

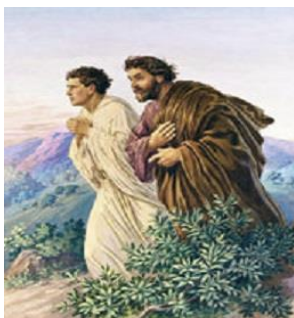


Can you imagine that moment? Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: "It's all true. All of it is true! The past three years

weren't a dream that ended horribly wrong." Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb?

It didn't start that way, of course. "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This frantic news from Mary Magdalene would have been another unexpected blow. After all that happened, now his body has been stolen? The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent. They don't wait to collect more information or stop by the tomb when they have a chance. They run to the site. When is the last time you ran for something? This isn't a run for exercise, but a huffing and puffing bolt fueled by desperation. Can you imagine that moment? The fear pounding in their temples, matching their accelerated heart rate. Can you imagine the impatient affection of John, who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone? And then, upon entry, "He saw and believed."

This is the drama of our great feast! The promise that seemed lost has been found. The dead are raised. Long before the Easter eggs and ham, we are invited to meditate on this divine reality. We are invited to feel the desperation and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones. Because it is not just Mary's story. It's not Peter and John's story. It's our story. From the greatest defeat can come the most awe-inspiring victory, and this is true not just for our God, but for each one of us. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



**Today's Homily**

Everything in the world grows old. Yet on this day a new life began that will never grow old: the life of the risen Christ, an eternal freshness, not just of the Spirit but of all material things.



Weekly Scripture Passage for Next Weekend  
April 27th & April 28th, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16 (45C)

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

Scripture readings are held each **Wednesday after 8am Mass in the Rectory.** These readings help us to prepare for the upcoming Sunday's Gospel.

**Prayers of the Faithful**

Robin Block,  
Jennifer Gurbackj,  
Rose Andrews,  
"Rosebud" Bouquet



Divine Mercy Sunday is April 28<sup>th</sup>.

There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 12:00-3:00pm. The Chaplet will be prayed after exposition at 12:00pm.

Please sign-up for a prayer time; the sign-up sheet is located in the vestibule.





*Strengthening the Church at Home*

Next weekend, we will take up the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Right now over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support of this appeal eases the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Thank you!

**Holy Land Gifts:**

Will be on sale before and after all Masses April 27th & 28th there will be a display of handmade articles in the Parish Hall including nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, the last supper and many other beautiful religious

articles. Because of the conflict in the region, many Christian families in Bethlehem are struggling to make ends meet. Holy Land Gifts represents over 100 Christian families whom make a living selling traditional olive wood handcrafts and religious articles. Thank you for supporting this project to keep the Christians present in the Holy Land, the birth place of Jesus. May God bless you!



**Gift to God:**

**Collection Week Of: 04/14/2019**

\$3,300 Regular Collection,  
\$30 Religious Education,

**Attendance Week Of: 04/14/2019**

Saturday Mass 5pm ~ 32  
Sunday Mass 8am ~ 81  
Sunday Mass 10:30am ~ 118  
Total = 231

Counters for April 28th ~ M  
September-March

YTD Collections	\$91,101
YTD Budget	\$92,404
YTD Variance	(\$1,303)



**Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week**

*M – Memorial A – Anniversary L –Living*

**Monday, April 22nd**

8am All Souls\*

**Tuesday, April 23rd**

8am Fr. Matt & the Wendzikowski Family

**Wednesday, April 24th**

8am Members of the Crib Donors Guild\*

**Thursday, April 25th**

8am Repose of the Soul of Robert Nall\*

**Friday, April 26th**

8am For All Parishioners

**Saturday, April 27th**

5pm Fr. Matt & the Wendzikowski Family

**Sunday, April 28th**

8am Repose of the Soul of Lucille Longo\*  
10:30am All Souls\*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday, April 27th  
8pm Help Needed  
Sunday, April 28th  
8am Zywczyński Children  
10:30am Alec Macy

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE**

Saturday, April 27th  
8pm N Hack & C Roth  
Sunday, April 28th  
8am J Montgomery & C Kramer  
10:30am S Youngers

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

Saturday, April 27th  
8pm Norm Turner  
Sunday, April 28th  
8am Bill Franczak  
10:30am Kathleen Gray

**SACRISTAN SCHEDULE**

Sat/Sun April 27th – April 28th  
•8pm A Howes • 8am Help Needed • 10:30am S Jackson