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**April 2021 Parish Bulletin**

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### **CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE**

**All Worship Services are at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted.**

April 4, 2021:	Easter Sunday	+Fr. Carl
April 11, 2021:	Second Sunday of Easter	+Fr. Bob
April 18, 2021:	Third Sunday of Easter	+Fr. Carl
April 25, 2021:	Fourth Sunday of Easter	+Fr. Bob

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## Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

## **SUNDAY SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

**April 4, 2021 – Easter Sunday:** Today's Gospel highlights Peter and Mary Magdalene, both of whom found new life in their relationship with Christ. They both needed a second chance, and both found blessing in the miraculous happenings of Easter. Their faith became as "the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." May we, too, "think of what is above, not of what is on earth." (Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8, John 20:1-9)

**April 12, 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter:** On his first Easter appearance Jesus bestowed three significant gifts: peace, the mandate to preach, and the Spirit of reconciliation and mercy. These gifts brought grace as well as obligation. However, the Lord's commandments "are not burdensome," but life-giving. We are grateful to the Lord that through these gifts we are made one with him and with all our brothers and sisters in faith. (Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31)

**April 18, 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter:** Peter and the other apostles boldly preached that Jesus is the Messiah, put to death as "an expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world." By his death and resurrection, forgiveness and peace were restored. The charge of Jesus to the disciples of Emmaus is our mission, too: "You are witnesses of these things." (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 John 2:1-5a, Luke 24:35-48)

**April 25, 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:** The Good Shepherd reminds his followers to be wary of the many voices that call out for allegiance. "The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him." The Son, the cornerstone, was rejected by those who presumed to build. But, we want to recognize Jesus as the cornerstone of our lives, so that we can look forward to being one with him and seeing him "as he is." (Acts 4:8-12, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18)



# alleluia!

*Christ has Risen!*

**The Easter Season begins on Easter Sunday and ends fifty days later on Pentecost Sunday; this year April 4 through May 23. Here are a few insightful quotations from various sources that are worth our pondering "along the way" during this Easter Season.**

The Easter feeling does not end. It signals a new beginning, Of nature, spring, and brand new life, and friendship, peace, and giving. The spirit of Easter is all about hope, love, and joyful living. *Author Unknown*

**Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.** *Martin Luther*

The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies. *Kate McGahan*

**And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.**  
Corinthians 6:14

We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence. *Pope Francis*

**The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day He created spring.** *Bernard Williams*

Easter is the demonstration of God that life is essentially spiritual and timeless. *George M. Crowe*

**Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.** *Pope John Paul II*

The great gift of Easter is hope. *Basil Hume*

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
*Easter Sunday Mass*

## From the Pastor's Desk

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

**Congratulations!** Congratulations to our parishioners who have a special reason to celebrate this month!

Birthdays:           Jan Williamson – 4/9  
                              Emily Jacobi – 4/19

Anniversaries:       +Carl & Rosann Swaringim – 4/3 – 50 years!

**Sympathies:** The parish extends its deepest sympathies to our parishioners and friends who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:

**Rita Kreutz** – past parish liturgist and musician, dear friend and mentor to +Fr. Bob Catlett. +Fr. Bob and Rita worked together for almost 45 years in the pastoral music profession. Her obituary can be viewed at <https://www.ziegenheinfuneralhome.com/obituary/Rita-Kreutz>.

**Prayer Requests:** Please remember our parishioners and friends who have asked for prayers:

Erlaine Eltomi – recovering from a medical procedure.

**In- Person Worship Service Times:** Praise be to God! We have resumed our in-person worship services at 2:00 PM every Sunday! We are limited to 60 people and must continue to wear masks and practice social distancing. Invite a friend or two to join us!