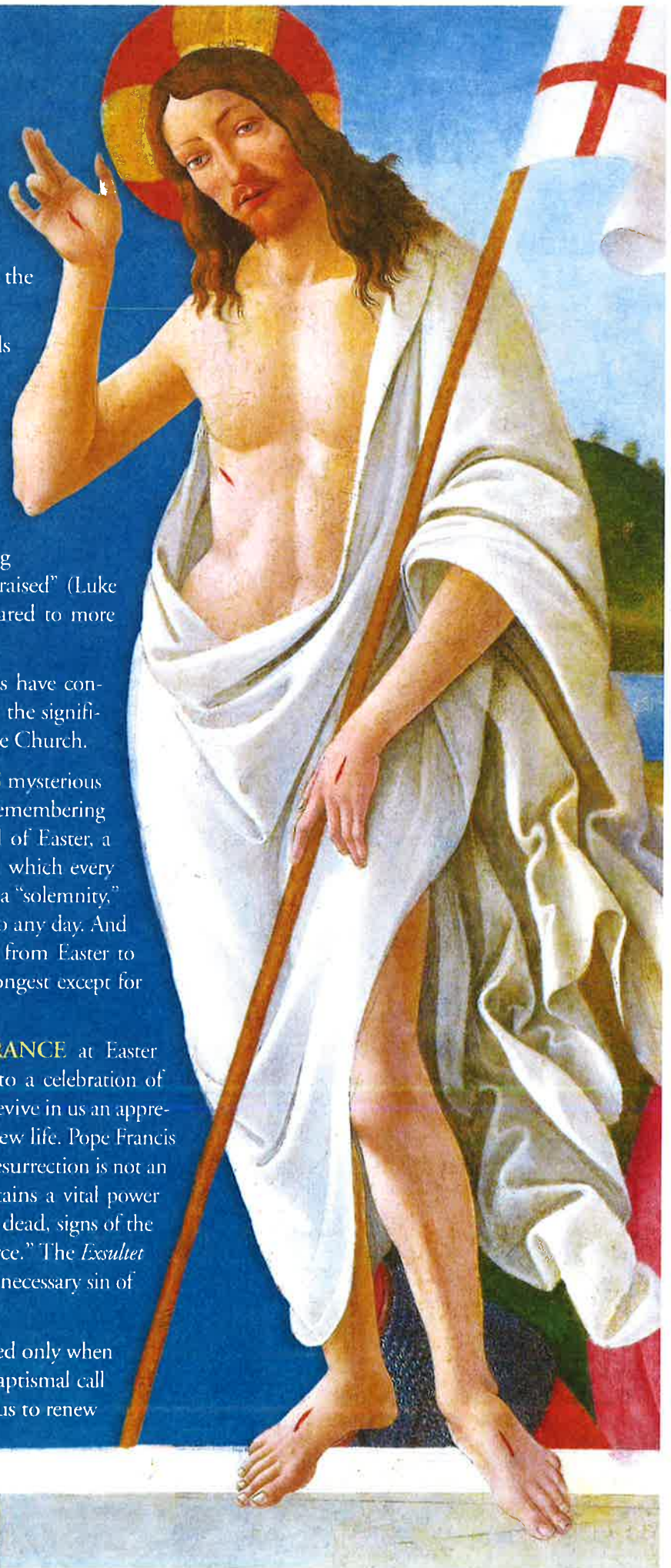
**THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES**, Christians have continued to try to understand, appreciate and celebrate the significance of this most central experience for the life of the Church.

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESURRECTION'S** mysterious depths, the Church's liturgical cycles are based on remembering and celebrating Easter. Every Sunday is a memorial of Easter, a "little Easter." Easter is the only feast in which every day of its Octave (Eight Days) is itself a "solemnity," the highest ranking given to any day. And the 50-day Easter season, from Easter to Pentecost Sunday, is the longest except for Ordinary Time.

