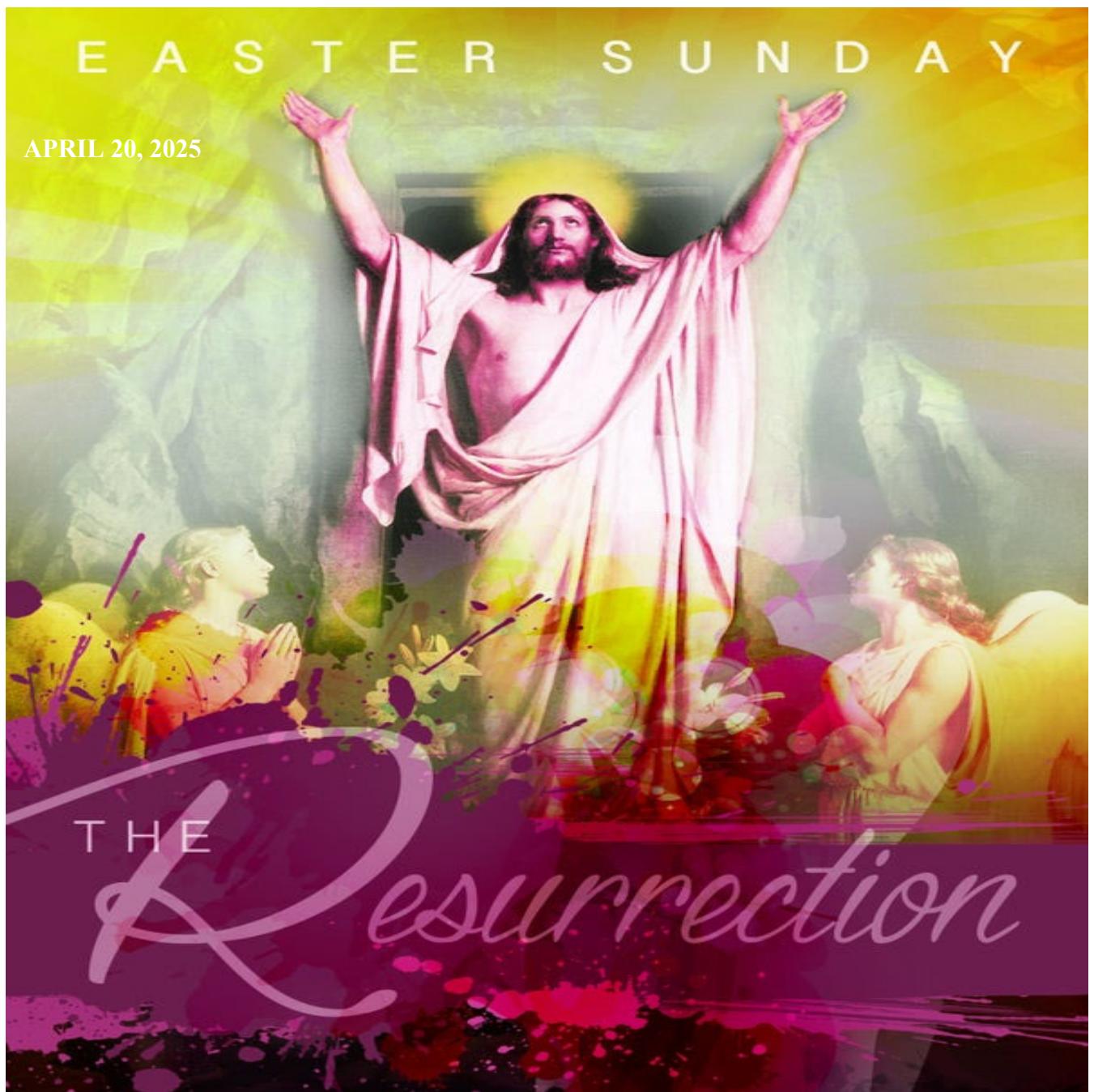


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## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 20, 2025



John narrates Mary of Magdala's coming to Jesus' tomb on the week's first day.

