

Dear Padre,

I was baptized as a baby, but I never really went to church. Lately, I've been attending Mass. Are there steps I should take before I receive Communion?

The first step is to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation (confession). This is a wonderful opportunity to be officially welcomed back into full practice with the Church. After such a long absence, it is important to examine your conscience and celebrate the forgiveness of the Lord before you receive holy Communion.

I would also recommend that you “beef up” your understanding of what it means to be a practicing Catholic. You might do this by participating in your parish’s process for the Christian Initiation of Adults (called OCIA or sometimes RCIA). The Liguori Publications program, *Journey of Faith*, is one resource used by many parish communities. Another possibility is to use some of the resources offered online, such as Bishop Robert Barron’s *Word on Fire* website, which has a fine reputation.

I am happy you have responded to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within you and answered the call to deepen your spiritual practice and journey. The Church needs you. The people of God welcome you. You are beloved among us, and your response in faith is a powerful witness, a reminder to those who may be tempted to take for granted the gift of faith. Thank you. ●



A candidate and his sponsor sit for a photo after an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) class. LOS ANGELES TIMES VIA GETTY IMAGES

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27
Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Second Sunday of Easter /
Acts 2:14, 22-33	Acts 2:36-41	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:11-26	Acts 4:1-12	Acts 4:13-21	Sunday of Divine Mercy
Mt 28:8-15	Jn 20:11-18	Lk 24:13-35	Lk 24:35-48	Jn 21:1-14	Mk 16:9-15	Acts 5:12-16

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

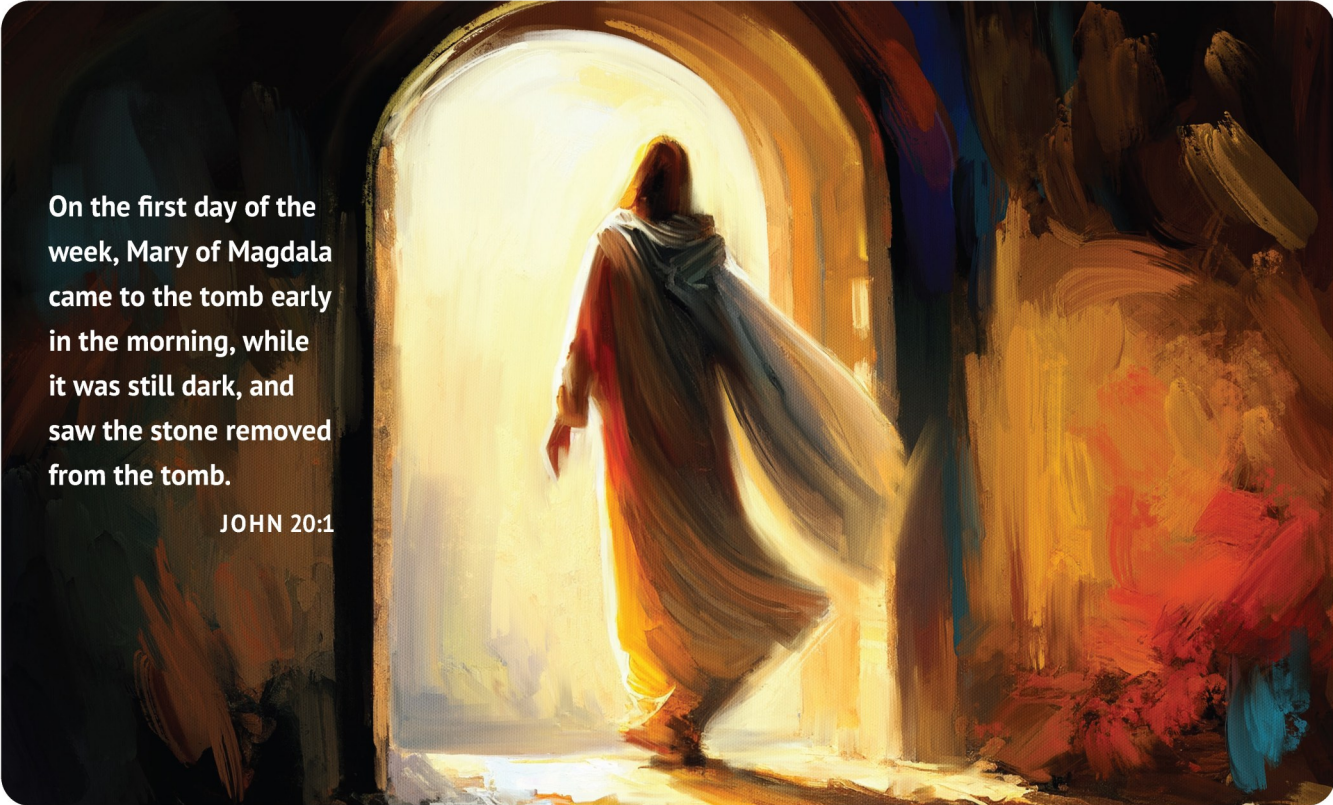
We welcome the Easter message: “Peace be with you!” Brothers and sisters, let us allow the peace of Christ to enter our lives, our homes, our countries!... Let there be a decision for peace.... Please, please, let us not get used to war!... May the leaders of nations hear people’s plea for peace.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (C)
Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / Jn 20:1-9