**LITURGICAL EXUBERANCE** at Easter is intended to draw us into a celebration of God's gift of salvation, to revive in us an appreciation of the promise of new life. Pope Francis reminds us that "Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past but contains a vital power

that has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force." The *Exsultet* at the Easter Vigil boldly declares: "O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer!"

**AS IF TO REMIND US** that our Easter joy is fulfilled only when we do our part, when we respond faithfully to our baptismal call to love God and others as ourselves, the Church asks us to renew our baptism promises to reject evil and to "serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church."



EGO SVM RESURRECTIO ET VITA

## THE HISTORY OF EASTER

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection, the culmination of Christ's mission and the foundation of our faith. Easter is also the oldest Christian holiday, one that Pope Leo I regarded as the greatest feast of the liturgical year, a conviction that has since been widely embraced. As St. Paul wrote, "If Christ has not been raised, then your faith has been in vain" (1 Cor 15:14).

St. Bede suggests that word "Easter" could be related to *Estre*, an ancient goddess of spring. The more common term for Easter was the Latin *Pasch* or *Passover*. Easter was the *Festa Paschalia*, a name that is plural because Easter is not just a one-day event but includes seven more days of celebration (called the Easter octave). The name Easter is also related to the German word for east, *ostern*, where the sun rises. So the associations of light from the rising sun and the new life of spring naturally carry over to our celebration of new life through Christ.

The fixing of the date of Easter was complex and somewhat controversial. To the members of the early Church, every Sunday was regarded as a celebration of the resurrection. When it was determined to single out one day to highlight the feast, there was disagreement as to the proper date. Some Christians, including St. Irenaeus and St. Polycarp, felt it should coincide with the Jewish Passover, which was determined by the lunar calendar, while others preferred the Sunday celebration date that eventually prevailed when the Council of Nicaea in AD 325 determined that Easter is to be celebrated on the first Sunday following first full moon that occurs on or after the spring (vernal) equinox.

Alleluia

## Terms of the Easter Season

**Alleluia:** From the Hebrew word meaning "Praise the Lord," *Alleluia* is a special acclamation of joy in the Easter Season.

**Ascension:** Originally celebrated on Thursday (40 days after Easter), now all U.S. dioceses except 6 celebrate it on the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

**Easter:** The first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox, Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. The Church considers every Sunday in the year a commemoration of Easter.

**Easter Duty:** Having received First Communion, every Catholic in the United States must receive communion at least once a year during Easter time, defined in the U.S. as the period from the First Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday.

**Easter Season:** The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.

**Paschal Candle:** A large decorated wax candle that is a symbol of the risen Savior, the light of the world. It is lit during Mass from the Easter Vigil to Ascension Thursday, and used thereafter in baptisms and funeral liturgies.

## Mass Readings for the Easter Season 2020

**Easter Sunday:** Acts 10:34, 37-43;

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Colossians 3:1-4  
or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9

**2nd Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;  
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**3rd Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;  
1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

**4th Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 36-41; Psalm 23:1-6;  
1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

**5th Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

**6th Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20;  
1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

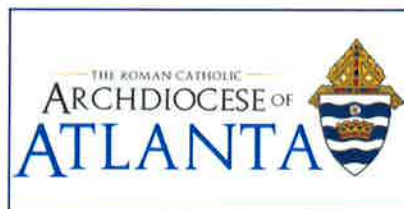
**Ascension of the Lord:** Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9;  
Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

**7th Sunday:** Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8;  
1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11

**Pentecost:** Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;  
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

