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Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 17, 2022



Keep FAITH Alive!

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.
-Psalm 118

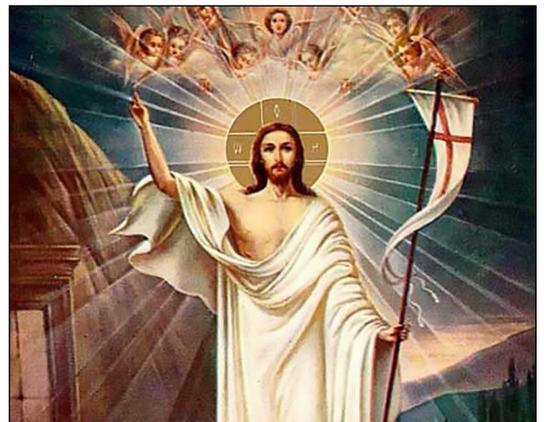
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The Resurrection of Jesus by Fr. Kenneth Baker, S.J. FR., catholiceducation.org

On the third day he rose again. With these words the Creed moves from the earthly life of Our Lord to the glorious state in which he now lives.

It is to be noted that Jesus' Resurrection from the dead is mentioned in all of the early creeds of the Church.

Jesus died on Friday afternoon about 3:00 p.m. and was immediately laid in the tomb before dark. According to the Jewish reckoning of time, a day is calculated from nightfall to nightfall. Since Jesus was buried Friday afternoon and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, he was in the ground during some part of three different days. Hence, the Creed correctly says that he rose "on the third day", that is, the third day after his death and burial. St. Gregory the Great thought that the Resurrection took place at midnight between Saturday



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For Heaven's Sake

Rev. Matthew D. Spahr, Pastor



“The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one ‘great Sunday’” [Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year, 22]. When we speak of Easter, then, we do not speak of only Easter Sunday, the holiday now celebrated secularly with bunnies and baskets. Easter is the fifty days that begin with the resurrection and end with Pentecost. It includes the Vigil and Easter Sunday, of course, but also the Octave of Easter and the season of Easter Time. Within these fifty days occurs the mystagogy (interpretation of the mystery) of the neophytes (the newly baptized); in fact, Easter Time has been called “the season of mystagogy.”

In the readings, the Church recounts her own early days as Christ continues to work in it through appearances and the Holy Spirit. It is, then, a time of growth, of deepening faith, of joy. Over and over through this season, the Church is reminded of what it is to be a Christian. The apostles, bent on the work left to them by Jesus, experience success and persecution. They are witnesses to a new order, one where God dwells with his people forever, drying every tear, making all things new (Rv. 21:1-5a). The risen Lord continues to appear to them to offer them instruction and consolation, particularly in the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, when he reassures them that the Holy Spirit will henceforth teach them and promises them that he will return - “I am going away and I will come back to you.” (Jn 14:28).

The instruction of Jesus to his disciples is our instruction. The consolation is our consolation. The help and hope of the Holy Spirit is our help and hope. The experience of the paschal mystery, the growth of the early Church, the deepening of faith despite ignorance, fear and rejection—these are our experience, our growth, our deepening, our Easter 2022. [Adapted from Sourcebook 2022, LTP]

Please take time to look over the schedule of Easter services and especially the Triduum services and join us for as much as you are able. Even outside of our liturgical celebrations however, in our homes and places of work, let us observe these days as time for extra prayer and quiet awareness of their significance.

May our participation in the Sacred Paschal Triduum and days of Easter enable us to enter the mysteries of our redemption and lead us forth as disciples to announce the Risen Lord and Savior to all the communities to which we belong. Prayerful best wishes to you and your family for a joyous Easter!

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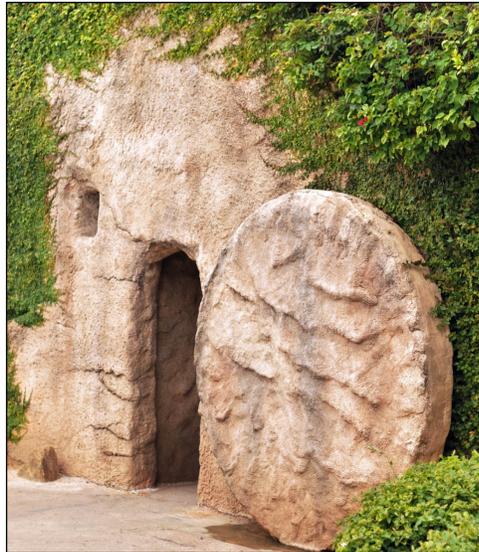
and Sunday, but St. Augustine and others have been of the opinion that it took place at dawn and so it is usually represented in Christian art.