Mary is alone and "it was still dark." For John, darkness can indicate lack of faith, and that is the case with Mary. She will come into the light but has a journey to travel. Seeing the stone removed, she rushes to Simon Peter and the Beloved Disciple to report the tomb emptied. Where is the executed Jesus? We know that God is the one involved, but they must still catch on.

Peter and the Beloved Disciple run to the tomb. Peter leads, but the other disciple passes him, sees that the signs of death are absent, but relinquishes first entry. Peter has emerged as the leader, while the Beloved is the model disciple who both gives access and defers to his leader. We see the burial cloths rolled to one side, contrasting Jesus' raising of Lazarus, who was still bound. This is distinctive. Following into the empty tomb, the Beloved Disciple sees further evidence of death overcome by God. The burial cloths are folded and lain at opposite ends of the tomb. He believes (Jn 20:8). Peter's and Mary's responses are not recorded; their faith journeys need more time.

The disciples return home, as yet unaware of the Scripture of Jesus' resurrection. The Scripture is John's Gospel, and we eventually learn that we are blessed to have it(20:30-31). They witnessed, but we are summoned to believe because of that witness, to believe without seeing. Paul summons us likewise to his letter to the Colossians, as does Luke in the Acts of the Apostles. To find our place, we must "seek what is above" (Col 3:1).



# GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

**John 20: 1-9** When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too.

— Father John Muir

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **CONFIRMATION WILL BE HELD**

**PLACE: ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**DATE: APRIL 26, 2025  
TIME: 4:00 P.M. VIGIL MASS**

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR CONFIRMANDEES**

Madeleine Boucree  
Jaylen Glapion  
Harrison Jones

DeLeah Matthis

Kennedy Gibson  
Alex Jernandez  
Sydney Mason



**APRIL 26, 2025 AT 3:00 P.M.**

**COME JOIN US AS WE PRAY,  
ADORE, PRAISE OUR RISEN  
SAVIOR**

## Leave It in the Tomb

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

"I see you hiding in that tomb," he says. "I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice."

He says it a little more elegantly, I'll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you'd better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, "Great idea, Paul — but I'm pretty comfy here." Because sometimes, it's just easier to stay in the tomb. It's easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there's anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It's a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn't rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.

Step into the light. He is waiting for you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



REV. HENRY J. DAVIS SSJ

Lord, God, whose mercy and faithfulness are never-ending and unfailing, we beseech you now to look with favor upon your servant, Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ. We ask you please rain down your graces and blessings upon him in abundance for the healing of his body, his mind, and his spirit. We ask, if it please you, Lord, to restore him to full health, that you might be glorified once more to witness him presiding at your Eucharistic table and shepherding again the faithful flock that you have entrusted to his pastoral care. We know that you have invited all your faithful ones to partake of your suffering by sharing in your cross and bearing daily our own crosses with grace and dignity, so we implore you that his acceptance of this cross might bring your glory. We know that through his priestly ordination he declared his willingness to drink whatever chalice the Father might call him to imbibe. Our trust in you is complete, as we make this prayer through, with and in Christ, your Son, our loving, merciful and obedient Savior. Amen

# Christ has risen!



Easter Sunday / April 20, 2025 SUNDAY

**First Reading:** He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

**Psalm:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) Or: Alleluia.

**Second Reading:** If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

**Gospel:** So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." (Jn 20:2)

#### Readings for the week of April 20, 2025

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

## CORPUS CHRISTI EPIPHANY CHURCH

# ST. TIMOTHY AWARD RECIPIENT Congratulations! □ NATELYNN JOHNSON

The **St. Timothy Award** is the highest honor bestowed upon a young person (High School Senior) by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. It recognizes young people who demonstrate strong Catholic leadership, Christian service, and moral integrity, both within their parish and the broader archdiocesan community. The award is given annually to outstanding youth who exemplify these qualities.