# MARRIAGE PREPARATION

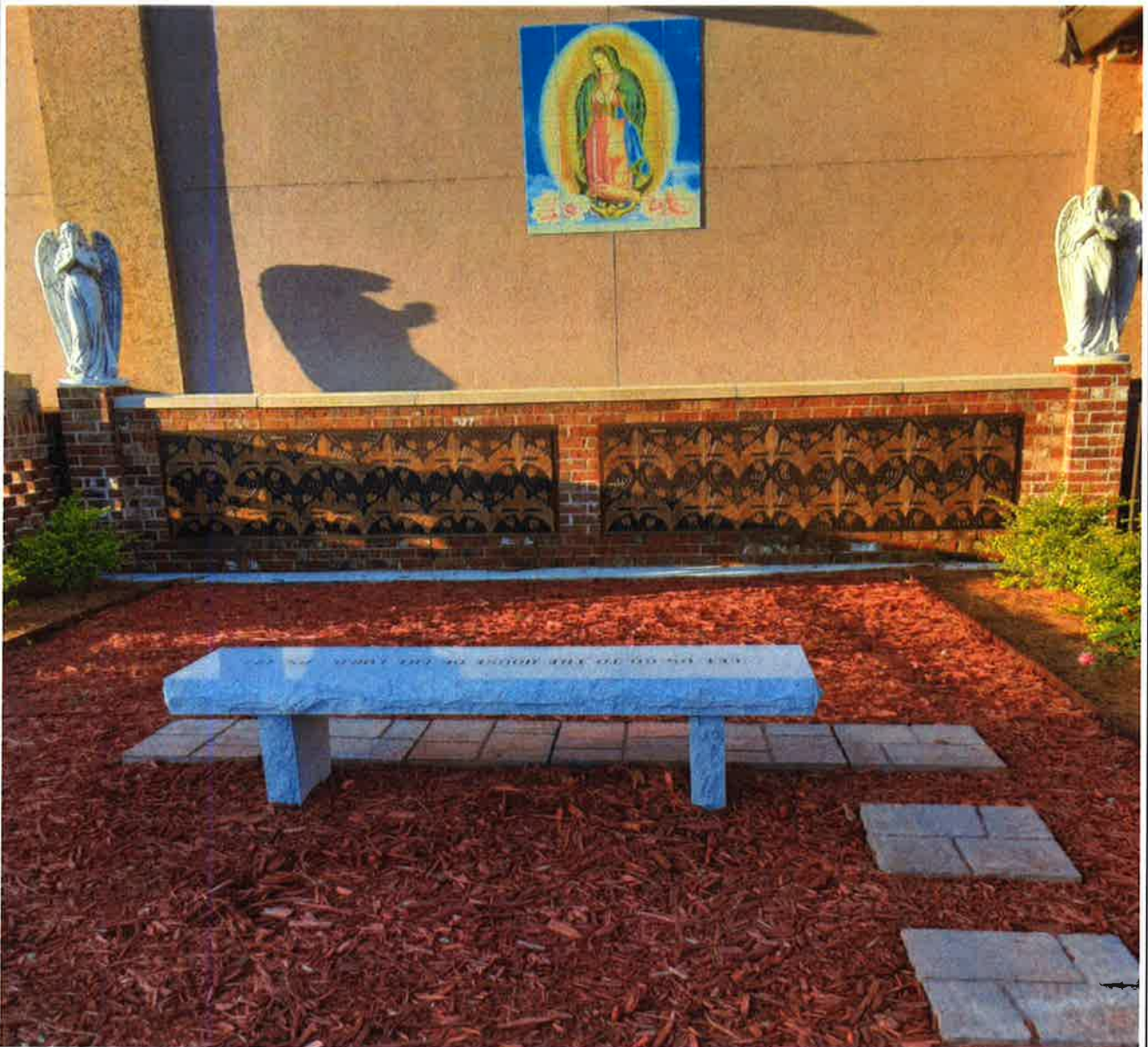
- Meet with the Priest is who is to perform the ceremony
- Bring Baptism and Confirmation certificates
- Must complete a pre-Cana (marriage) class either through the Diocese of Savannah, Arch-Diocese of Atlanta or the Diocese of St Augustine.
- Complete all necessary forms
- At least one of the witnesses **must be** Catholic.



