

Dear Padre,

I'm marrying my girlfriend! Although she grew up Catholic, she doesn't practice the faith. Is it still OK to marry her?

Will you enter marriage with your fiancée because of a mutual love for each other? Do you both understand that this love will be strengthened by the sacramental grace of your matrimonial union, a grace you will receive because of baptism, not practice? Will you both try to create a loving family and, together as a family, try to be open each day to the grace of God already at work in your lives? Do you both realize that this grace calls you to create, in the name of Jesus, a witness to the truth of the gospel, which is even more powerful than the love you share?

If you hesitate to answer any of these questions with a wholehearted "yes," then consider exploring these questions together with your pastor or another person helping to prepare you for marriage. Perfect faith is not required for a good, sacramental marriage. Openness to faith is believing that the Lord who has brought you together is not yet finished with either of you. You both have more to learn, and, with God's grace, you will respond to his love. Jesus will work through both of you in ways that you may not even be able to imagine. In that spirit, marry her, build a life together, and know that God's plan for you will always be there. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Holy Saturday...is the day in which heaven visits earth most deeply. It is the time in which every corner of human history is touched by the light of Easter.... Nothing can be excluded from [Christ's] redemption. Not even our nights, not even our oldest faults, not even our broken bonds. There is no past so ruined, no history so compromised

that it cannot be touched by mercy.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Thursday	Sunday
April 6 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15	April 9 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48	April 12 <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> <i>(Sunday of Divine Mercy)</i> Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31
Tuesday	Friday	
April 7 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18	April 10 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14	
Wednesday	Saturday	
April 8 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35	April 11 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15	

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (A)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 / John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10



Believing Is Seeing

MIGUEL DULICK

We celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring, which is also the first Sunday after Passover. The whole history of the world comes to this point, and today's gospel catches the eternal thrill of that day. A desperate Mary Magdalen cannot find her Lord in the tomb. Thinking that his body has been stolen, she alerts the apostles. Peter and John go running, and a moment of unforgettable suspense follows as first Peter and then John enter the tomb. The details are significant. They saw the burial cloths there and "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Thieves would not have taken

the time to unwrap the body and fold the face cloth. These details are intended to point to the truth of the resurrection. They saw and believed!

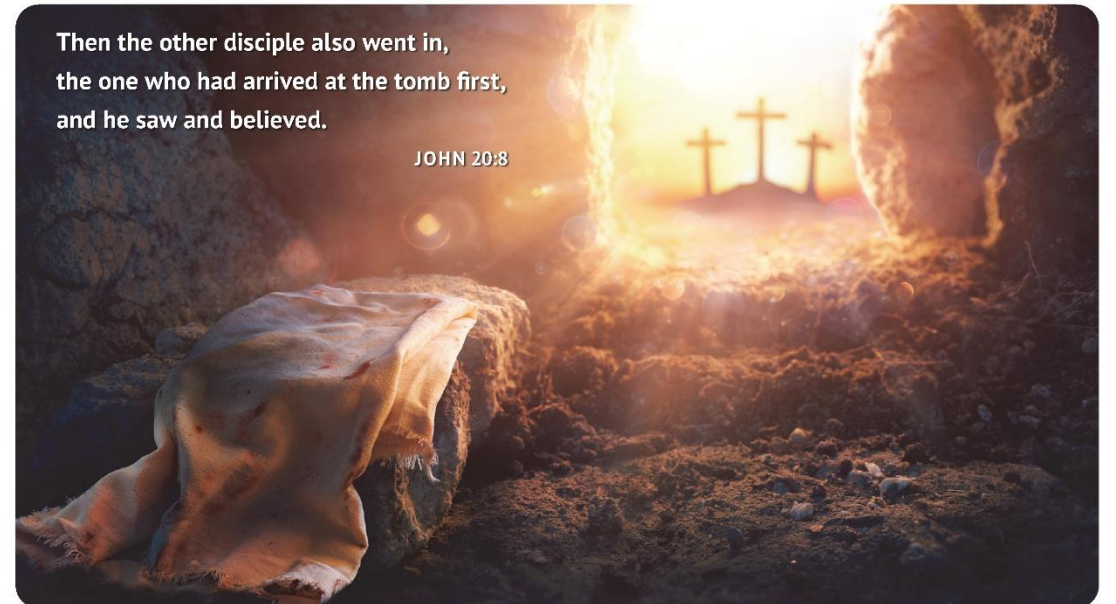
The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six times in Acts. This proclamation, or *kerygma*, incorporates the message and the motivation for a change of life. God anointed Jesus, raised him from the dead, and promised that all who believe in him will be forgiven their sins and rise with him. Happy Easter! ●

Reflect

Why do I believe in the resurrection, and how does my belief impact my life?

