



## I Can't Believe It!

**T**his sentence can mean two very contradictory things. It might express skepticism, similar to: "You've got to be kidding!" It means that what we are asked to accept as fact is just too far-fetched. Or we might marvel at something we think is magnificent, far beyond our expectations. Here it means: "I'm speechless!"

Lest we think that the empty tomb alone is proof of Jesus' resurrection, today's Gospel shows us that even his closest friends had initial problems with the idea. When Mary of Magdala found the tomb empty, she did not immediately conclude Jesus had risen. By itself, an empty tomb proves nothing. She thought his body had been taken. In the first reading, Peter describes how later several of Jesus' followers experienced him alive. This experience certainly changed their thinking. Like Peter, they then went out and proclaimed the truth of the resurrection. However, only those who had the experience were sure.


Neither empty tomb nor someone else's personal experience are by themselves certain evidence of the resurrection. Then what is? We find the beginning of an answer in the even-later writing of Paul. Speaking to the Colossians he says: "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (3:3). In other words, the real proof of the resurrection is the faith of centuries of Christians whose lives have been changed by that faith. In other words, the way you and I live proclaims whether Jesus is alive and well in us.

I can hardly believe it.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✱ *We may have to wait for our own resurrection to get insight into the resurrection of Jesus. Pray for a deepened faith.*
- ✱ *What might you do to make your own life a stronger witness of Jesus' resurrection?*



*[Mary of Magdala]  
told them,  
"They have taken the  
Lord from the tomb,  
and we don't know  
where they put him."  
JOHN 20:2*



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#### **Mass Schedule**

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Every other Saturday Confessions - at  
STM & SP 10:30-11:15

Sunday Mass - 8:30am

#### **\*Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

#### **\*\*Upcoming Events At Church\*\***

Sunday April 24th LAST CLASS  
for 5th&6th In person Classes

### **St. Thomas More Catholic Church**

#### **For All Three Churches**

#### **Emergency Number**

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#### **Mass Schedule**

Weekday Mass -

Tues. & Fri. - 8:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 5:00pm

#### **Adoration Room**

#### **TIME CHANGE**

Open Monday-Sunday 9AM-6PM

#### **\*\*Upcoming Events At Church\*\***

\*CCD Classes @HT Church Hall

### **St. Patrick Catholic Church**

#### **St. Patrick Church** **(Office at Holy Trinity Church)**

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#### **Mass Schedule**

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

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#### **\*\*Upcoming Events At Church\*\***

CCD Class time 9:30-10:30

### **Daily Mass Intentions for** **Masses the Week of April 18, 2022**

#### **Monday**

#### **Tuesday**

4/19\*\* 8:00AM \*\*STM

#### **Wednesday**

4/20\*\* 5:30pm \*\*HT (Rosary before mass)

#### **Thursday**

4/21\*\* 9:00AM \*\*HT

#### **Friday**

4/22\*\* 8:00AM \*\*STM

#### **Offered For**

† No Mass

† No Mass

† Joyce Hoscheid

† Jack & Theresa McCallum

† John Micheli

### **Next Weekend's Mass Intentions** **Weekend of April 23, 24 2022**

#### **Saturday:**

\*\*4/23\*\* St. Thomas More 4:00PM—

#### **Sunday:**

4/24\*\* Holy Trinity, Cherry\*\* 8:30AM

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

\*\*St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 4:00pm Holy Hour No Mass— Divine Mercy Sunday Benediction at 5PM

#### **Offered For**

† For the Parishioners

† Bill Pozzi Sr.

† Mary Konieczny



Latest Offering's  
Weekend April 10th

Holy Trinity -	\$1206.00
St. Patrick -	\$496.00
St. Thomas More -	\$987.00

At the directive of Bishop Louis Tylka, the obligation to attend mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation was reinstated this past Palm Sunday.



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communities, and hope.



## Divine Mercy Sunday

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as "Divine Mercy Sunday". St. Pope John Paul II was the main architect behind the worldwide implementation of the Divine Mercy Sunday. His two successors, Pope Benedict XVI and then Pope Francis, are equally enthusiastic about promoting and supporting the same.

St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

—St. Faustina, *Diary*, no. 699

Because of the significant aspect of the Divine Mercy devotion, members of all our 3 churches are encouraged to participate in the Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour which will take place in Dalzell at 4pm. The Holy Hour will consist of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; the public saying of the Divine Mercy Rosary; and ends with the Benediction at 5pm. Please note the will be No 5pm Sunday Mass.

## Confessions

The next confessions will be Saturday - April 30th 10:30-11:15- at St. Patrick in the chapel.

No Confessions on Saturday morning April 23rd due to the Confirmation Retreat.

Please call the office to schedule an appointment for confession if one is needed before April 30th.

## The Easter Octave

What Is an Octave?

