

April 12  
2020

# Easter

## SUNDAY

HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD,  
AND HE IS GOING  
BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE.

Matthew 28:7



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# St. Rita Catholic Parish

*A Faith Community Since 1908*

**APRIL 12, 2020**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

### MASS TIMES

**SUNDAYS:** Sat. 5:30 pm (Vigil), 7:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

**WEEKDAYS:** Mon., Tues., Fri, and Sat. 8 am  
(Wed. & Thurs. 8 am Communion Service)

**HOLY DAYS:** (eve of) 5:30 pm; (day of) 8 am & 6:30 pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession) Saturdays 4 – 5 pm or by appointment

### DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Saturday 7:50 am

### ADORATION

First Friday 8:30 am – 5 pm, Rectory Oratory

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## SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms**

First Sunday of the month after the Noon Mass. Registration and Catechesis are prerequisites. Please contact the Parish Office.

**Marriages**

Contact the Parish Office upon engagement; at least six months is needed for preparation of this joyous sacrament!

**Reconciliation and First Eucharist**

Preparation for children who have attained the age of reason (usually during 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) is arranged either through the Religious Education Program or St. Rita Elementary School.

**Confirmation**

A two-year program for freshman/sophomore age teens. Please apply through the Youth Ministry Program.

**Communion for the Sick and Homebound**

St. Rita Eucharistic Ministers provide Communion home visits. Contact the Parish Office.

**Anointing of the Sick and Funeral Liturgies**

Please notify us for the Anointing of the Sick, the sacrament intended for the seriously ill or dying which brings Our Lord's special presence and companionship in serious time of need. If someone should die without anointing, remember that the desire to receive is sufficient.

If your loved one has passed, we will assist in making arrangements with your chosen funeral director; refer you to our Bereavement Ministry and Music Ministry; and offer you helpful guidelines that will aid in the selection of readings for a Mass or Memorial Service. We know this can be a tough time and we want you to know that your parish is here for you. Please understand we only have one resident priest; sometimes arrangements for another priest may be needed.



## *Easter Life*

Dear Parishioners and Visitors:

This may be the first time in the history of the Modern Church when public Masses did not occur on this most important of days. Today we celebrate the victory over sin and death. Jesus conquered and we need to remember the victory is His. At such challenging times, it isn't easy to do this, but such is our call. There have been challenging times throughout the history of the Church, times when the faithful were killed for their beliefs and sought solace in the victory of Jesus. While the challenges of today are unique, we are likewise called to find solace in Jesus and the victory we celebrate today - Easter Sunday.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we have our marching orders. Peter tells his listeners briefly the story of Jesus, how he "was put to death by hanging him on a tree" and how "God raised him on the third day." He then goes on to say, "he commissioned us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God."

Pope Francis has called all believers to be Missionary Disciples. This may sound scary but our Holy Father invites us to share the Good News - Jesus loves us, died for us, rose from the dead and offers us victory over sin and death. It's that simple and it is Good News!

During these challenging and changing times, may we find solace in our loving and saving God, who became incarnate (human) in the person of Jesus. Let us look at his life, his words and his values and try to implement them into our lives. Easter is always a celebration of New Life, and while this year's celebration looks different, the reality is the same - Jesus' resurrection brings us NEW LIFE. Testify to that new life as his missionary disciples. Peace and blessings to all of you.

—Fr. Tom

Rediscover  
the Saints

TWENTY-FIVE QUESTIONS  
THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
MATTHEW KELLY

### REFLECTION QUESTION

Each week I will include a reflection question based on a chapter from the Matthew Kelly book: "Rediscover the Saints." Please use this question for reflection and discussion with family, friends and parishioners. **St. Theresa of Lisieux was known for her "little way" and did little things with great love. Name some simple or small things you did for someone that seemed to make a big difference.**



*Keep these intentions in your heart as you make your spiritual communion while Mass restrictions are in place.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 11

7:30 PM For the people

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12

7:30 AM Carol Busser RIP

10:00 AM For all parishioners

12 NOON Patrick Phillip Nolan, Jr. RIP

### MONDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 AM Virginia Zajc Johnson RIP

### TUESDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 AM For victims of the pandemic

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

8:00 AM Communion Service

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 AM Communion Service

### FRIDAY, APRIL 17

8:00 AM Robert & Anna Schrodt RIP

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

8:00 AM Elizabeth Anne Phalen RIP

5:30 PM For all parishioners

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

7:30 AM Patricia Balderas RIP

10:00 AM Pope Francis INT

12 NOON Amy Rodriguez INT



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (*Acts 10:34a, 37-43*).

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

**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*).

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO REQUEST OUR PRAYERS:



Joe Hernandez, Michael Joseph Parada, Joan Juenemann, Charles Humphrey, Mark Stone, Joseph & Josephine Gruppie, Eleanor Raleigh, Margaux Viera, Patti Huber, Marsha Joy, Kellie Loera, Charles Baker, Gilbert Gonzalez, Genise Tully, Mary Kiss, Lisa Bowman, Susan Devin, Sawtell John, Inez Ybarra, Francesca DiFranco, Charlotte Meyer, Richard Forcione, Mary Kathryn Genzlinger, Toni Baiunco, Jacquie Marshall Martin, Teresa D'Agostaro, Carmen Ruiz, Maria Blust, Daisy Walters, Salvatore Termini, Mary Rodriguez, Pete & Daisy Olson, Margaret Fala, Hannah Waken, Clare Greteman, Lalo Arriaga, Jim Crilly, Trini Marti, Joann Little, Luz Arriaga, Doug Peterson, Sandra Osborne, Evelyn Tres, Gerald Dreaan, Toni Navarro, Tonyja Blakeslee, Edith Olah, Fred Mycroft, Joseph Moore.



In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Augustine Institute has offered St. Rita's parishioners FREE access to **Formed.org** for 40 days. **Formed.org** is an online library containing the best Catholic movies, faith formation videos, audio talks, and great children's videos. We hope that each family, the domestic church, will find this platform helpful in fostering faith at home.

To sign up on **Formed.org**:

1. Select "I belong to a parish or organization."
2. Enter "St. Rita Sierra Madre CA"
3. Type your name and email address, then click "Sign Up." Free access will expire on May 4, 2020.

## Act of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the blessed sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you.

But since I cannot receive communion at this moment, feed my soul at least spiritually.

I unite myself to you now as I do when I actually receive you. Amen.

—St. Alphonsus Liguori

**HE IS RISEN**  
the Lord is risen indeed

### St. Rita Bible Study

Jim and Alice Cobbin have posted some episodes of Catholic Bible Study on YouTube. Join them in examining the book of 1 Peter. You can view their channel by visiting this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-k5eZwGvFi9ctNr1fv9FYg>