

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!



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—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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Calendar

Monday

APRIL 13

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22–33

Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday

APRIL 14

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36–41

Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday

APRIL 15

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1–10

Lk 24:13–35

Thursday

APRIL 16

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11–26

Lk 24:35–48

Friday

APRIL 17

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1–12

Jn 21:1–14

Saturday

APRIL 18

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13–21

Mk 16:9–15

Sunday

APRIL 19

Second Sunday

of Easter

(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 2:42–47

1 Pt 1:3–9

Jn 20:19–31



WORD FROM *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 SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2020



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St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions.

9:00am Paul Irby {Rip}

Mon 8:00am, Donor

Tues 8:00am: Parish.
Wed 8:00 am Donor
Thu 8:00 am. Donor
Fri 8:00 am Donor



From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends

We normally speak of “eyes wide open” an experiencing of seeing and understanding. However, Easter is a time of total astonishment, of standing before mystery with our mouth 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 it. The Gospel says that “they did not yet understand” (John20:9) 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 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 experience of Jesus. But if we look

carefully we will see that they experience 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 we shall die and go home with him, but that he is risen and comes home with us.

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? **Happy Easter to all; Have a great days ahead of you and God bless you all.**

With love and prayers
Fr. David

St. Ann's Yard Sale: On two Saturdays in April 25and May 2nd. Please donate things for the sale. Any questions call Beverly (228 832 4968)

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: *
identifiable: **\$1735.00**; Loose: **\$2034.00**;
Total: **\$3769.00**; ACH: **\$325. 00**; Easter:
290.00

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Identifiable: **60.00**; Loose: **\$35.00**; Total:
95.00

Catfish Festival: will be on May 28th-31st. We need volunteers. If you have any question please contact Kevin and Kim McGill (234 4501, 669 7022)

K of C Easter Basket Winner 2020:
Lester Palmer. Congrats.

Easter House Blessing: I would like to come and bless all your houses and pray over you during this Easter season. If anyone wants house to be blessed let me know and get scheduled.

St Ann Parish Family

Easter Flowers are In Memory of or In Honor of:

1. William Demello
2. Elizabeth Boudreaux by Demello
3. Beaugars Favre by grandchildren.
4. Lois and William J. burke by William Burke Jr
5. Jimmy Ammons by Sandra Ammons
6. Mr@Mrs Eward Mestayer by Dorothy Graves
7. Doris Northrup
8. Jonathon and Rosa Moss
9. Helen and Merle West
10. Dave and Grab West by Ellen and Mike West
11. George Bribrnac jr @George and Edna Brignac
12. Alcide @ Maria Robichaux by Wanda Brighnec
13. Jimmy Ammons by Phyllis Ammons
14. Lee Delia and Dantzler Ladner by Lenell & Walter king
15. Chester & Geneva king by Walter & Lenell king

Flowers and Decoration: The Church looks very beautiful because of you all and thanks to Altar Society for the great job. Thanks to **Terry Mitchell Ladner's family** for banner donation. Thank you all.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Dube) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaie, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and Lyndon Rushing, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner, and Matt Dubission; Mary Jo Nunèz; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, and Kathy Squillate and Monica Robinson

HAPPY EASTER. Have a blessed days.