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

JOHN 20:8



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WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST. GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.

RECONCILIATION: (Confession) available, following Mass, on Sunday and Wednesday – please contact Fr. Pedro, before mass, to confirm availability. Also, by appointment.
BAPTISM: Please contact the Pastor, at least one month prior to desired date.
SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE: Please contact the Pastor at least six months prior to desired date.

Please remember St. Genevieve Parish in your Will
THANK YOU for your donations!
Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00
 03/22/26: \$804.00
 03/29/26: \$1,364.00
Building Fund Donations: \$0.00
 Signup for On-line Giving at methowcatholic.org Thank You!

 **★ Please join us to celebrate this wonderful Mass and to welcome Stefanie Wessel and Brandon Richison into full communion with the church. Also, join us in the Parish Hall after Mass for an Easter brunch and to celebrate with Stefanie and Brandon and their families! – Julie & Altar Society**

 **Thank you to all who volunteer and share!**
CAFFEINE & CALORIES: The weekly social hour continues, after Mass. Please consider hosting C & C. Contact Alicia Brown for info, 509-429-1621.

★ BUILDING COMMITTEE
 People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.
PARENTS: Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block retaining wall. Thank you!

★ The Cove is always in need of toilet paper and pet food. Donations can be left in the basket at the side door.

Mass Schedule:
Sunday, April 5 @ 11:00 am, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Rosary @ 10:20 am

Wednesday, April 8 @ 9:30 am, Rosary at 9:00 am

Sunday, April 12 @ 11:00 am, Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy, Rosary @ 10:20 am



Liturgy of the Word

Acts 10:34a, 37–43 Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen.
Psalm 118 “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”
Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8 All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven. Christ our Passover is sacrificed: Out with the old, in with the new.
John 20:1–9 Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John, respond to the empty tomb.
or Matthew 28:1–10 (#41A) He has been raised from the dead.
or, in the afternoon, Luke 24:13–35 (#46) The Lord is made known in the breaking of the bread.

Over the last week we have journeyed with the Lord and his disciples through all the pivotal events that have led to this day. We welcomed him into Jerusalem, ate his Body and drank his Blood at the first Eucharist, prayed with him as he approached the cross, witnessed his crucifixion, and wept with his mother as his body was laid in the tomb. On this most holy day, we join with Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, and John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, in rushing to the empty tomb to see for ourselves the miracle of the Resurrection.

Question of the Week: To what must I die in order to rise with Christ in new life? What old yeast must be thrown out of my life so that I may become a fresh batch of dough, living in the newness of life?



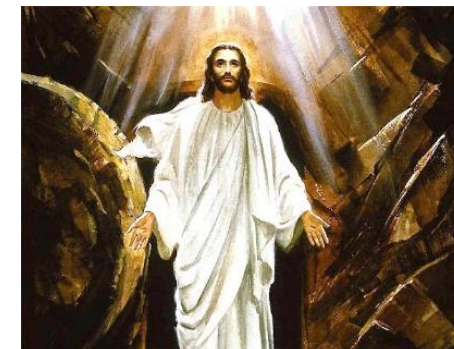
Pray for Vocation

Easter Sunday “He is not here; for He has risen.” (Matthew 28:6)
 Christ’s resurrection opens the way to new life and hope for all who follow Him. Through priesthood and consecrated life, men and women share in this victory over sin and death, bringing the joy of the Risen Lord to others through prayer and service. Could God be calling you to proclaim the hope of Easter in your life and vocation? *Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations, Fr. Ratuiste 509-313-7100 or contact <https://spokanevocations.org/contact/>*



Rejoice!
He is Risen

A Very Blessed and Happy Easter to All!



“Unless there is a Good Friday in our lives, there will never be an Easter Sunday.”
 +Bishop Fulton Sheen
 April 5, 1942
 The Catholic Hour

Please Remember in Your Prayers



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 Bode Maxwell
 Judy Dayharsh
 Dayharsh Family
 Peter Leon Guerrero
 Roland Cruz
 Cor Bader
 Wannita Knox
 Malachi Knox
 Jeff Springer
 Hal Groat
 John Spannuth
 Joseph Carbajal
 Mark Crum
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 Sheila Kerr
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 Robert Springer
 Mary Cucci