

Dear Padre,

Why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not?

We ring bells because they make a beautiful sound for the Lord and for our ears. They signal something important; they bring us comfort in sorrow, and they double our joy. The official name for the bell ringing is *tintinnabulation*. As with many practices, tintinnabulation is present in many traditions worldwide. It's a beautiful way to focus the mind and heart, lifting the soul to God. I'll never forget the stirring sunrise tintinnabulation at Assisi on Easter Sunday.

Catholics ring bells at the Eucharist, during the singing of the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil, at the showing of the consecrated bread and wine and, in some places, at the beginning of the preparation of the gifts and the Communion procession. We also ring bells to mark the morning, noon, and evening hours, at which times devotion recalls the Incarnation of Christ and the praying of the Angelus. Bells are rung to assemble the community for prayer and festivities. At weddings and funerals, bells declare that something important is happening—an event to be surrounded by beautiful sound.

But why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not? The books of the revised liturgy give an option, so some parish leaders choose to ring bells and others do not. However, in the Latin Mass, there is no option—the bells must be rung at set times.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

You cannot give [courage] to yourself, but you can receive it as a gift. All you have to do is open your heart in prayer and roll away, however slightly, that stone placed at the entrance to your heart so that Jesus' light can enter.... With you, Lord, we will be tested but not shaken.

EASTER VIGIL HOMILY, APRIL 11, 2020



Calendar

Monday

APRIL 5

Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday

APRIL 6

Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36–41
Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday

APRIL 7

Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1–10
Lk 24:13–35

Thursday

APRIL 8

Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11–26
Lk 24:35–48

Friday

APRIL 9

Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1–12
Jn 21:1–14

Saturday

APRIL 10

Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13–21
Mk 16:9–15

Sunday

APRIL 11

Second Sunday
of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 4:32–35
1 Jn 5:1–6
Jn 20:19–31



Our Parish COMMUNITY

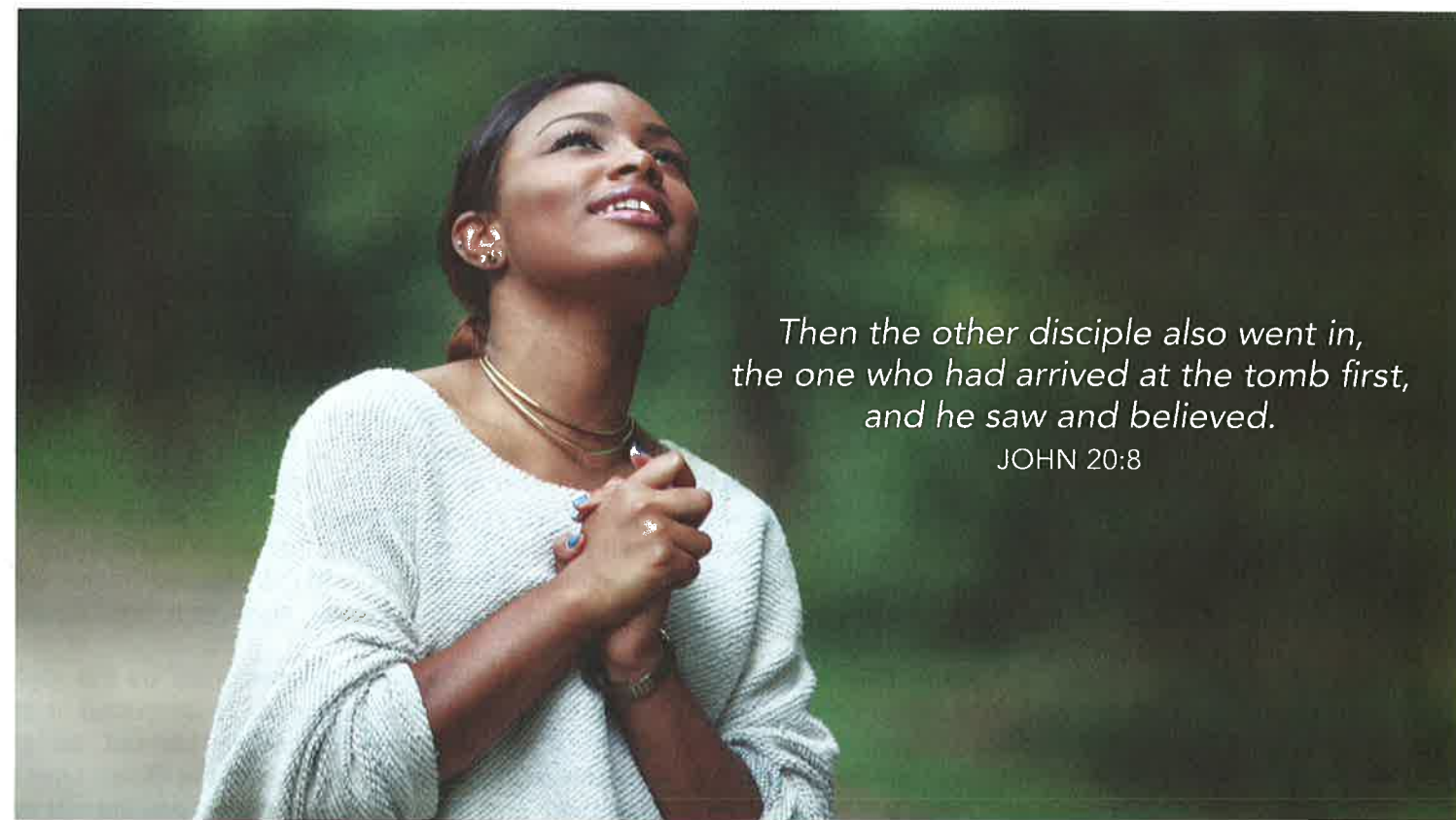
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Easter (B)

