



On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

JOHN 20:1



Bit by Bit

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Looking for proof of the resurrection is like looking for proof of love. Sometimes, we realize only gradually—bit by bit—that we are loved. John's Gospel abounds with images of light and darkness. So when this Sunday's Easter Gospel recounts Mary of Magdala going to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark, the gospel is not simply marking the time of day. It's noting that what was taking place was before they believed in the resurrection, when they were still in the dark. All sorts of hints about the resurrection begin to occur: Mary sees the stone rolled away, Peter and the other disciple go to the tomb and find the burial cloths. They see the cloth that had covered his head rolled up and set aside. No apparition of Jesus, no men in white garments, no angels. Only hints that with the resurrection of Jesus,

God has made all life new and destined for resurrection.

What, then, might one do who is plagued by doubts? Look for hints of resurrection, of life coming about where one expects only death (as if to symbolically enter the tomb). What types of hints? Going for counseling, as frightening as that may be, and finding peace. Talking through a problem in marriage. Finding that empty-nesting gives way to new life. Discovering retirement's gifts. Making a dreaded move to a new city or school. The resurrection of Jesus means God makes all life new. We only need to see it and discover that, bit by bit, it leads to faith. ●

Reflect

What are the hints of resurrection surrounding me? Have I missed any?

Saint Benedict Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours: 9:00am-2:00pm on Wednesday and Friday

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: As the Roman Catholic Mother Church of Greensboro, St. Benedict's Parish mission, responding faithfully to Christ's call, is to bring all people closer to God through liturgy, fellowship, service, outreach, and works of charity.

Rev. James Duong, Pastor

Lynne McGrath, Secretary & Faith Formation Coordinator

Weekend Mass

Sat. Miraculous Medal

Novena at 4:45pm

Mass at 5:00pm

Sun. Mass at 8am & 11am

Chaplet of Divine

Mercy after 11am

Mass

Confessions

Weekdays before 12:15

Mass

Saturday 4 - 4:30pm

Weekday Mass

Rosary at 11:45am

Mass Monday - Friday

12:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

after Mass

NO MASS on Thursday

Bulletin requests must be in the Parish Office by noon Wednesday, ten (10) days in advance of the weekend of publication.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Welcome all new families and individuals. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at St. Benedict, and for the parish to issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors. You must be a registered, contributing member for at least three (3) months before a certificate will be given. Registration forms are available in the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you are seriously ill, going in for surgery or weak from old age, you may receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Please contact Fr. Duong if you desire to receive this sacrament.

HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME & SHUT-IN VISITS: If you or any members of your family are sick or in the hospital or a nursing home, and you'd like Communion brought to you/them, please call the parish office.

FAITH FORMATION: All classes from pre-K to high school are on Sundays from **9:15-10:30am** in the parish hall. For more information call Lynne McGrath.

RCIA: Please call the parish office for more information.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made with a priest/deacon at least six (6) months in advance. Call the parish office for more information.

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20, 2025

For all who have died,
and that their families and loved ones rejoice anew in
the hope of the Resurrection and promise of eternal life.

MASS SCHEDULE

INTENTIONS

4/19	EASTER VIGIL	8:00pm	For the Parishioners
4/20	EASTER	8:00am	For the Parishioners
		11:00am	For the Parishioners
4/21	Monday	NO MASS	
4/22	Tuesday	NO MASS	
4/23	Wednesday	NO MASS	
4/24	Thursday	NO MASS	
4/25	Friday	12:15pm	Room at the Inn
4/26	Saturday	5:00pm	For the Parishioners
4/27	Sunday	8:00am	+ Rita Bliden
		11:00am	In honor of the Divine Mercy

+ denotes deceased

Keeping Our Military in Our Prayers

Khiem Villarin
Kharll Skycer Villarin
Sgt. W.R. Williams III
Maj. Russel Henderson
Sgt. Bryanna Spade
Sgt. Kyle Spade
April Ducote
Aaron Gaither
Phillip Kiniery
Christopher Simmons
Kris Guffey
Jennifer Kmiecinski

Sick and Shut-In

Please remember our brothers and sisters
in your prayers and at Mass: Lynn Clay,
Richard Collings, Virgil Dotson, Janice
Drasler, Martha Eakes, Tracy Edwards,
Kimberly Oliver, Barbara Parsons,
George Pickett, Dan Popik, Cam Reitzel,
Luke & Heather Robinson, Manny &
Laura Rodrigues, Stefano Rosic, Kim
Snyder, Vivian Speetjens, Marvin Tomlin
Jr., Teresa Thu Tran, Roberta VanPelt,
Frank Williams, Wilson, Brian Wilson,
Jean Wilson

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Offertory	\$ 2,000.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 585.00

THANK YOU!

