



“Alleluia! Alleluia! He is Risen!”

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**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
April 20, 2025

BACKGROUND OF THE LITURGY

GENERAL THEME:

As the moon marked the time for the Passover and the liberation of the children of Israel, so the moon gives us the time each year for our Easter celebration. We are liberated from sin and freed to be fully alive.

Today marks the resurrection of Jesus. It is also the feast of our incorporation into the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. Holy Week puts us in touch with Jesus' death; may we proceed to deeper confidence that he has united himself with all of us.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter professes that the apostles ate and drank with Jesus after he rose from the dead. Jesus' resurrection meant that he was himself as they knew him before his death. This fact helps us with our belief in “the resurrection of the body.”

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

“For you have died.” Colossians calls us to understand that, in our baptism, we have actually died with Jesus as he died. Then we also rose with him just as he is risen from death.

GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-9

Two of Jesus' disciples run to his open, empty tomb. They had no expectation of a resurrection. But they looked at the way the burial cloths were strewn about, and they remembered what Jesus said would happen.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
Sunday

5:00 PM

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

1:00 PM

English

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DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
and 1st Friday's of the Month

7:00 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

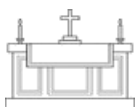
Every Wednesday beginning at 4:30 PM

Sacrament of Penance 4:45 PM to 6:00 PM

Or by Appointment

Vespers & Benediction 6:00 to 6:30 PM

Mass at 6:30 PM



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 19

8:30 pm (E): **Easter Vigil-Holy Saturday**

Sunday, April 20 **Easter Sunday**

7:00 am (S) Pro Populo

9:00 am (E) In Thanksgiving for Mr. & Mrs. Elias Abrego & Fam.
In Thanksgiving for Mr. & Mrs. Eric Willingham & Fam.
†Sesaria Alvarez
†Mary Elizabeth de la Rosa
†Ben & †Rose Soto
†Mary Torres

11:00 am (E) Health of Susie Ruiz
†Carlos Castillo Jr.
†Guadalupe & †Sara Longoria
†Armando B. & †Graciela Martinez
†Carmen Alicia Martinez
†Mariano & †Ana Ruiz
†Amadeo & Delia Vasquez

1:00 pm (S): Birthday of Eric Bernal
†Manuel Guerra
†Vangie Martinez

Monday, April 21
7:00 am Communion Service

Tuesday, April 22
7:00 am Communion Service

Wednesday, April 23
6:30 pm Communion Service, No Confessions

Thursday, April 24
7:00 am Communion Service

Friday, April 25
No Mass



Peace of the Risen Lord be
with you always!
Happy Easter!

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday, April 21, 2025:

Acts 2:14, 22-33 Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 22, 2025:

Acts 2:36-41 Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 John 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 23, 2025:

Acts 3:1-10 Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, April 24, 2025:

Acts 3:11-26 Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Luke 24:35-48

Friday, April 25, 2025:

Acts 4:1-12 Psalm 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 26, 2025:

Acts 4:13-21 Psalm 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 Mark 16:9-15

Sunday, April 27, 2025: **Divine Mercy Sunday**

CCE Reminders!

- ◆ There will be CCE classes April 21-23, regular schedule.
- ◆ Confirmation Parent meeting this Wednesday, April 23, during the last 30 mins of class.
- ◆ Confirmation Class: Retreat Fee of \$150 is due by **Fri. April 25th**
- ◆ *There will be NO Saturday make-up classes this month. Do not drop off students on Saturdays.*

Communion Service/No Confessions

Daily Communion Service this week, Monday - Thursday.

No Confessions this week on Wednesday.

Regular Wednesday Confessions to resume on Wednesday, April 30th.



OFFICE CLOSED

Easter Monday: Closed
Easter Blessings to Everyone!



4TH Annual Women's Renew Conference

"HOPE IS AN ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL"

Hebrews 6:19

FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH : 6 PM - 8:45 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH : 8 AM - 3:30 PM

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
San Juan, TX**

COME EXPERIENCE AND ENTER A DIVINE SPACE WITH OTHER WOMEN OF FAITH WHERE YOU WILL ENCOUNTER GOD, EXPERIENCE FAITH FILLED TALKS, AND FIND YOUR TRUEST SELF.

Keynote Speaker



BISHOP DANIEL FLORES
will celebrate mass on Friday



LISA MARTINEZ
Co-Founder Little With Great Love (Outreach Restoration Ministry)



REV. MANUEL ALFREDO RAZO
will celebrate healing mass on Saturday

IN HONOR OF JUBILEE YEAR OBTAIN A PLENARY INDULGENCE

- PILGRIMAGE WALK
- CONFESSION
- RECEIVE EUCHARIST
- PROFESSION OF FAITH
- PRAYER OF HOPE

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

ADORATION

SHOPPING

Early Bird Registration by April 18th: \$60 After April 18th: \$70
High School Student - \$50 High School Student - \$60
Group Rate: 10 for \$500 NO Group Rate

Traducción en español disponible para algunas sesiones

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MEALS INCLUDED

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April 1, 2025



In Loving Memory of
† Mariano & † Ana Ruiz