

Pope Francis Easter Sunday Last Homily 20 April 2025

This is the message of Easter: we must look for him elsewhere. Christ is risen, he is alive! He is no longer a prisoner of death, he is no longer wrapped in the shroud, and therefore we cannot confine him to a fairy tale, we cannot make him a hero of the ancient world, or think of him as a statue in a museum! On the contrary, we must look for him and this is why we cannot remain stationary. We must take action, set out to look for him: look for him in life, look for him in the faces of our brothers and sisters, look for him in everyday business, look for him everywhere except in the tomb. We must look for him without ceasing. Because if he has risen from the dead, then he is present everywhere, he dwells among us, he hides himself and reveals himself even today in the sisters and brothers we meet along the way, in the most ordinary and unpredictable situations of our lives. He is alive and is with us always, shedding the tears of those who suffer and adding to the beauty of life through the small acts of love carried out by each of us. For this reason, our Easter faith, which opens us to the encounter with the risen Lord and prepares us to welcome him into our lives, is anything but a complacent settling into some sort of "religious reassurance." On the contrary, Easter spurs us to action, to run like Mary Magdalene and the disciples; it invites us to have eyes that can "see beyond," to perceive Jesus, the one who lives, as the God who reveals himself and makes himself present even today, who speaks to us, goes before us, surprises us. Like Mary Magdalene, every day we can experience losing the Lord, but every day we can also run to look for him again, with the certainty that he will allow himself to be found and will fill us with the light of his resurrection. Brothers and sisters, this is the greatest hope of our life: we can live this poor, fragile and wounded existence clinging to Christ, because he has conquered death, he conquers our darkness and he will conquer the shadows of the world, to make us live with him in joy, forever. This is the goal towards which we press on, as the Apostle Paul says, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead (cf. *Phil* 3:12-14). Like Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, we hasten to meet Christ. The Jubilee invites us to renew the gift of hope within us, to surrender our sufferings and our concerns to hope, to share it with those whom we meet along our journey and to entrust to hope the future of our lives and the destiny of the human family. And so we cannot settle for the fleeting things of this world or give in to sadness; we must run, filled with joy. Let us run towards Jesus, let us rediscover the inestimable grace of being his friends. Let us allow his Word of life and truth to shine in our life. As the great theologian Henri de Lubac said, "It should be enough to understand this: Christianity is Christ. No, truly, there is nothing else but this. In Christ we have everything" And this "everything" that is the risen Christ opens our life to hope. He is alive, he still wants to renew our life today. To him, conqueror of sin and death, we want to say: "Lord, on this feast day we ask you for this gift: that we too may be made new, so as to experience this eternal newness. Cleanse us, O God, from the sad dust of habit, tiredness and indifference; give us the joy of waking every morning with wonder, with eyes ready to see the new colours of this morning, unique and unlike any other. Everything is new, Lord, and nothing is the same, nothing is old" Sisters, brothers, in the wonder of the Easter faith, carrying in our hearts every expectation of peace and liberation, we can say: with You, O Lord, everything is new. With you, everything begins again.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2025



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30 pm English, Church.

Sunday: 09:00 am English, Church.
10:30 am Creole, Church.
12:30 pm Spanish, Church.

Weekdays: 05:30 pm English, Upper Room, St. Maria Goretti.

Fridays: 04:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.

05:30 pm Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.

1st Confession: 13 June, 2025.
1st Communions: 22 June, 2025.

Confirmations: To be confirmed.

Marriage: Call the parish office for preparation before setting a fixed date.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.

Confessions: Everyday before Mass or by appointment.

Today in the Gospel of the second Sunday of Easter, or Divine Mercy Sunday, there are many elements. The Apostles are in a room with locked doors. They are afraid. This can be you today. Your heart is closed or you are full of fears that don't let you in peace. Then Jesus appears to their great surprise and wishes them "Peace." This is the sign of the Lord's presence and He can give it today during the Mass. He comes to calm our fears. Then He breathes on the apostles to receive the Holy Spirit. All of us, no matter how good you think you are, need to have His Spirit that can help in every situation. All of us need Him to guide us and lead us with wisdom and discernment as to His will, which is the only thing that can make you happy, instead of all the other things we try to fill our empty hearts with.

Then along comes St. Thomas, the disbeliever. How many times have you thought just like our dear St. Thomas. Not only did he disbelieve the other Apostles, his friends and confidants but also the Lord who said He would rise again. But thanks to St. Thomas' disbelief it has touched many people who can relate to him who had spent 3 years walking and talking with Jesus Christ! He is a sign that there is hope for us all in spite of our unbelief or lack of faith.

Finally, today is Divine Mercy Sunday which was designated this Sunday by Pope St. John Paul II. Why? It goes back to St. Faustina Kowalski whom Jesus appeared to in the 1930's and told her about His heart full of mercy for us sinners. This was because many people were not receiving communion because they felt unworthy or they could not believe in Jesus' immense mercy. So Jesus raised up this saint to reassure us of His eternal mercy. Let us ask the Lord, then never to doubt of his love and mercy.

Fr. Paul

**Christ is Risen,
It is Truly Risen!!!**

This will be our greetings for the 50 days of Easter, until Pentecost.

Easter Season 2025

Blessings of the houses: If you would like your house to be blessed, approach one of the priests to make arrangements.

Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays at 3:00 pm.

Spanish: 2nd Saturday of the month.

Creyol: 3rd Saturday of the month.

English: 4th Saturday of the month.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

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Parish Events April 27-May 4

Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 11:00 am

04:00pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.
05:00pm Fraternite, Red Room.
05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice.
05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
06:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday St. Peter Chanel, Martyr
05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room

Tuesday St. Catherine of Siena
05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm First English Blue Chapel
07:00pm Second English Red Room
07:00pm Spanish SMG, Upper Room

Wednesday Pope St. Pius V
05:30pm Daily Mass., SMG Upper Room
07:00pm Third English SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm Fourth English Red Room
07:00pm Fifth English Blue Chapel
07:00pm Creole Blessed Sac. Chapel

Thursday St. Joseph the Worker
05:30 pm Daily Mass SMG, Upper Room

Friday St. Athanasius
04:00 pm Adoration, SMG upstairs
05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG upstairs

Saturday Sts Philip & James apostles
05:30 pm Mass in Church
07:00 pm Eucharist NCW



School Notes

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CSP (Community Service Program) students in 11th grade presented their projects where they learned about happiness, the importance of serving others, and how they helped their community through these projects.



Students have been doing the Stations of the Cross during this Lenten season, which reminds them that Christ is with them during their suffering and he is the one best suited to help them carry the weight of their own personal struggles.

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