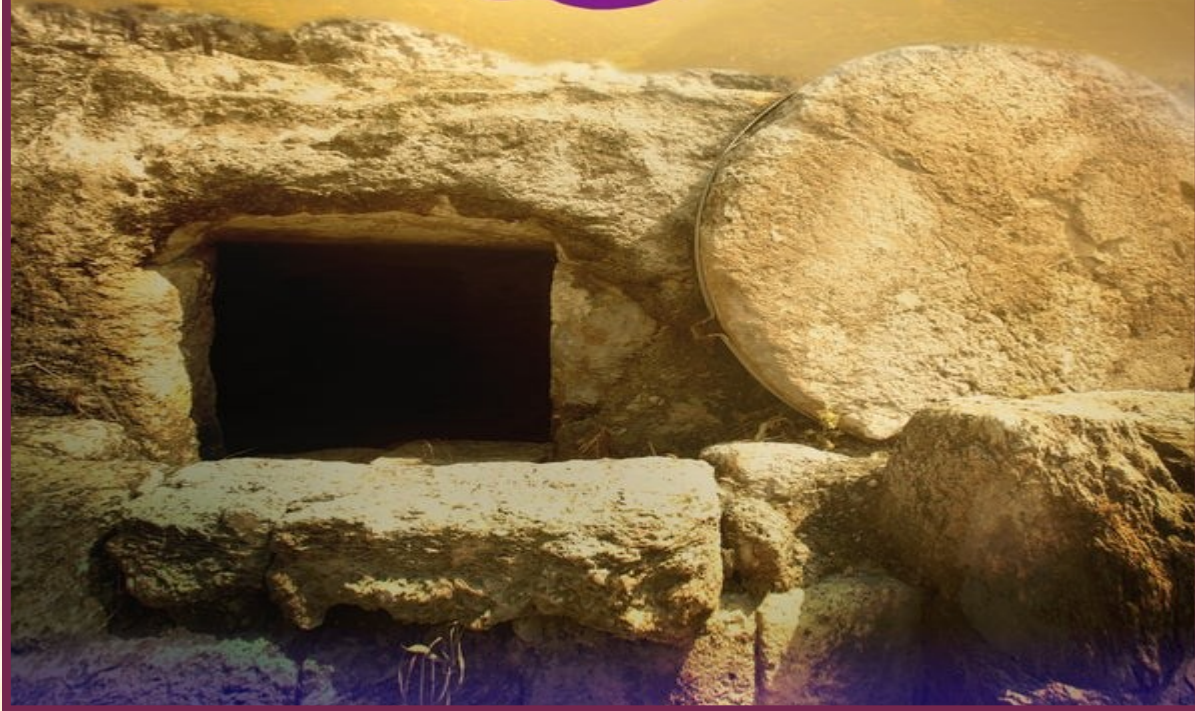


EASTER SUNDAY

the
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APRIL 5, 2026

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EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 5, 2026



Happy Easter!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! On this Easter Sunday we are invited to stand at the empty tomb with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John where the first instances of light penetrate the darkness of Good Friday. Upon arriving at the tomb in the early hours of the morning, these witnesses encounter signs that shatter despair: the stone rolled away, the linens left behind, the head cloth neatly folded. These are the signature proofs that Christ is Risen, He has defeated death by death and we rejoice with Him over this victory!

Pope St. John Paul II captures the joy by saying: [The Church celebrates the great mystery of the Resurrection with exultation... a joy that continues... embracing all times and all places.] The disciples who witnessed the empty tomb teach us to be eager about proclaiming this reality that Christ is Risen and had each person with a beating human heart in mind as He died for our sins. Our parish is deeply impacted by this joy!

In a world torn by war, violence, division and persecution, we run to the tomb of our struggles. The empty tomb calls us to leave sin's linens behind, folding away old fears. As we conclude our lenten disciplines, let's continue to purify our hearts and intentions.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! May this truth renew us all.

In Christ's Resurrection joy,

Father Cruz

Feliz Pascua!

¡Aleluya! ¡Cristo ha resucitado! En este Domingo de Pascua se nos invita a situarnos junto al sepulcro vacío con María Magdalena, Pedro y Juan, donde los primeros rayos de luz penetran en la oscuridad del Viernes Santo. Al llegar al sepulcro en las primeras horas de la mañana, estos testigos encuentran señales que rompen la desesperación: la piedra removida, los lienzos abandonados, el sudario cuidadosamente doblado. Estas son las pruebas inconfundibles de que Cristo ha resucitado, de que ha vencido a la muerte con la muerte, ¡y nos regocijamos con Él por esta victoria!

