

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34,37-43.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118.

RESPONSE:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

1. Give praise to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures forever.' **R**
2. 'The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds; his right hand is exalted.
The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds.' I shall not die, I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord. **R**
3. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done, a marvel in our eyes. **R**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed; let us, therefore, celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

VIGIL MASS TEXTS: Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118 (Alleluia x3); Matthew 28:1-10.

Redemptorist PARISH MISSION

A parish mission – or retreat – is a time of renewal, evangelization, and conversion, rooted in the very identity of the Church. From her earliest days, the Church has gathered the faithful to rekindle faith, deepen prayer, and renew the spirit of discipleship.

Typically, a mission includes:

- Morning Mass
- Midday Novena & Exposition
- Evening Mission Service
- Confession

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 6 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 2:14,22-33; Psalm 16; Matthew 28:8-15

"When we say hallelujah on this Easter morning, we're also saying hallelujah to our own lives, to where they're going, to what we believe in, and hope for." – Fr Richard Rohr OFM

Tue 7 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33; John 20:11-18

"The Jesus who leaves the tomb challenges our complacency with the forces of death – hopelessness, fear, discouragement, and lack of will. Don't let death have the last word in your story." – Mary Kownacki

Wed 8 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105; Luke 24:13-35

None of us crosses over this gap from death to new life by our own effort, our own merit, our own purity, or our own perfection. Each of us is carried across by unearned grace.

Thu 9 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8; Luke 24:35-48

"Who does not seek Resurrection? Who does not seek a full and fuller life? To be Resurrection for another I need to be Resurrection for myself. How am I Resurrection for others? How am I Life for others?" – Matthew Fox

Fri 10 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118; John 21:1-14

Resurrection is a commitment to hope and being reborn. It is a commitment to creativity, to the Spirit who "makes all things new" (Revelation 21:5). Resurrection is the Spirit's work. It is life of the Spirit.

Sat 11 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118; Mark 16:9-15

"The resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion.... That hope is not an evasion, but a challenge; it does not delude, but empowers us." – Pope Francis

Sun 12 Apr 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118; John 20:19-31

Surrender is accepting the reality that we are not in control. It "is the discovery that we are in a river of love and that we float without having to do anything." – David Benner, *Surrender to Love*

KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)

Catholic Link

RESURRECTION IS A VERB

Resurrection of the Lord • Year A
Divine Office: Week I • 5 April 2026

Easter Sunday

Resurrection is a Verb" seems an unusual umbrella title for a *Catholic Link* series, but the catchphrase draws attention to the truth that the resurrection is not a once-off historical event but an ongoing dynamic in creation and salvation. The story is told of the late Archbishop Denis Hurley OMI of Durban who always preached about the Resurrection at the confirmations he did. One day his Vicar General, travelling with him to a parish asked, "Well, Your Grace, I suppose you'll be talking about the Resurrection again?" To which Hurley replied, "Is there anything else?" He understood at its core what St Paul means by saying, "If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:14)

Notice the statement that resurrection applies both to creation and salvation. Indeed, Jesus himself uses an image from creation to describe his Paschal Mystery: "...unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24).

So, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ today, let us celebrate it in the dynamic terms of the glorious workings of the Blessed Trinity, bringing creation out of nothing (the "formless, empty void" described by the Book of Genesis), and life out of death in the tomb in which the dead Jesus of Nazareth had been laid.

God the Father is the first "agent", if we may use that term, in raising Jesus from the dead. As St Paul puts it when explaining our baptism, "... just as Christ was raised from

the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in the newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). God is the source of all life, even the Risen Life of his Beloved Son, in whose Risen life we already participate.

Yet, in his divine unity within the Trinity, Christ himself is also an agent of resurrection, in his own person defeating death. Speaking of the temple of his body and his future resurrection, Jesus declared, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). John the Evangelist is always careful to declare that divine power resides within Jesus himself. Elsewhere in John's gospel, Jesus reminds his hearers of his authority to both "lay down his life" and to "take it up again" (John 10:17-18). Nor must we forget Jesus' powerful words before raising Lazarus from the grave, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

What of the role of the Holy Spirit? In the Creed we declare the Spirit to be "the Lord and giver of life." Romans 8:11 points to the Spirit's role: "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."

So, the three persons of the Trinity are involved in Christ's Resurrection in distinct ways, yet always in unison. This is the very ground of our being. By grace, through Baptism, we participate in the life of the Risen Christ and the daily practical consequences of what that means.



The Resurrection. From an Ethiopian prayer book.
17th or beginning of the 18th century