Corpus Christi Epiphany's St. Timothy Award recipient, Natelynn Johnson is a senior at New Orleans Science and Mathematics. She is currently enrolled in Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, and Honors classes, maintaining a 4.3 GPA, ranks fifth in her graduating class, a member of the Beta Club, and enjoys several hobbies such as: cooking, dancing, and making creative expression in making TikToks which brings balance to her busy schedule. She has earned her CNA certification, and is currently enrolled in a phlebotomy course to further fuel her passion in healthcare. In addition to her academic pursuits her biggest passion is putting God first. Her faith is important to her. She attends church regularly and participates in the youth mass ( lector, reader, usher, and the role of Mary at Christmas) which provides a supportive community and guides her moral and personal values. Looking forward to the future, she will be attending Louisiana State University (LSU) in the fall to major in nursing, with the goal of becoming a pediatric nurse and specializing in advanced care. Her academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and personal interests all contribute to who she is, and has driven her to make a meaningful impact in her community and in healthcare.



**In loving memory of our loving husband, father, & grandfather LASALLE RATTLER, JR., we miss you,  
Your loving wife, Angela, daughter, son-in-law and**

**In memory of my dear friend, Nadine Laurent, Love, Angela**

**In Memory of Alvarez and Onelia RODRIQUEZ**

**DECAY  
REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of Granny & Papa, Love Kelly & Kids**

**Mr. & Mrs. Selma & Donald Nicholl by their children**

Mrs. Monica Reeves, Nicole & Larry, Jr. by Husband & Father, Larry, Sr. Reeves, Sr.

**Terrance & Osborne "Mike" Demas by their family**

**Brian DeCuir,  
In loving memory,  
By Abbie Fazande**

**Victor Duvernay, Jr.  
Memorial by lifelong friend, Abbie**

**In Memory of Paul, Jr. & Patricia Johnson By the Family(825)**

**In Loving Memory of My best Friend, Dina M. Lemus (Ms. Mike) Missing and loving you, Thais**

**IN MEMORY OF THE FAYRE FAMILY**

**In Loving Memory of our ancestors; Severin, Demas, Washington, Nicholl & Grant Families**

**In Memory of Patricia Boyd-Hebert 1934-2000  
Philip H. Hebert, Sr. 1932-2022**

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**In Memory of Earl & Catherine Raymond**

By family(325)

**In Loving Remembrance of our parents and sisters, Henry Butler, Delphane Butler, Madel Butler and Patricia Butler. "Eternal Rest grant unto their souls, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them."**

**Missing and Loving you, Paul. Matthew, Robert, Frederick and Wanda**



**In Loving Memory of Michael A. McKendall LYA Deborah 22025**

**In loving memory of MURRAY ANCAR  
We remember you with love & appreciation. Your memory lives on in our hearts.**

**YOUR FAMILY**



**Protection and Prayers for Fr. Dominic Njoku, SSJ by Mom, Ms. D and Sis**

**Louis "Big Lou" Carre, Jr., by Demas Families**

**In loving memory of DUNTEZ SHAWN DAWSON  
"Those we love don't go away  
They walk beside us every day."  
Missing and Loving you, Mother, daughter and sister**

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## A God Who Knows How It Feels

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today's Mass?

"My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?" We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely not abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make off-handed comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 19, 2025**

**4:00 p.m.**

Leo Tervalon, memorial B'Day, by grandchildren, Helen Castenell, memorial, by Cuillier Family, Stanley Cuillier, Jr. by family, Joseph & Yvonne Bechet, **memorial** by son; Barry, Valma Narcisse **memorial**, by family, Kenneth Barnes Sr. memorial, by Phyllis & Larry Calvin, Joy Rodriguez, Healing, by Phyllis, Siblings & Deacon Larry Calvin, Willis Rudolph, memorial, by children, People of the parish

**Sunday, April 20, 2025**

**7:30 a.m.**

Murray Ancar, memorial, by Greer Adams, Victor Jourdain, Jr., memorial B'Day, by Family, Armand P. Mercadel, Sr., **memorial**, by wife and family, People of the parish