Our English version of the Creed says that Jesus rose "again". Normally when we use the word "again" we mean "a second or third time". Obviously it cannot mean that in the Creed since Christ died once and rose once from the dead. Then why do we say "again"? The word can also mean "on the other hand, "in addition". So it can have an adversative meaning and that is the way it is used in the Creed. After saying that he died and was buried, the Creed says, "however", on the third day he rose. If you read the phrases over in succession you will understand the contrast.

We all know what the Resurrection of Jesus means and again we do not understand it. At present I am going to consider Jesus' Resurrection later there will something to say about our own personal resurrection, since that is also affirmed in the last sentence of the Creed.

"Resurrection" means the return of a dead man to life in its most literal sense. So the Creed simply says that Jesus, who died on the Cross on Friday and whose corpse was laid in the tomb, came back to life on Sunday. This is indeed a shocking statement. It signifies something that we have never experienced but must accept solely on faith because of the testimony of the Apostles, for the Apostles were the chief witnesses of the Resurrection (cf. Acts 2:32; 3:15; 5:32).

During his apostolic ministry, Jesus raised people from the dead. There was the twelve-year old daughter of Jarius (Mk 5:21-42), the only son of the widow of Naim (Lk 7:11-17) and his own personal friend, Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha (Jn 11). But they were raised to continue their natural life



on earth. As such, they had to die a second time. Not so with Jesus. Jesus rose from the dead to a new and glorious form of life that will never end.

As we have already seen, Jesus died a cruel death on the Cross on Good Friday. His human soul departed from his body. According to the words of Scripture, during this time Christ's soul was in the "underworld" or Sheol and set free into heaven the souls of all the just who had died since the time of Adam. After about thirty-eight hours, the pure soul of Christ returned to be re-united with his body. Jesus returned to life. But what a life! His new life is very different from ours. We must always remember that when we are speaking of the Resurrection of Jesus we are talking about a divine mystery. In the Resurrection, the glorified humanity of Jesus has taken on qualities that we know little or nothing about.

Jesus is now living at the "right hand of the Father". He appeared to the frightened Apostles suddenly. "the doors being shut" (Jn 20:19, 26). Whole books can and have been written on the Resurrection of Jesus.



Mission Statement of The Immaculata

Inspired and strengthened by the Sacraments, Scripture, and Liturgy, we are a vibrant, diverse Roman Catholic community called to serve as faithful disciples of Christ in our lives and ministries. With our Blessed Mother to guide us, we strive to be a beacon of faith and a spiritual home to all who seek God.

MASSES

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.
(livestreamed)

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.
(livestreamed)

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays
3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m.
(in the church)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Closed on Saturday

Sunday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday

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Mass Readings & Intentions

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

First Reading

Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen.
Acts 10:34, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.
Psalm 118

Second Reading

Second Reading — All who are baptized,
set your hearts in heaven.
Colossians 3:1-4)

Gospel

Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John;
each responds to the empty tomb.
John 20:1-9

Intentions:

7:30 a.m. Peace for Ukraine
9:00 a.m. For the sick of the parish
11:00 a.m. For all parishioners

Monday, April 18

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Intentions:

8:00 a.m. + John & Teresa Dionisio

Tuesday, April 19

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Intention: + Brenda O'Brien

Wednesday, April 20

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Intention: + Anna Wisgasevski

Holy Thursday, April 21

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Intention: + Esther Napalan

Good Friday, April 22

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Intention: + Maria Cruz

Saturday, April 23

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Intentions:

8:00 a.m. + Maria Estrada
4:30 p.m. + Jim & Pauline Broderick

RCIA

Journeys to the Catholic Church



Carson Carr

I grew up in a Catholic home where we attended church once in a while, but I was never fully involved in the church. My former football coach encouraged me to get involved in his youth group and learn more about God. As a result of this, I wanted to learn more about the Catholic faith and make God more a part of my life, so I asked my family to join me in this journey, which has brought them closer to God as well. The most impactful part of RCIA for me has been the meaningful conversations shared between me, my classmates and my instructors in RCIA and being able to relate to them as we are all going through our own faith journey.



Roberto Marrero Jr.

Being from Puerto Rican descent, Catholicism has always been a huge part of my culture and my upbringing. In fact, I believe Catholicism plays a big role in most Hispanic cultures. I was baptized Catholic when I was a young kid and grew up in a Catholic family thereafter. My household family and I attended Church every so often and practiced Catholic traditions all of the time ranging from holidays to how we honored deceased family members and friends. Over time however, my family and I attended Catholic Church less and less due to unknown reasons, at least until my recent return.