MINISTER SCHEDULE: APRIL 26 AND 27

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>E.M.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>
5 pm	Danielle Hayes	Brendan Hodges	Emily, Jelyssa	Christine Gnaster
8 am	Mary Ann Garcia	David Kolosieke	Raul, Mary, Jose	
11 am	Myra Vazquez	Laura Rosic	Ava	Choir

REFLECTION



"Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen but believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."

LEAVE A LEGACY

Imagine a gift that gives forever. That's exactly what your planned gift to our endowment(s) can do. What you give today will strengthen our community at St. Benedict's by providing perpetual financial support. Contact Gina Rhodes at 704-370-3364 or gmrhodes@rcdoc.org to learn more about giving to one of our endowments or establishing your own for the purpose at St. Benedict's that is most meaningful to you.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I see my life and my world differently with eyes of faith!



PARISH NEWS

**DIOCESAN
SUPPORT
APPEAL 2025**

Reflecting God's Light

THE DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL (DSA) 2025 is underway. We are all called to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters both here in our parish and in the diocese. **The target for St. Benedict's is \$31,234.** To date, 17 families have donated or pledged. Thank you!

THE PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 28, in the parish hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

JOB OPPORTUNITY St. Benedict's is looking for a parttime organist/pianist, mainly for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. If interested, or know of someone who might qualify, please contact Father Duc at 336-272-0303 or Stbenedictgreensboro@rcdoc.org.

THE SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for the Seminarian Education Collection.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The Second Sunday of Easter is dedicated as the Divine Mercy Sunday. On that day, we reflect on God's love for us and the whole world. We are called to respond to his love. On April 27 at 2:30 p.m., we will have Divine Mercy Liturgy with Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction. Let us come to pray and give thanks for the gift of God's love for us.

FAITH FORMATION

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

The Confirmation candidates will be hosting an **EASTER EGG HUNT** today for all children after the 11 a.m. Mass. Please come and enjoy this celebration.



This week we say **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to:



Alex Robinson (4/27), Priscilla Torres (4/27), Joanne Murphy (4/29),
Juan Espitia-Garcia (4/30), Frank Perreira (5/1), Alexandra Starr (5/1),
Catherine Bagnoli (5/1)

The Lord is Risen!

Alleluia!

Happy Easter!



EASTER NOTES: Continuing the celebration of Easter, St. Benedict's Parish would like to say "THANKS" to all parishioners who helped and participated during Lent and Easter:

- Altar servers, the choir, lectors, Eucharist ministers, and ushers
- Those who participated during Holy Thursday liturgy as "the Apostles"
- Those who helped clean and decorate our church
- Those who helped with the Vigil reception
- Those who donated Easter flowers
- Youth Group for the Easter Egg Hunt.

May our Risen Lord - Jesus Christ - bless you, your family and your ministries.

EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY / HONOR OF ...

All Deceased Parishioners of St. Benedict Catholic Church

All Benefactors of St. Benedict Catholic Church

Ray Family	+ Alan Pagan	+ Mr. & Mrs. William F. Kauder
Higginbotham Family	+ Haydee Pereira	+ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DePaoli
+ Ralph Lepore	+ Million Family	+ Joseph R. DePaoli
+ Maria Colamarino	+ VanPelt Family	+ Don & Bea Clark
+ John P. Watterson	+ George & Robin VanPelt	+ Bill Saffer
+ Janice Watterson	+ Bob Forrest	Doris Saffer
+ Maureen Giancontieri	+ Roy Hagerstrom	+ Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hagerstrom
+ John P. Watterson II	+ Betty Lou Johnson	+ Roy Hagerstrom
+ Yiyun Wang	+ Cravon Capps	+ Nick Menzzento
+ Eryn Ding	+ Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Rodrigues Sr.	+ Mr. L.C. Scheidelman
+ Santiago Vazquez	+ Mr. & Mrs. Archie Capps	Alma Scheidelman
+ Anthony Vazquez	+ Edwin Capps	Novotny Family
	+ Doris D. Kauder	



