



# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD ✠ APRIL 1, 2018

Sunday  
April 1, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 4/2

7:00 a.m. Anna & Francis Nowicki by  
Joan & Ed Nowicki

Tuesday, 4/3

7:00 a.m. Richard J. Alfonzo by the Vita's

Wednesday, 4/4

7:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory by  
Lina Giordano

Thursday, 4/5

7:00 a.m. Joan & Ed Marren by  
Jeff, Karen & family

Friday, 4/6

7:00 a.m. Bertha Erskine by  
Lorraine & Thomas Grace

Saturday, 4/7

5:00 p.m. Tony Menditto by  
the Switzer & Criscuolo families

Sunday, 4/8

8:30 a.m. Catherine Jaworski by  
Mary Lou Chingery  
10:30 a.m. Edgar Geigel by  
Grace Geigel & family

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of  
**The DiQuollo & Kasar families by Nina DiQuollo.**



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### First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

### Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

### Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7;  
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

### Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday

Chism 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

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

### Saturday

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

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**“Peter proceeded to speak and said; ‘You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did... they put him to death hanging him on a tree. This man God raised up on the third day and granted that he be visible not to all but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance who ate and drank with after he rose from the dead.’”**

We can listen to many Easter sermons, telling of the events and appearances of Jesus. We visit the upper room with the apostles, meet Him with Mary in the garden, breakfast with Him on the shore of Tiberias, and share an evening meal in Emmaus. All are witness stories.

The Pentecost sermon of Peter summarizes the event of Easter and its meaning for the witnesses. He was anointed with the Holy Spirit so we too have been confirmed. He was filled with power, so too we who live the life of grace. He went about doing good, the work of the church and we missionary disciples today. We too are the chosen witnesses of the Risen One who eat at His table, breaking the bread of life.

Easter faith tells us that He lives and among us. Easter joy fills us with a special enthusiasm. Easter commissioning sends us to bring that joy to others.



**HIS WORD TODAY**

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS