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Easter Sunday

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)

9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)

11:30am English (organ & cantor)

1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

APRIL 5, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Nicolas Pelaez Guzman, Dorka Pelaez, Cristian (D), Enriquillo Tejada, Jolanda Rosario, Enriquillito Tejada (D)

Tuesday, April 7

8:30 a.m. Pablo Mercedes, Germania Perez (D), Horacio Mejia & Migladis Mejia (D), Marcelina Nuñez (D)

Wednesday, April 8

8:30 a.m. Divino Niño Jesus, San Miguel, Virgen de la Mercedes, Para todos los santos

12:00 p.m. St. Rafael, Almighty God, Holy Spirit, St. Michael, Blessed Trinity, Antigua Nuñez (D)

Thursday, April 9

8:30 a.m. Maria Magadlaena Veloz (D)

12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving to the Virgin of Guadalupe

Friday, April 10

8:30 a.m. Cesar Augusto Rojas Mendez (D), Olimpia Abreu Cepeda & Luis Gonzalo Rosario (D), Edwin Rosario Arlequin Tejada (D)

12:00 p.m. Guillermina Hernandez (L)

Saturday, April 11

7:45 a.m. Phero Luc & Ana Thuy (D)

7:00 p.m. Manuel Herrera Soto & Ofelia Soto (D), Juan Pimentel (D). Acción de gracias - Susana Duarte - cumpleaños, Maxima Dolores Reyes - 9 meses de fallecida, Maria Agustina Ramos (D), Felis Antonio Reyes Ramos (D), Ramon Santos & Stif Santos (D)

Sunday, April 12

8:00 a.m. People of SNT

9:30 a.m. Jose Antonio Perez (D), Sencion Suriel, Marcelina Fuente, Bienvenido A. Suriel, Maria Mercedes Suriel, Fr. Joseph Girone (D)

11:30 am Margaret Grossenbacher (D), Cornelia Garcia (D)

1:30 pm Phero Trang & Matta Ty (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

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:

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. (Jn 10:1)

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Readings for the week of April 5, 2026

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35
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 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



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**Easter Sunday
John 20:1-9**

Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best. It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he "ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first." (John 20:4) But only *after* Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection *fast*...love him, for love is best.

— Father John Muir

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**Pilgrimage of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish
Following St. Augustine's footsteps in Italy:
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Sept. 21st- Oct 1st, 2026 Spir. Dir.: Fr. Luis Vera, OSA**

- 21-Sep NY -Rome
- 22-Sep Parish of St. Aurea in Ostia, Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls
- 23-Sep Audience with Pope, St. Peter and St. Augustine Basilica, P. Navonna & Trevi
- 24-Sep Bas. of Our Lady of Good Counsel , Roccaponera, St. Rita of Cascia Basilica
- 25-Sep St. Rita of Cascia Convent, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, and St. Carlo Acutis
- 26-Sep St. Mary of Angels (Porziuncula), St. Gimignano
- 27-Sep Holy Cross, Di Santo Spirito and St. Mary the Fiore Basilica. Piazza de la Repubblica, Porcellino market and Ponte Vecchio
- 28-Sep San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro (skeletal remains of St. Augustine), Certosa di Pavia
- 29-Sep Cassago Brianza
- 30-Sep Duomo, St Ambrosio Basilica and Saint Lawrence Maggiore Parish.
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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The disciples didn't understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can't fathom the purpose of God's plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone. So, we must ask ourselves: why?

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