El papa San Juan Pablo II capta esta alegría diciendo: [La Iglesia celebra el gran misterio de la Resurrección con júbilo... una alegría que perdura... abarcando todos los tiempos y todos los lugares.] Los discípulos que fueron testigos del sepulcro vacío nos enseñan a estar ansiosos por proclamar esta realidad de que Cristo ha resucitado y que, al morir por nuestros pecados, tuvo en mente a cada persona con un corazón humano que late. ¡Nuestra parroquia está profundamente conmovida por esta alegría!

En un mundo desgarrado por la guerra, la violencia, la división y la persecución, corremos hacia el sepulcro de nuestras luchas. El sepulcro vacío nos llama a dejar atrás las vestiduras del pecado, doblando los viejos temores. Al concluir nuestras prácticas cuaresmales, sigamos purificando nuestros corazones y nuestras intenciones.

¡Cristo ha resucitado de verdad! ¡Aleluya! Que esta verdad nos renueve a todos.

En la alegría de la Resurrección de Cristo,

Padre Cru

WELCOME VISITORS

We are happy to have you join us today and every Sunday. You enrich our Masses by your presence and your participation. We hope that you find our liturgies here to be an inspiring celebration of our faith. Please come back again and often.

Reciben a los visitantes

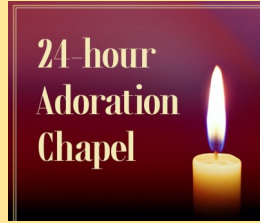
Estamos encantados de que te unas a nosotros hoy y todos los domingos. A enriquecer nuestras misas por su presencia y su anticipación. Esperamos que encuentre nuestras liturgias aquí para ser una celebración inspiradora de nuestra fe. Por favor, vuelve otra vez ... y con frecuencia.

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PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 6 & Easter Tuesday, April 7 and will reopen at 9:00A on Wednesday, April 8.

There will be NO EVENING MASS on Monday, April 6.



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ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

For the newly baptized (neophytes) at the Easter Vigil, the Easter season is a 50-day period of "mystagogy"—a time to deepen their understanding of the mysteries they received—spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost.

It is a period of intense joy, initiation, and formation, marking their new life as children of God and active members of the Church.

- < The Easter Octave: The first eight days (from Easter Sunday to Divine Mercy Sunday) are celebrated as one continuous feast, with special focus on the newly baptized.
- < Masses for Neophytes: The Sundays of Easter are considered "Masses for the neophytes," where they are encouraged to attend together to continue their fortion (mystagogy) and reflect on their baptismal experience.

Please call Dcn. Jaime 602-867-9171 x316 or email: dcnjgarcia@stjoanofarc.com for more information.

BEST YEARS FELLOWSHIP



SENIOR MINISTRY...

The April Senior Ministry Luncheon will be on Thursday, April 16 at 11:30a. Thank you.

Thanks you to all who contributed to the Senior Ministry Dessert Night.

Over 55 & want information about the Senior Ministry, please call Barbara Matthews at 602-867-9171x312.

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As part of the Jeff Cavins
↑ GREAT ADVENTURE↓
series, we are offering
↑ REVELATON—

THE KINGDOM YET TO COME↓ "

It will begin on Wednesday , February 25, at 9:30am in Santa Maria Hall and will run for 10 weeks. The book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, has confused may readers.

Now we have this opportunity to understand its message of hope,

For more information, please contact Clarice Stauble at 830-377-7718.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday
John 20:1-9

Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he *ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.* (John 20:4) But only after Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured—but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus's resurrection fast—love him, for love is best.

Fr. John Muir

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

5 de abril de 2026
Domingo de Pascua
Juan 20:1-9

La experiencia de la Pascua de aquella mañana era, sin lugar a duda, clara y perfecta: se trataba de ver y creer. Al amanecer, muy tempranito, fue María Magdalena al sepulcro para buscar al Señor; sin embargo, ¡qué sorpresa tan grande! Estaba movida la piedra del sepulcro. De inmediato regresó para avisar a Pedro y a Juan, y les dijo: *Se han llevado del sepulcro al Señor, y no sabemos dónde lo han puesto* (Juan 20:2). ¡Qué tremenda sorpresa para ellos! Después de ver sufrir a Jesús en la cruz, ahora estaba desaparecido. Sin embargo, ese no era el plan trazado por Dios para comprender la resurrección de su Hijo. Los más cercanos a Jesús —los que habían caminado juntos, predicando, curando a los enfermos y haciendo milagros— ahora tenían que testificar que Jesús había resucitado, que estaba vivo y que era el mismo que había compartido el pan con ellos.