**10:00 a.m.**

Angela Patterson, memorial, Corpus Christi School C/O 1966, Myra & Noel Francis, Anniversary, by daughters & family, Louise J. Bordenave, **memorial B'Day**, by Linda Bordenave, Numa P. Woods, **memorial**, by Linda Bordenave, People of the parish

**Monday, April 21, 2025**

Rhett & Sheila Hamilton, 41st Wedding Anniversary, by family

**Tuesday, April 22, 2025**

Victor Jourdain, Sr., memorial B'Day, by Jourdain/Willis Families

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025**

Gail Smith, memorial B'Day, by cousin, Linda

**Thursday, April 24, 2025**

## \*SICK & SHUT-INS PRAY FOR THEM

Sheryl Allen, Ethel Ancar, Ernest Baptiste, Kim Baptiste, Lydia Barrow, Warren Bastien, Walter Bonam, Niley Bienemy, Cheryl Brown, Joycelyn Brown, Shirley Brown, Lavinia Chambers Charlotte Butler, Michael Condiff, Sybil Condiff, Lorraine Condoll, Phyllis Cuillette, Doris Cuillier, **Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ, V.F.**, Laura Davis, Barry Delaney, Alcide Delille, Vernon Dobard, Leo Dobard, Myrtle Dorsey, Wilfred Duplessis, Bernice Ferdinand, Helen Firmin, Audrey Fleury, Emelda Fortune, Marcel Fortune', Ashleigh Francis, Rosie Francis, Vanessa Galle, Yvonne Guidry, April Hampton, Maria Hebert, Jewel Hunter, Assunta Jackson, Delores Jett, Avery Johnson, Gwendolyn Lampkin, Aaron La Cabe, Jr., Lurlyn Lacour, Mary LeBlanc, Cheryl Lucius, Jacquelyn Lucius, Oliver Lucius, Harold Luke, Lisa Mallery, Kermit McGuilles, Carolyn Mercadel, Joshua Mercadel, Phyllis Mercadel, Una & Nolan Millet, Raymond V. Morrell, Joseph Narcisse, Corey Peters, Angela Frick Rattler, Semella Rawles, Michelle Robair, Cynthia Robertson, Kenneth Thompson, Sr., . Rochelle Saunders, Gloria Scott, Judith Simon, Douglas Smith, Lorraine Smith, Rochelle Saunders, Shirley Ward, Gerard Willis, Garielle Winfield, Joseph Triggs

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**GOD BLESS**



## PRAY THE ROSARY



## SANCTUARY CANDLE IN MEMORY OF ANGELA PATTERSON

**PRAYER**

**FASTING**

**ALMSGIVING**

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES

- 1) Kim Valteau
- 2) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 3) Valerie Harding, Wanda Richard
- 4) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 5) Catherine Lee
- 6) Kevin Hawkins, Joseph Boucree, Jeanette Sylvester
- 7) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 8) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 9) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 10) Nelita Ramey
- 11) Phyllis Mercadel, Cheryl Henderson, Carla Stanfill, Sheila Honore', Reginald Delecia,
- 12) Maria Hebert, William Thompson
- 13) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 14) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 15) "Happy Birthday to you..."
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- 18) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 19) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 20) Larry Reeves, Lelani Perriatt
- 21) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 22) Marvin Dugue', Karen Glapion
- 23) Kenneth Evans
- 24) Monique Turner
- 25) Acelyn Turner,
- 26) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 27) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 28) *Jeanne Thompson, Gregory Dandridge, Pamela Perry, George Lee*
- 29) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 30) "Happy Birthday to you..."

**GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY**



## MISSION STATEMENT

**Continuing the legacy of our establishing founders, The Josephites, whose exclusive apostolate is to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ in the African American Community. We, the Faith Community of Corpus Christi-Epiphaney Roman Catholic Church are called and sent by Christ, to live gratefully the life God has given us, and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all we meet. We conduct our mission in a spirit of Faith, Service and Community, thus allowing us to become closer to God as we bring God closer to others.**

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**Adoration:** Saturdays in St. Katharine Drexel Chapel (Building D) 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

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