



BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



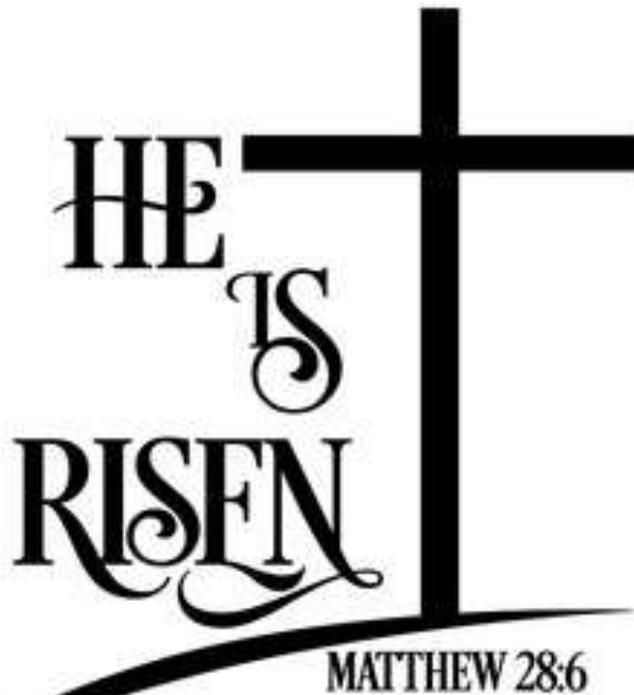
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“Annunciation” and “Tree of Life” Meditation Gardens

Easter Sunday - April 12th 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

All public Masses have been suspended until further notice.

The Diocese is streaming daily Mass, Monday through Friday, at 12:05 p.m. from the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

Mass is also being live-streamed at 6 p.m. on Saturday, where it remains online. The link is <https://dwc.org/home/mass/>

Listen to EWTN on WLUX 1450 AM
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<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment only.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Suspended until further notice.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“We, at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, are a diverse community of the poor, the disadvantaged and hungry, the well-to-do, the youth, elderly, visitors and those seeking refuge.

As a community of many cultures and races, we stand for unity in our diversity by expressing our love of God the Father through prayer and worship, through service to one another, through the ministry of welcoming, through evangelization and ecumenism. With the Bishop, we shall pursue this mission faithfully through the example of Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our members.” All are welcome today, especially visitors, guests and those who might be new to the community.

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Sharing Our Treasure - 4/5/2020

Regular Collection: \$10,371 SMILE: \$250
Partners In Hope: \$175 Social Concerns: \$80
Flowers: \$125 Needy Student: \$1050
Priest Health Retirement Assoc. : \$1,825 total
Catholic Relief Serv.: \$1430 total

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Greetings in the Risen Lord! Happy Easter!

"We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our Song" This statement is often attributed to St. Augustine.

"We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our Song. That is what the Church proclaims today.

I remember when I was a student at our high school seminary, way back in the late seventies, I came across a cartoon in which there was a priest visiting a mother with her children. The surroundings indicated that they were poor. I recall the caption had the priest announce, "We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song". I remember reacting to the cartoon in two ways, the first, I thought the cartoon was a commentary on the Church's blindness to the needy, a call for social actions beyond easy words. My second reaction was the notion that the proclamation of the Risen Lord was to be announced in all situations, environments, and events in the lives of people.

As Christians, we are to announce this truth in both the good and in the bad times.

Every Easter, the Church proclaims the Good News of the Resurrection of Jesus for the one who was put to death has been raised to life.

Now, more than anytime in our lives and in the life of the world, we need to hear the Good News of Easter.

As the Church and the world endures this particular passion caused by the Coronavirus, producing great fear and havoc. We are facing the death of thousands and the suffering of the ill. But, at the same time, we are strengthened by the selflessness of others, our first responders, our healthcare professionals, and many others who are caring for their neighbors. In our time, we need to hear once again in a very clear and powerful way the Good News of Easter, which brings hope, confidence, and everlasting joy. The God who has raised Jesus from death is with us. May the power of this day, of which Jesus conquered the power of death, bring us the strength and courage to shout our "Alleluias" loudly, especially during this pandemic.

May the blessing and peace offered by the Risen Lord be with you and your families.

Let us keep each other and the world in our daily prayers.
Yours in the Risen Lord,
Fr. Don

Fr. Don will live stream the 10am Easter Mass from the Basilica on our Facebook page.



Easter Sunday

Living Our Salvation

Lord of heaven and earth, the Resurrection of your Son is a promise that you will not abandon us to sin and death but will transform all creation until it has at last become your perfect kingdom. Continue the work you have begun. Refashion us now, today. Liberate us from whatever is luring us into the grave. Share your life-giving power with us so that we will rejoice in your love, live in hope of our future together, act with the unwavering courage of Jesus, and marvel at all you accomplish. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 12, 2020-New Beginnings

Today's Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10. Today we rejoice, feast, and spend time with family and friends. Easter Sunday is a day of beginnings. In John's Gospel, two disciples rush to the empty tomb, where it dawns on them that something tremendous has happened. In Matthew's Gospel account, the women are given only a few moments with the Risen Christ before he sends them to evangelize.