April 20, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 | Jn 20:1-9

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

After years (and, for many of us, decades) of celebrating Easter, we may not be sensitive to the sheer peculiarity of the Resurrection accounts. But a close reading of today's Gospel prompts us to ask: If most of us were dreaming up the greatest event in history, wouldn't we have made it more exciting? A little fanfare would have gotten the message out to the world and nipped future skepticism in the bud. Yet this is not what God did. The account of Jesus' resurrection has no fanfare; in fact, it is not an account of a resurrection at all. It is a story of an empty tomb discovered by a woman from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons (cf. Lk 8:2), and two fishermen. Awestruck by the simplicity of these circumstances, we are inspired to adore the profound humility of God who invites – but never forces – us to respond to him in faith.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Although we cannot know exactly why God chose to arrange the events this way, today's second reading offers a hint: "For you have died," writes St. Paul, "and your life is hidden with Christ in God." This world which we consider home, and everything that comes to mind when we say "my life" – these are only shadows of the life that is found in Christ alone. Like the disciples in the Gospel, we are meant to gaze past the outward appearances of our mundane and sometimes pain-filled lives and, with the eyes of faith, place our hope in the true *life* that comes from God. But how often we forget! How often we live as if this world were all there was, without hope for eternal life! We are not alone in forgetting God's promises; Mary Magdalene and the disciples do not seem to expect Jesus' resurrection – even though he had repeatedly predicted it. At the tomb, they sought a dead body; but Jesus wished to offer them *his life*. We, likewise, must desire and seek his life by laying aside everything that does not lead us to him.

REJOICE

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Although we don't place our hope in this life, marking the Church's feasts in our homes and families can inspire us to seek "what is above" by giving us a foretaste of the joys of heaven. Today through next Sunday, as we celebrate the "Easter Octave," every day is Easter Day! Use simple reminders – decorations, an extra treat, an additional time of prayer – to rejoice each day of the Octave.

Dear Padre,

I was baptized as a baby, but I never really went to church. Lately, I've been attending Mass. Are there steps I should take before I receive Communion?

The first step is to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation (confession). This is a wonderful opportunity to be officially welcomed back into full practice with the Church. After such a long absence, it is important to examine your conscience and celebrate the forgiveness of the Lord before you receive holy Communion.

I would also recommend that you “beef up” your understanding of what it means to be a practicing Catholic. You might do this by participating in your parish's process for the Christian Initiation of Adults (called OCIA or sometimes RCIA). The Liguori Publications program, *Journey of Faith*, is one resource used by many parish communities. Another possibility is to use some of the resources offered online, such as Bishop Robert Barron's *Word on Fire* website, which has a fine reputation.

I am happy you have responded to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within you and answered the call to deepen your spiritual practice and journey. The Church needs you. The people of God welcome you. You are beloved among us, and your response in faith is a powerful witness, a reminder to those who may be tempted to take for granted the gift of faith. Thank you. ●



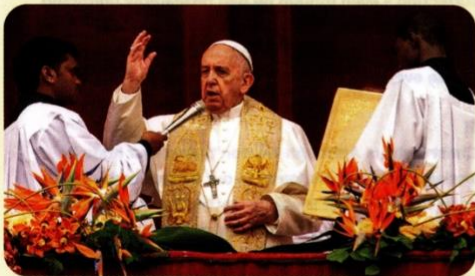
A candidate and his sponsor sit for a photo after an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) class. LOS ANGELES TIMES VIA GETTY IMAGES

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27
<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy</i>
Acts 2:14, 22-33	Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18	Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35	Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48	Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14	Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15	Acts 5:12-16 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31
Mt 28:8-15						

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We welcome the Easter message: “Peace be with you!” Brothers and sisters, let us allow the peace of Christ to enter our lives, our homes, our countries!... Let there be a decision for peace.... Please, please, let us not get used to war!... May the leaders of nations hear people’s plea for peace.

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