Acts 10:34a, 37–43

Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8

Jn 20:1–9 or Mk 16:1–7



Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

JOHN 20:8

Seeing Is Believing

Clever phrase. But is it accurate? Believing means that we sometimes accept as true something for which we have no positive proof. We might base our belief on the word of someone we consider reliable, but we ourselves have no undeniable evidence. We may use this phrase in everyday conversation and know what we really mean, but when it comes to the resurrection of Jesus, the phrase “seeing is believing” really doesn't fit well.

In today's first reading, Peter states that Jesus was visible to some of his followers. What does this mean? It's clear from most of the Easter narratives that many people had a profound, life-transforming experience of the risen Jesus. They may not have realized this at first, but they were convinced of it when he allowed them to recognize him. Was it a visual experience? Was it auditory as Paul describes (Acts 9:4)? Or was it

touch as Thomas demanded (John 20:25)? Every mystic describes a revelation of Christ as an experience of one or more senses. For example, St. Bernadette saw our Lady, while St. Francis heard a voice. This isn't to say that the revelations weren't real. It is to say that our senses are our only way of experiencing it or talking about it. We are, after all, only human.

Maybe when referring to the resurrection we should modify this phrase: believing is seeing or hearing or feeling or being somehow convinced that he is really here. And this can be true for all of us.

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For Reflection

- * Have you ever had a moment of profound religious insight? If so, how would you describe it?
- * The risen Christ is with us still. Think about that for a moment.



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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for three reasons: 1) The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:14). "Jesus is Lord, He is risen!" (Rom 10:9), was the central theme of the *kerygma* (or "preaching"), of the apostles, because Jesus had prophesied His Resurrection as a sign of His Divinity: The founder of no other religion has an empty tomb as Jesus has. 2) Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies" (Jn 11:25-26). 3) Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayer, strength to fight against temptations, and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.

Life Messages: 1) **Let us live the lives of "Resurrection people":** Easter gives us the joyful message that we are a "Resurrection people." This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement, or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living Presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain, and tensions of our day-to-day life. 2) **We need to live aware of the presence of the Risen Lord with us.** Our awareness of the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord in and around us, and the strong conviction of our own coming resurrection, help us to *control our thoughts, desires, words and behavior.* **This salutary thought inspires us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure, and free from evil habits and addictions.** Our conviction about the presence of the Risen Lord in our neighbors and in all those with whom we come into contact should encourage us to respect them, and to render them loving, humble and selfless service. 3) **We need to radiate the Risen Lord all around us:** We are called to be transparent Christians, showing others through our lives the love, mercy, compassion, and the spirit of self-sacrificing service lived by the Risen Jesus dwelling in our hearts.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. C. P. Varghese
Pastor

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
04/05	Monday	No Mass Today		
04/06	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	Albert & Mary Lou Weitzel
04/07	Wednesday	No Mass Today		
04/08	Thursday	6.00 PM	Dalton	Mary Lou Weitzel
04/09	Friday	12.00 PM	Bayard	Emery & Myrtle Gusman
04/10	Saturday	5.30 PM	Dalton	For the grandkids of RJ & Kate Waite
04/11	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	Albert Weitzel
04/11	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	Troy Perez
04/11	Sunday	5.00 PM	Bridgeport	Spanish Mass

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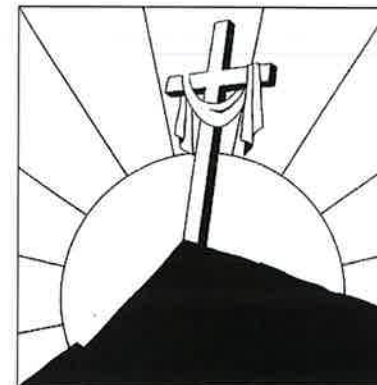
**Stations of
the Resurrection**

April 18, Sunday,
5.00 PM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$500.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$597.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1097.00
MASS STIPEND	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$1147.00
WEITZEL MEMORIALS	\$275.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,046.00
DONATIONS	\$3615.00
BALANCE	\$2,431.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



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1003 AVE B
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**Stations of
the Resurrection**

April 25, Sunday,
5.00 PM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$608.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$256.00
SUBTOTAL	\$864.00
MASS STIPEND	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$894.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$4,907.00
DONATIONS	\$2915.00
BALANCE	\$1,992.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



SAINT MARY'S
718 FRANCIS ST
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**Stations of
the Resurrection**

April 24, Saturday,
5.30 PM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$480.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$10.00
SUBTOTAL	\$490.00
MASS STIPEND	\$50.00
Easter Flowers	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$570.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,136.00
DONATIONS	\$6439.00
BALANCE	(\$303.00)

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.