The months following Jesus' Resurrection are busy ones. In the passage from the Acts of the Apostles that we hear today, Peter has entered the house of a Gentile. Filled with the Holy Spirit, this Apostle delivers a powerful proclamation of the Gospel, yet before he finishes, the Holy Spirit comes upon everyone else in the room too. Throughout the Easter season we will hear how the Spirit of the Risen Lord leads and empowers Jesus' followers to inspire more and more people to believe in the Resurrection and to make a new beginning of their lives.

It is now our turn. It is our season of new beginnings. God shared the Spirit with us so that we will "seek what is above" and allow the Spirit to further transform us into just and holy people. God shared the Spirit with us so that we will enter people's houses, enter people's lives, and help them to begin anew.

This Week at Home

Monday, April 13-The Empty Tomb

No one disputes that the tomb was empty. The question is how it became empty. By spreading a false report, some of the religious authorities hope to prevent people from believing that Jesus rose from the dead. When Peter speaks to the crowd, however, he doesn't use the empty tomb as proof of Jesus' Resurrection, but refers instead to the Scriptures and his encounter with the Risen Jesus. How would you explain the true meaning of the empty tomb? **Today's Readings:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Matthew 28:8-15.

Tuesday, April 14-The Spirit of the Risen Lord

Mary Magdalene must let go of Jesus as she knew him in order to encounter him in a new way. Having been crucified and raised, Jesus is no longer confined to time and space, but is now present among and even within his followers through the gift of the Holy Spirit. All who accept this gift become brothers and sisters of the Risen Lord and sons and daughters of God the Father. Send a note of welcome to anyone in your community who was baptized at the Easter Vigil. **Today's Readings:** Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; John 20:11-18.

Wednesday, April 15-Amazement

The two disciples leaving Jerusalem are amazed by the women's report of the empty tomb. They grow increasingly astonished as the Risen Christ opens the Word and breaks bread with them—and then vanishes. Also astonished are the people in the temple who see the disabled man jumping about and praising God. These stories invite us to rejoice at the enduring power of Christ in the world. **Today's Readings:** Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24:13-35.

Thursday, April 16-Witnesses

Jesus' followers witnessed his mighty deeds. Two of his disciples witnessed the Risen Lord as they headed to Emmaus. Still more disciples heard the Risen Christ speak words of peace to them and prepare them to minister in his name. A man in the temple area experienced the Risen Lord acting through Peter. Peter urged the people who witnessed that healing to acknowledge the saving power of the Risen Lord. Thank someone who has been an especially strong Christian witness for you. **Today's Readings:** Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24:35-48.

Friday, April 17-Bolder than Ever

Peter seems as impulsive as ever as he dives into the water to swim to the Risen Lord. This man of action then rushes to drag over the net laden with fish when Jesus asks for more food. The Holy Spirit strengthens this natural tendency of Jesus' lead disciple. After a night in the custody of religious authorities who wish to silence him, Peter goes on to speak as boldly as ever. Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you do something brave today. **Today's Readings:** Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; John 21:1-14.

Saturday, April 18-Dealing with Disbelief

The extended ending of Mark's Gospel account is reassuring to those who struggle to believe in the Risen Lord. Even Jesus' closest followers did not initially believe in the Resurrection. Jesus had to appear to them and empower them with his Spirit. Once that happened, it became "impossible" for them not to share the story of Christ. Read and reflect on a Gospel passage for this week. Imagine you are one of those early disciples. Ask God to strengthen your faith. **Today's Readings:** Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mark 16:9-15.

Parishioners,

Our parish will continue to pay those who are salaried and those who work hourly in our parish and schools. Our diocese will help us to cover these costs at this time.

The parish is in the process of setting up online giving through a local bank, it should be available next week. In the meantime the Diocesan website dwc.org has a link for online giving, 100% of the money donated goes to the parish of your choosing. Just click on the [I Support My WV Parish link](#), select your parish from the list and follow the prompts.

I am grateful for those who are able to keep up with their weekly contributions, but at the same time, I fully understand there are parishioners who cannot until they are financially safe. I would ask those who can, to contribute more during this difficult time to help cover those who cannot. Thank you for those who can be generous.

Fr. Don

DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

Broadcast of Holy Week, Easter Masses



Cathedral of St. Joseph

Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan, Celebrant

Masses will be broadcasted on:

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LIVE THROUGHOUT THE STATE AT WWW.DWC.ORG/MASS

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Holy Thursday, April 9
7:00 p.m. - LIVE

PASSION OF THE LORD
Good Friday, April 10
3:00 p.m. - Live @ dwc.org/mass
7:00 p.m. - Tape Delay

EASTER MASS
Sunday, April 12
10:30 a.m. - LIVE

Closed captioning provided.



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