# ST PAUL'S COLUMBARIUM



*St Paul now offers a serene and sacred place for deceased loved ones.*



**“LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD” P.S. 122**



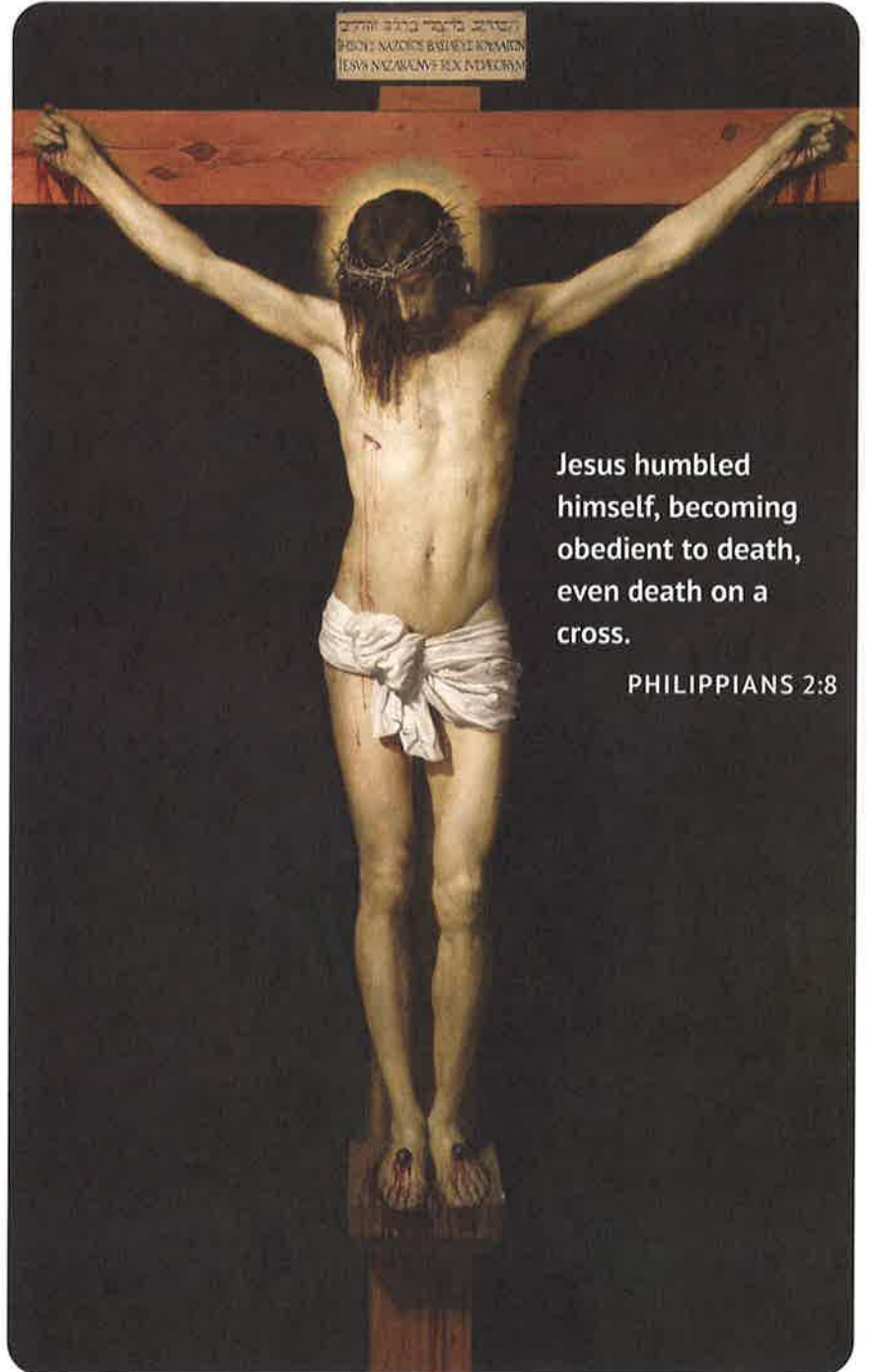
## The Hungers with Which We Live

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**enzin Kiyosaki is a former Buddhist nun who now works as an interfaith chaplain at a medical center in Los Angeles. There she tends to the spiritual needs of patients who have less than six months to live. When her brother asked her what it was that dying patients talk about, it led to her book *The Three Regrets: Inspirational Stories and Practical Advice for Love and Forgiveness at Life's End*. The three regrets she lists are: 1) I did not live my life of dreams; 2) I did not share my love; and 3) I did not forgive. All too easily it seems we become preoccupied with what in the end becomes peripheral to what we really seek in life.

Today we tell the story of how Jesus' life of loving others came to its final conclusion, one of sacrificial love to the point of death. He came to reveal how such love is an essential dimension of the presence of God at the heart of every human life, and a cornerstone of the kingdom of God he proclaimed and to which he gave his life.

To the end, even on the cross, forgiveness was an essential aspect of his life of loving others. The very realities of what Jesus' life was all about are the same hungers we so often fail to recognize as we live our lives, though it is what he continually preached. Coming face to face with our own mortality seems to make his message most real. ●



Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

### Reflect

**Are you living the three values articulated by Tenzin Kiyosaki? Is there one you could do better?**

# Dear Padre,

*I am the divorced mother of three young children. My daughter is making her first Communion and I want to go to Communion with her. But I haven't been to Mass in three years because of my divorce. I am nervous and embarrassed about returning to the Church. What can I do?*



MARCO TOMICIC/SHUTTERSTOCK

Sharing in your daughter's preparation for holy Communion is a lovely desire and a good chance to look closely at your own faith; it may be the "little push" you need. She needs to see in you someone who has faith and is committed to the Church. Taking your children to Mass each Sunday is a good start.