In the past year or so, I felt a burning desire to return to the Catholic Church. Simply put, something inside of me was urging me to return and seek the Gospel. Before returning, I sought a clearer understanding of Catholicism and my relationship with God. Thankfully, I have been able to find this. Additionally, I have a strong personal relationship with my maternal and paternal grandmothers who are both very in touch with Catholicism and their own morals, values, and beliefs. They both played integral parts to why I returned to the Catholic Church. Since my return, I have seen improvement and found more purpose in my personal, work, familial and spiritual life.

RCIA has become one of the most rewarding parts of my life. RCIA has played a crucial role in the enhancement of my perspective on life. One of my favorite parts of RCIA has been meeting new people, community members of the Church, and being able to share our experiences and find connections in how God has impacted us. I am so happy to be a part of the RCIA and Catholic Church family.

THE IMMACULATA

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“Love One Another”

REJOICE AND BE GLAD!

This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad.
Psalm 118:24

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.
Psalm 139:5-6

May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us
Who have put our hope in you.
Psalm 33:20, 22

A clean heart create for me, O God,
And a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
And your Holy Spirit take not from me.
Psalms 1:12-13

The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done;
It is wonderful in our eyes.
Psalm 118:22

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ,
Seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.
Colossians 3:1-2

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
Therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
Of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.
1 Corinthians 5:7-8

REJOICE



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REFLECT



Reflect on Easter traditions with Franciscan Friar Roger Lopez.

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CELEBRATE



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Words of Wisdom from St Pope John Paul II

We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!
We are not looking for a shallow joy but rather a joy that comes from faith, that grows through unselfish love, that respects the “fundamental duty of love of neighbour.”

Angelus November 30, 1986 [Read now...](#)

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Becoming Catholic

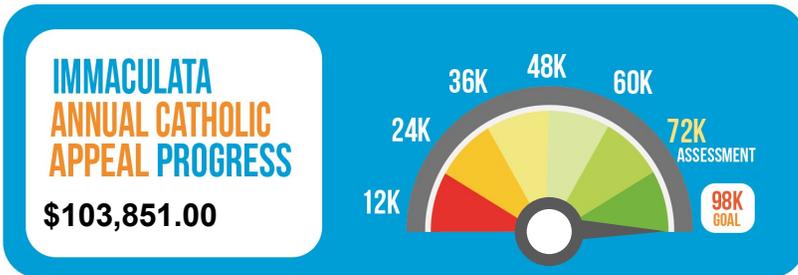
The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program is especially designed for people: not baptized but interested in learning about baptism or; baptized in another faith, but interested in the Catholic Church or; baptized Catholic but missed out on religious instruction and the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. For more information on how to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) contact Laura Martin-Spencer via email lmartinspencer@sandiego.edu or call (619) 574-5703.

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal Diocese of San Diego

Visit our website at theimmaculata.org to make your gift or pledge to this years Annual Catholic Appeal..

Immaculata ACA Progress

Pledges: \$103,851.00 Paid: \$77,493.00. Participants: 166.



New Parishioners

Kathleen Larsen	Liesl Johnson
Culver Family	Thomas Bauer
Rodriguez Family	Lois Cooper
Lujan Family	

Courtesy Announcements

After-abortion Healing Retreat for Catholic Women

Given by Rachel's Hope on May 13-15, 2022. Professionally led. Held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego. Confidentiality maintained. Closing Mass included. Group Size limited. Cost \$60; partial scholarships available. Limited housing available. "Not judged, not lectured, just healed". For information/registration call Rosemary Benefield (858) 581-3022; text (858) 752-9378 or email: rachels_hope@juno.com. Visit us on our website: www.RachelsHope.org



Starting the Conversation on Mental Health

Sunday, April 24
12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Solomon Hall.
Light Lunch Provided.
No-cost event.

Join us for a presentation hosted by our parish Mental Health Ministry on understanding the importance of good mental health and the challenges that both children and adults face in this area. Speaker: Liz Donahue Maruchau. Liz holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology and her master's degree in Social Work. She has been licensed by the State of California Board of Behavioral Sciences since 1991. She specializes in working with couples who may experience anxiety, depression, ADHD, PTSD, and/or health issues; her approach works to eliminate symptoms that can interfere with living a life that is worth celebrating.

For more information please email Laura Martin -Spencer at lmartinspencer@sandiego.edu.

Stewardship of Treasure

For where your treasure is, There also will your heart be. -Matthew 6:21

Week of April 10, 2022

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The Last Word

Keep in Your Prayers

Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly father.

-Matthew 18:19

Healing

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Bruce Perretti

Riley Manahan

Leonard Hayden

Dawn Pathman

Marion Griffin

Marian Oddo

Millie Prior

Bruce Boorman

Guy Riddle

Jason De Blassio

The sick list is updated on a monthly basis. Please call the parish office to add a parishioner to the list.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Words of Wisdom

Resurrection of the Lord

**To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins
through his name.**

— Acts 10:43

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

at the Immaculata Church