An *octave* is the eight-day period during which Easter or Christmas is celebrated, and includes the actual feast. The eighth day is also called the octave or "octave day," and days in between are said to be "within the octave".

The Easter Octave begins on Easter Sunday and ends on the Second Sunday of Easter of the Divine Mercy with every day being another solemnity or another "little Easter." The current title for each of the octave is "Monday in the Octave of Easter," "Tuesday in the Octave of Easter" etc., but commonly called "Easter Monday," "Easter Tuesday," and so forth. The Easter Octave "overrides" any other feasts on the calendar.

**The Greatest Week of the Church Year**  
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! The comprehension and joy of this amazing gift of Christ conquering sin and death by His death and resurrection cannot be confined to just one day. The Church as a mother understands the needs of man. Within the liturgical calendar there is a built-in pattern that corresponds to human rhythms: times of preparation and penance building up to major feasts with celebrations that are prolonged, and multi-level feast days spread throughout the year. The Easter Octave gives us time to impress upon our souls the mysteries, joys and graces of the greatest feast of the Church. Each day of the Octave the liturgy dwells on the mysteries of the resurrection of Christ and our own resurrection through the sacrament of Baptism.



# Dear Padre,

**The Church says unless you're baptized, you will not enter heaven. So how was the unbaptized good thief able to enter paradise?**

**J**esus was crucified with two thieves. One taunted Jesus, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, rebuking him, said Jesus had done nothing criminal adding, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied to him, saying, "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:39-40, 42-43).

When the good thief rebuked the other, how did he know Jesus had done nothing wrong or that Jesus was going to his kingdom when he died? Scripture provides no background on the good thief to suggest he was baptized, but he's evidently familiar with Jesus' reputation before the crucifixion.

Regardless, even to his dying breath, Jesus desired for all a conversion experience with our compassionate God. God desires salvation for everyone. However, "God has bound salvation to the sacrament of baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1257). So while the typical way of salvation is through baptism, our merciful God can also give baptismal grace without the sacrament being conferred! For example, when unbaptized infants die, we have "hope that God will save [them] when we have not been able to do for them what we would have wished to do, namely, to baptize them" (2007 Vatican Commission, "The Hope of Salvation for Infants Who Die Without Being Baptized," 103).



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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Jesus' answer does not leave [the good thief] waiting; he speaks of the present. He says, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." In the hour of the cross, the salvation of Christ reaches its height; and his promise to the good thief reveals the fulfillment of his mission: that is, to save sinners.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

APRIL 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Mt 28:8-15

### Tuesday

APRIL 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 2:36-41

Jn 20:11-18

### Wednesday

APRIL 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 3:1-10

Lk 24:13-35

### Thursday

APRIL 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 3:11-26

Lk 24:35-48

### Friday

APRIL 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:1-12

Jn 21:1-14

### Saturday

APRIL 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:13-21

Mk 16:9-15

### Sunday

APRIL 24

Second Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 5:12-16

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13,  
17-19

Jn 20:19-31

**Do you have  
a question for  
the Padre?**

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to send your question  
and to learn more  
about Dear Padre.



**Most Reverend Louis Tylka**  
Diocese of Peoria  
Office of the Bishop

Easter 2022

Dear People of God in the Diocese of Peoria,

Every year as we celebrate Easter, we hear from the Gospels of the first encounters with the Good News: "Jesus has risen from the dead!" These historical events that are recorded in the Scriptures convey the experience of those first disciples with the empty tomb and the Risen Lord. In each of these "awakenings," the one who discovers that Jesus is risen is moved to go forth from the empty tomb and tell others what they have witnessed. Some are moved interiorly by the joy they carry in their heart; others are told explicitly by Jesus to go and tell others. In either case, we see *evangelization* taking place. Our Savior is risen; we must go and share this Good News!

In the present day and in our own way, we too must hasten to share our faith in Jesus. The task of evangelization has always been at the heart of the Church's mission, and it is for us today to take up the task anew in the midst of the joys and hopes, and the fears and anxieties, of the world in which we live. Our discipleship is rooted in having "encountered" Our Lord in a way that touched our heart, and our willingness to give witness to this experience of God's love.

At the beginning of this past Lent, on March 3, 2022, I succeeded Bishop Daniel Jenky, CSC as the Diocesan Bishop for the Diocese of Peoria. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to serve as the Coadjutor Bishop for nineteen months. It afforded me the opportunity to meet many of you and to experience the life of the Church across the twenty-six counties of our diocese. Since coming to the "Heart of Illinois," I have experienced firsthand the vibrant faith in our parishes and I have seen the good work done by our priests, deacons, religious, and generous parishioners. I have listened to people's hopes and dreams, their struggles and fears, and most especially their faith in Jesus and their love for the Catholic Church. Bringing all of this into my

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prayer and reflection, I have asked daily for the grace of the Holy Spirit for the guidance necessary to shepherd the Church. I write today to share the fruit of my prayer, along with the knowledge and wisdom that you have offered as we discern the path forward. And while there will be much more to discern in the months and years ahead, I offer to you *five foundations* for us to build upon as we take up the Lord's Great Commission.