You mentioned that you haven't been to church in three years because of your divorce. You may be confused about the teachings of the Church concerning divorce. Divorced Catholics are still full members of the Church and can receive holy Communion. If you have remarried outside the Church, it is a more complicated issue, yet not hopeless.

Since you haven't been to Mass in three years, the first step is to talk to your pastor or another priest with whom you feel comfortable. Be honest. Explain why you have stayed away from the Church. Then set up a time to go to confession. And please don't be ashamed or embarrassed about coming back to church. No matter how long it has been, the Church welcomes you home. ●

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*What is most amazing about the Lord and his Passover? It is the fact that he achieves glory through humiliation. He triumphs by accepting suffering and death, things that we, in our quest for admiration and success, would rather avoid. Jesus—as St. Paul tells us—"emptied himself... he humbled himself" (Philippians 2:7–8).*

HOMILY, ROME,  
MARCH 28, 2021

#### MONDAY

March 25  
*Monday of Holy Week*  
Is 42:1–7  
Jn 12:1–11

#### TUESDAY

March 26  
*Tuesday of Holy Week*  
Is 49:1–6  
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

#### WEDNESDAY

March 27  
*Wednesday of Holy Week*  
Is 50:4–9a  
Mt 26:14–25

#### THURSDAY

March 28  
*Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)*  
Chrim Mass:  
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9  
Rv 1:5–8  
Lk 4:16–21  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:  
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14  
1 Cor 11:23–26  
Jn 13:1–15

#### FRIDAY

March 29  
*Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)*  
Is 52:13–53:12  
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9  
Jn 18:1–19:42

#### SATURDAY

March 30  
*Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)*  
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a  
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18  
Ex 14:15–15:1  
Is 54:5–14  
Is 55:1–11  
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4  
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28  
Rom 6:3–11  
Mk 16:1–7

#### SUNDAY

March 31  
*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*  
Acts 10:34a, 37–43  
Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8  
Jn 20:1–9 or Mk 16:1–7