El Evangelio nos dice: *No habían entendido todavía la Escritura: él debía resucitar de entre los muertos* (Juan 20:9). ¡Cristo vive! En verdad ha resucitado: este es el grito de sus discípulos y de la creación entera, entonces y ahora. El gozo y la alegría deben brotar del corazón de cada cristiano. Alegrémonos con este gran regalo de la Pascua; seamos portadores de paz y no de miedo. Seamos heraldos de esperanza en medio de la hostilidad y el odio que tantas veces paralizan la gracia de Dios en el mundo.

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The volunteers at our pantry want to wish you a **HAPPY EASTER**. We want to thank you so much for providing us food every week. It makes a big difference. Less food needs to be purchased at the grocery store.

The food items that we need in the pantry this week are the following:

- < Cans of Fruit
- < Jelly
- < Dry Bean

Thank you much for your weekly donati9on.

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KNIGHT'S KORNER



WHO ARE THE KNIGHTS?

We are an active Council with over a 100 opportunities to volunteer. Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at St. Joan Of Arc Catholic Church.

Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus,

If you're interested in becoming a Knight at St. Joan of Arc, please contact:
GK Darryl Bergstrom
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If you've lost an itemÆ
 please check with the Parish Office. Items left or turned in will be kept at the office for a 2-week period. If not claimed and are eligible for donation, items will be donated to St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. Thank you.



Religious Education

Do you have a child who is 3 years old - 5th grade whom you would like to register for Religious Education classes/Sacrament preparation classes?

Registration will be available on four dates this summer:

- < Wednesday, June 24 from 12:00pm—, .\$\$pm (Weidner Hall)
- < Thursday, June 25 from 12:00pm - 8:00pm (Santa Maria Hall)
- < Saturday, August 15 from 9:00am - 4:00pm (Weidner Hall)
- < Sunday, August 16 from 8:00am - 4:00pm (Weidner Hall)

In order to register, you must bring the following for each child you wish to register:

- < Child's Birth Certificate
- < Child's official Baptismal certificate (no copies!) Form of payment for materials fee (cash, credit card, debit card, personal check).

For questions, please contact Laura Gallant at Lgallant@stjoanofarc.com

Registration opportunities and information will also be available on these days for:

- < Students in 6th - 12th grade who need to prepare for Sacraments
- < Middle School Youth Group
- < High School Youth Group
- < Adults needing preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Marriage
- < Infant Baptism

Parents and guardians, please accompany your children to the restroom if they are under the age of 12. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all.

Have you considered making your Cursillo weekend?

We have weekends coming up at beautiful Mt. Claret!

**Men's Weekend:
April 9-12, 2026
Women's Weekend:
April 23-26, 2026**

**Contact Cursillo Parish Reps:
Rhapsody Canepa (602)568-5286
or Nick Canepa (602)499-2096 or
azcanepas@gmail.com
for more information and/or
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upcoming weekend!**

**Additional information:
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The Legion of Mary provides well established opportunities and occasions for lay Catholics to engage and pray with people through various apostolic works in our parish community: visiting homes, and nursing homes, to name a few. Our Lady of Joy Praesidium has been working here at St. Joan of Arc Church since 1990.



Come join us on any Thursday of the month in the Mother of Mercy Room at 4:30 pm. We are looking for good men and women to join us in the Legion of Mary, serving our Lord, Jesus Christ through Mary, His Mother.

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Para los recién bautizados (neófitos) en la Vigilia Pascual, el tiempo pascual es un período de 50 días de "mistagogía", un tiempo para profundizar en la comprensión de los misterios recibidos, desde el Domingo de Pascua hasta Pentecostés. Es un período de intensa alegría, iniciación y formación, que marca su nueva vida como hijos de Dios y miembros activos de la Iglesia.

La Octava Pascual: Los primeros ocho días (desde el Domingo de Pascua hasta el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia) se celebran como una fiesta continua, con especial atención a los recién bautizados. Misas para neófitos: Los domingos de Pascua se consideran "Misas para neófitos", donde se les anima a asistir juntos para continuar su formación (mistagogía) y reflexionar sobre su experiencia bautismal.

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tener una profunda pasión por Jesús, el deseo de ayudar a nuestros sacerdotes y diáconos durante la Santa Misa y estar dispuestos a recibir instrucción de monaguillos mayores y con experiencia.

Por favor de comunicarte con Carmen Zuno at Cyzuno@gmail.com

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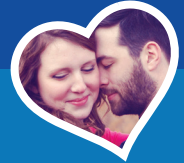
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