

Resurrection of the Lord, April 20, 2025


Intentions:
April 20 - For the repose of the soul of **Christopher Kelly**, requested by Jennifer, Ryan & Peter Kelly.
Mass Intentions: \$15.00

Offertory Collection

April 13 - \$857.00
Dev. & Peace \$60.00 Thank You

April 21

Saint Anselm: Born in 1033, Anselm was motivated to enter the monastery of Bec in Normandy due to the reputation of the great teacher, Lanfranc, Anselm became a monk at the age of 27, and a student and close friend of Lanfranc, eventually succeeding him as prior and abbot of Bec. After the Norman Conquest of England in 1066, William I replaced the English hierarchy with Normans, and Lanfranc was sent as archbishop of Canterbury. Three years after Lanfranc’s death, Anselm was in England (1093) and was forcibly made archbishop. Neither an administrator nor a politician by nature, he persevered nonetheless. Through his encouragement of English devotions, he helped heal the wounds of the Conquest on the English. Anselm’s fame lies in his role as theologian and philosopher. His argument for the existence of God still holds strong appeal. In his concern for the oppressed, he was one of the first opponents of the slave trade. Anselm died in 1109. Never formally canonized, he was made a Doctor of the Church in 1720.




Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Roy Campbell, Patricia Cassidy, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

Pope’s Intentions for the Month of April

For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

“In Jesus’ resurrection everything begins anew; creation regains its authentic meaning in the plan of salvation.
It is like a new beginning of history and of the cosmos, because Christ is risen.”
~ Saint John Paul II



Gospel Reflection: Even on this day when the gospel announces the risen Lord, we feel the contradictions that the resurrection mystery arouses—seeing and believing on the one hand, misunderstanding and confusion on the other. This mystery defies all human understanding. The Easter stories tells us that the resurrection isn’t something we understand, but believe and live. The challenge really lies in seeing and believing the resurrection comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice that bring new life to others. *(Living Liturgy, p.108)*

Vincentian Meditation:

On Easter Sunday Jesus rose gloriously from the tomb and in doing so He has given us, who believe in Him, an assurance that we, too, will, by His power, rise from the dead. There are people who say that there will be no resurrection, that there is nothing after death. When next you hear this, think of springtime. During the long hard winter, you wonder “Will spring ever come this year?” The ground was frozen hard and there was not a sign of life in the fields or on the trees. But now everything is changing. Flowers are appearing, the wheat is growing in the fields and leaves are beginning to appear on the trees. No human power can keep back springtime. Since the day Jesus Christ rose from the dead, the first signs of an eternal springtime have begun to appear. Each of us has met Christians who, despite great suffering that cannot be explained, have continued to believe that death is not the end. These people are signs for us that Jesus Christ has really risen. *(McCullen, Deep Down Things, p. 220)*





Administrator's Corner

Finding Hope and New Life in Christ: Reflections on Easter:

Today, we celebrate Easter Sunday—the day our Lord Jesus rose from the dead. This feast is the cornerstone of our liturgical year, surpassing even Christmas and Good Friday. Jesus’ resurrection not only confirms His divine nature but also promises our own future resurrection.

The true significance of Easter lies in the dramatic breakthrough from death to life it represents. Without this miracle, our faith would falter, and our message would ring hollow. As St. Paul reminds us, Christ’s victory over death guarantees our resurrection and eternal hope.

Easter is, at its heart, a celebration of hope. It offers a fresh start to the hopeless and reaffirms that the final word has not yet been written in our world—even when skeptics dismiss our optimism as mere fantasy or foolishness. Easter is the foundation of our resilience, the explanation behind what might seem like madness. No matter how insurmountable the obstacles, the grave could never hold Jesus permanently.

This sacred message reassures us that even the darkest and most challenging times are only temporary. For every believer, victory is promised—even if it comes gradually. If you are facing adversity, let Easter be a reminder that your triumph is on the horizon. Just as Jesus emerged victorious over death, God is ever ready to illuminate our darkest moments, guiding us through life’s hardships with unwavering faith and hope.

Moreover, Easter heralds a rebirth in Christ, inviting us to leave behind the burdens of sin through baptism and renewed faith. Jesus’ resurrection calls us to transform our lives by embracing His love and living in accordance with His teachings.

To truly live out the hope of Easter, we must weave its values into the fabric of our daily lives. This means reflecting on our actions and ensuring they mirror Christ’s teachings. By sharing simple acts of kindness, truly listening to one another, and offering genuine support, we embody the transformative power of the resurrection.

Practical expressions of this hope include volunteering, engaging deeply with our communities, and bravely sharing our personal faith stories. In doing so, we become living testaments to the resurrection’s power, inspiring others to discover the new life that comes through Christ.

As pilgrims of hope in this Jubilee Year, may the joy and promise of Easter remain with us always—guiding us to live a life filled with faith, love, and optimism. Let us cast the radiant light of Christ’s resurrection into every dark corner of the world, proving that our lives are a continual celebration of God’s immeasurable love. Alleluia!

Blessings to you and your family.


Father Anthony

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