1. **Evangelization:** Everything we do as a Church (diocese) needs to focus on our efforts of evangelization. The development of strategies to form missionary disciples to witness to our faith in Jesus must undergird all our activities. The review of structures, resources, and efforts must be undertaken to align for the present reality so that we may find ways for people to encounter Jesus and commit themselves to living as disciples in the Church. As the Holy Father reminds us, we are living in a new Apostolic Age. So while the truths of our faith remain unchanging, the manner we present our truths must adapt. It is not simply a matter of instructing a fallen world on the teachings of the Church; rather, we must continually invite others to experience the joy of knowing Jesus in a personal way. We must learn to become comfortable with witnessing to our experience of Jesus in our own lives and thereby help others to share in the same transformative relationship. Evangelization is about our relationship with Our Lord and this must be at the heart of all we do.
2. **Eucharist:** The source and summit of the Church's life is the Holy Eucharist. Deepening our own appreciation for the Eucharist in our lives is essential to deepening our relationship with Christ. Eucharistic revival is a priority for the Church in the United States and in our local Church. The Eucharist is always an encounter with Jesus Christ, whether that be at Mass or in Eucharistic Adoration. We must not only teach about the Real Presence of Christ in the Most Sacred Body and Blood, we must also help others to encounter this most intimate gift of the Lord. Within the Diocese of Peoria, we will align our efforts with the three-year plan of Eucharistic Revival culminating in the National Eucharistic Congress in 2024. The most important thing we do every week is to participate in the Eucharist! This is a truth that we should all live by.
3. **Discipleship - Forming Minds, Shaping Hearts, Developing Christian Leaders:** A hallmark of discipleship is the ongoing deepening of one's own relationship

with Jesus. After encountering Our Lord, a disciple begins the life-long journey of learning more about Jesus and who we are called to be as his followers. The ministry of catechesis whereby one learns the truths of our faith and the teachings of the Church is an important aspect of this. However, evangelization is more than catechesis. It entails facilitating an encounter with Jesus that, by divine grace, enables one's heart and mind to be captured by Christ. When this happens, those who have experienced the love of God naturally desire to have their minds and hearts more deeply formed so they become more like Christ. This formation occurs in our parishes and Newman centers, in our schools and religious education programs. It happens first in Christian homes! The development of creative and engaging catechetical models along with the formation of leaders is important in every age.

4. **Vocations:** Everyone has a vocation! As disciples of Jesus, we naturally want to strengthen people's response to God's call in their life. The promotion of strong families and the gift of matrimony as a Sacrament inspire the other vocations within the Church. In particular, the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life are key. We all share the responsibility to encourage and support those who believe they have a divine call to serve the Church as a priest or religious. The seeds we plant today - especially in our families - will bear fruit for the sake of God's kingdom.
5. **Archbishop Fulton Sheen:** We are committed to promoting the cause for the canonization of the Venerable Fulton J. Sheen. Our beloved native son, ordained to serve as a Priest of Jesus Christ for the Diocese of Peoria, went on to serve the universal Church by his dynamic, creative, and inspiring ministry as a bishop. Utilizing the cutting-edge technology of his time, combined with the gift of his great mind and his natural ability to communicate, Sheen is a model of evangelization for us today. While imploring the Church to move forward on his official cause of beatification and ultimately canonization, the Diocese of Peoria will work tirelessly to share the legacy of this holy man and his tremendous impact on the world.

My dear brothers and sisters, as we celebrate Easter, we celebrate a new life in Christ Jesus. The first disciples encountered the Good News of the Resurrection, and their

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hearts were stirred by the Holy Spirit to go and share what they witnessed. Even before they fully understood all that had transpired - because of their personal encounter with Jesus, their experience of his love, and the renewal of their minds and hearts that had taken place through his teaching - they knew what they had to do: "Go and tell the others." And thus, through the activity of the Holy Spirit in their lives, the Church began to grow. And now, in our time, we commit ourselves anew to this same essential task. "Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen!" This truth has changed our lives and it continues to have the power to change the world. Let us then hear the Risen Lord say to us as well:

*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19-20)*

This is the joy of Easter and the joy of discipleship!

Blessings to you and your loved ones. Know of my daily prayers for you as I ask for yours. Together let us join in singing God's praises: Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!

Happy Easter!

Peace and Prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis Tylka", with a stylized flourish at the end.

✙ Most Reverend Louis Tylka  
Bishop of Peoria