

Most Holy Trinity Parish

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Catholic 101

Why Do We Celebrate Easter for 50 Days?

by Rev. Lawrence Rice, CSP

Most people think of Easter as a single day. It's never had the commercial appeal of Christmas, and because it always falls on Sunday, most people don't get an additional day off from work. But for Catholics, Easter isn't just a day, it's a whole season. The Easter season stretches all the way to the feast of Pentecost. Lent, which sometimes feels like it's stretching on forever, is actually forty days long. Easter, on the other hand, is all of fifty days long. About these fifty days theologian Nathan Mitchell writes:

'The great fifty days of Pentecost are not an unwelcome, unrealistic obligation to "party on," even if we don't feel like it, but an invitation to explore more deeply "the weather of the heart," to awaken our memory of God's presence and power in our lives, to look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation.'

One way the church pursues this goal of seeing God present in the world is through the reading of the Acts of the Apostles. At Masses all through the Easter season, our usual practice of reading from the Old Testament is replaced by reading from the Acts of the Apostles. These readings tell the story of the church's earliest days, and the beginnings of our faith's spreading throughout the ancient world. These stories of heroism, controversies, persecutions and miracles all testify to the continued presence of the Risen Christ in the world, through the lives of his disciples, and the actions of the Holy Spirit.

All of this should be an encouragement and a sign of hope for us today. Despite war, violence, personal struggles, and an under-performing economy, God has not abandoned us, nor left us to our own devices. The risen savior is still with us. These 50 days of Easter ask us to reflect on his presence, and—even in the face of danger or fear—to live with joy.

*They ate their meals with exaltation
and sincerity of heart,
praising God and enjoying favor with all people!*

Acts of the Apostles 2:46, 47



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We welcome those visiting our parish today! We invite you to join us every Sunday at 9:30 AM. We are actively seeking new members.



Parish Mass Schedule:

4 PM Saturday (Rectory Chapel)
9:30 AM Sunday (Church)
9 AM Wednesday School Mass during school year (in Church)

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Food Pantry / Utility Assistance:

Provided by OLPH Food Pantry/St. Vincent de Paul. Serves residents of zip 63107. Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 9 AM - noon, located on 4335 Warne Ave. **314-535-9794. Note: phone answered only during operating hours.** For information on donating or volunteering, please go to www.helpstlouis.org.

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Mrs. Jessica Kilmade, Principal

Theme of Today's Holy Mass

Give thanks to God for the gift of faith; we have not seen but we believe.

MASS INTENTIONS

4/23	Sunday	Second Sunday of Easter
	9:30 AM	Patricia Shreves
4/24	Monday	Easter Weekday (2)
4/25	Tuesday	St. Mark, the Evangelist
4/26	Wednesday	Easter Weekday (2)
	9:00	
4/27	Thursday	Easter Weekday (2)
4/28	Friday	Easter Weekday (2)
4/29	Saturday	St. Catherine of Siena
	4:00 PM	
4/30	Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter
	9:30 AM	


Please pray for our sick ...

Helen Barber, Piero Busciglio, Father Rich, Charles Jones, Sr. (Rocky's father), Tillie Plouder, Sharon Ann Ryan, Dorothy Schulte (Don McFarland's mom), Dana Schmierbach (S. Janice's niece), Andrew Tracy, and the needs of the Usanga family.

Last Collection: 4/16/2017

\$ 855.00	Parishioner Tithes
168.00	Loose Contributions
75.00	Building & Maintenance
0.00	Holy Days/Special Collections
\$ 1,098.00	Total—Thank you

Liturgical Roles for Next Week

April 29 & 30 	
Saturday	
Presider	S. Janice Munier, SSND
Lector	S. Joyelle Proot, SSND
Sunday	
First Reading	Elizabeth Hopson
Second Reading	Robin Feeherty
Eucharistic Ministers	Kenneth Patterson
	Sharon Ann Ryan
	Mary Eikmeier
	Ann Russek
Cross Bearer	Doris Speed
Sacramentary	Rodney Buchek

50 Days of Easter ... ENJOY

Readings for This Week

Monday	Acts 2: 42-47/ Ps 118: 2-4. 13-15. 22-24/ 1 Pt 1: 3-9/ Jn 20: 19-31
Tuesday	Acts 4: 23-31/ Ps 2: 1-3. 4-7a. 7b-9/ Jn 3: 1-8
Wednesday	1 Pt 5: 5b-14/ Ps 89: 2-3. 6-7. 16-17/ Mk 16: 15-20
Thursday	Acts 5: 17-26/ Ps 34: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Jn 3: 16-21
Friday	Acts 5: 27-33/ Ps 34: 2 and 9. 17-18. 19-20/ Jn 3: 31-36
Saturday	Acts 5: 34-42/ Ps 27: 1. 4. 13-14/ Jn 6: 1-15
Sunday	Acts 6: 1-7/ Ps 33: 1-2. 4-5. 18-19/ Jn 6: 16-21

Second Sunday of Easter

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This Easter season draws us into deep reflection on the meaning of Christ's life, Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension, and leads us through the development of the first Christian communities. Sunday by Sunday, we are invited to consider the place of Christ in our lives; the demands of faith and call to mission of discipleship.

Today we celebrate the gift of mercy. The mercy we have been given at Eucharist must be shared. We need to walk into situations of desolation and work to restore unity and share with others the life that Jesus proclaimed while on earth. This gospel invites you to experience the Lord breathing the gift of mercy upon you this day, and then go and extend mercy to others.

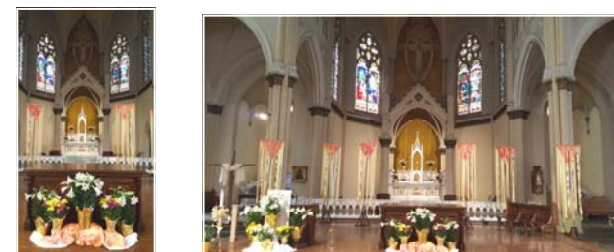
S. Janice

Thank You!



"Thank you" to all for celebrating Holy Week in such a magnificent way - Liturgy committee, Set-up volunteers for each celebration, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Greeters, Choir, and all participants. It was truly a sacred and blessed time at Most Holy Trinity. This is the Church's holiest time and after twenty centuries, we still boldly announce to the world:

Christ lives!



Gatherings this coming Week

Thursday, 4/27

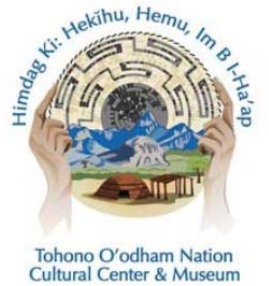
- 7 PM, Choir Practice

A Note From S. Janice ...

I will be visiting the Tohono O'odham reservation in Sells, Arizona this week returning on Friday, April 28. Should any concerns arise please contact Carol Nowak at the rectory.

I would appreciate prayers for myself and the native peoples there.

S. Janice



There are THREE tickets available to attend the Lwanga center dinner where both S. Janice and Matthew Lindsay will be honored. The parish is subsidizing the dinner tickets and your cost will be **only \$25**. Please call the rectory for more info. First come, first served.

Please join S. Janice in welcoming our newest parish staff member ... Mrs. Evie Moore. Evie and her husband have lived in the community for ten years. They have four lovely daughters, three of whom attend



Most Holy Trinity Catholic School and Academy. In addition to her many skills, Evie finds time to coach a girl's competitive dance team. **Welcome!**