

St. Cletus Faith Formation Newsletter

Friday, April 7, 2023



Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid!
I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here,
For he has been raised just as he said."

Good Friday

Today we remember Good Friday. No Mass is celebrated today, the Eucharist we receive was consecrated on Holy Thursday. The altar is stripped bare and the tabernacle is left empty. It's easy to think of Good Friday as a dark day, it was the day Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but it is also a day of good news, Jesus death on the cross provided the way for our relationship with God to be restored.

The Good News of Good Friday is the Good news of Salvation.

Easter

Our Easter Celebration begins with the Easter Vigil on Saturday, (Celebrated at 7:30 p.m. at St. Cletus).

Easter Sunday celebrates the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. When the women go to the tomb, they are met by the angel who tells them, Jesus is not here –

He has risen! The events that occurred approximately 2000 years ago in Jerusalem permanently changed the world. Christ defeated the enemy, atoned for our sins, and opened the door for us to talk personally to God.

We should love this day and celebrate it every day, we do this through our participation of the Eucharist, (Mass). Easter Sunday reminds us that Jesus really was who he claimed to be . . . God in the flesh. He came to earth to redeem us and change us. We are children of God.

The Mass schedule on Easter Sunday are: 7:15, 8:45, 10:30, and 12:30 p.m. in Spanish.

Calendar

With Easter there are no classes this week. It is hard to believe but we only have three sessions left for this year.

Our next class will be in session on Sunday, April 16 and Monday, April 17.

We will be in session of Sunday & Monday April 23 – 24 and our last session will be on Sunday, April 30 and Monday, May 1.

St. Cletus Food Pantry: BIG NEWS!

Beginning in April, we will be expanding our food pantry distribution hours. Our new hours will be 4:00-8:00pm. Therefore, **we need more volunteers! We are adding a new volunteer session every Thursday from 3:15-5:15pm.** This is perfect for students' right after school, but we definitely need adults during this shift, as well! Volunteers must be 6th grade and up. This will double our Thursday night volunteer opportunities, we hope you can join us. Sign up is now available at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-stcletus#/>

For Our Kids!

To view click the link: [Jesus Resurrection: The Empty Tomb - John 20 | Easter Story for Kids \(Sharefaithkids.com\)](#)

Fun Activities for Children

[Gospel Activity](#)

[Double Word Puzzle](#)

[Easter Candle Coloring Page](#)

To Think About

Much Like Christmas Easter is no one-day Feast: So just how long is the Easter Season?

Earlier, we discussed the *octave*—the eight days of rejoicing that constitute our Easter and Christmas commemorations. We will continue celebrating the Easter octave all through this week.

But does our Easter celebration end there? Is it all over once the octave concludes? The resounding answer is: *No!*

The season of Easter continues on for a full **fifty days**, up through the feast of Pentecost (which is June 5th this year). Easter is the most important feast in the liturgical calendar, and it only makes sense that the Church should celebrate not just a feast, not just an octave, but a whole *season* in honor of Our Lord's Resurrection.

Within these fifty days we celebrate some important feasts: Divine Mercy Sunday (that's this coming Sunday), the Feast of the Ascension (in most places, the Sunday before Pentecost), and finally, Pentecost itself, the birthday of the Church! So don't wind down your celebrations yet.

We've got seven weeks of joy ahead of us.

Have A Great Week!

God Bless,

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