On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

JOHN 20:1

Bit by Bit

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Looking for proof of the resurrection is like looking for proof of love. Sometimes, we realize only gradually—bit by bit—that we are loved. John’s Gospel abounds with images of light and darkness. So when this Sunday’s Easter Gospel recounts Mary of Magdala going to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark, the gospel is not simply marking the time of day. It’s noting that what was taking place was before they believed in the resurrection, when they were still in the dark. All sorts of hints about the resurrection begin to occur: Mary sees the stone rolled away, Peter and the other disciple go to the tomb and find the burial cloths. They see the cloth that had covered his head rolled up and set aside. No apparition of Jesus, no men in white garments, no angels. Only hints that with the resurrection of Jesus,

God has made all life new and destined for resurrection. What, then, might one do who is plagued by doubts? Look for hints of resurrection, of life coming about where one expects only death (as if to symbolically enter the tomb). What types of hints? Going for counseling, as frightening as that may be, and finding peace. Talking through a problem in marriage. Finding that empty-nesting gives way to new life. Discovering retirement’s gifts. Making a dreaded move to a new city or school. The resurrection of Jesus means God makes all life new. We only need to see it and discover that, bit by bit, it leads to faith. ●

Reflect

What are the hints of resurrection surrounding me? Have I missed any?



WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY PASTORAL UNIT

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UPCOMING CHURCH SPRING SUPPERS

ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS: (44 MARIAN DRIVE, PERTH-ANDOVER, N.B. E7H3A7)
SPRING SUPPER: SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH: SIT DOWN AND TAKE OUT SUPPER

MENU: SALMON OR ROAST BEEF, BAKED POTATOES, VEGETABLES, ROLLS,
PIES SERVED WITH COFFEE, TEA AND JUICE. SIT DOWN SUPPER WILL BE
SERVED BETWEEN 3:00 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M. COST: \$20.00 PER PERSON
TICKETS SOLD IN ADVANCE AND ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.
50/50 DRAW. FOR TICKETS CONTACT: 506-273-0065.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (PLASTER ROCK): HOT TURKEY SUPPER,

NEW DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 25TH: **MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.**

ST JOSEPH (TILLEY): PORK LOIN SUPPER: SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.



ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS (ANDERSON ROAD)

TODAY: EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 20TH) SUNRISE BREAKFAST

FOLLOWING THE 7:00 A.M. MASS (SERVING AROUND 7:45 A.M.)

MENU: HAM, EGGS, TOAST, COFFEE, TEA WITH DONUTS & MUFFINS

COST: BY DONATION

THE PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH (14064, ROUTE 105, TILLEY, N.B.) INVITES YOU TO THEIR \$0.25 PER
CARD BINGO ON SUNDAY, MAY 4TH BETWEEN 2PM & 4PM AT THEIR PARISH HALL CANTEEN
SERVICES AVAILABLE. A VARIETY OF PRIZES WILL BE OFFERED TO BE WON, AND A 50/50
DRAW WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF THE VENT. COME SUPPORT OUR PARISH
FUNDRAISER BUT MOSTLY COME ENJOY YOURSELF WITH US, YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY.

ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS (44 MARIAN DRIVE PERTH ANDOVER) 50/50 BINGO

NEXT BINGO, SUNDAY, MAY 18TH

HAMBURGERS/HOT DOGS ETC. BINGO STARTS: 1:00 P.M. CARDS: 25 CENTS. EACH.

ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS (PERTH-ANDOVER) AUCTION 45 CARD GAMES

Every Wednesday starting at 1:30 P.M. Cost: \$5.00 with refreshments.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (PLASTER ROCK) AUCTION 45 CARD GAMES

Every Monday at 1:00 P.M. Cost: \$5.00 with refreshments.

ST. PATRICK'S RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 3:00 P.M. CONTACT: 506-273-0419.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO RUMMAGE SALES ON: APRIL 26TH &
MAY 3RD. WILL RESUME ON SATURDAY, MAY 10TH.

ASSUMPTION BLUE BELL: NEXT SALES: WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH AND
THURSDAY, MAY 8TH FROM 10:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

CONTACT: 506-553-9018.

ASSUMPTION BLUE BELL (3710, ROUTE 108) FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC

Friday evenings from 7:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. NOTE: NO DANCE ON GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18TH.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT: 506-273-2913

A MAY DAY TEA WILL BE HOSTED BY ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS C.W.L.
ON THURSDAY, MAY 1ST FROM 2:00 P.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M.
EVERYONE IS INVITED.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: COUNCIL 6414

GRAND KNIGHT: WALTER MACDOUGALL GRAND KNIGHT: CONTACT: 506-273-0499.
NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON: MONDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2025

HE IS RISEN

APRIL 19TH EASTER VIGIL

Our Lady of Mercy Mass-6:00 PM-Sat., April 19th Fr. Gilbert

St. Anne's Mass 9:00 P.M. Saturday, April 19th Father Curtis

APRIL 20TH: EASTER SUNDAY

St. Theresa Mass 7:00 am—Sunday, April 20th Father Curtis

St. Patrick Mass 9:00am-Sunday, April 20th Father Gilbert

St. Thomas Aq. Mass—9:15am Sunday, April 20th Father Cecil

St. Mary's Mass—10:30am—Sunday, April 20th Fr. Gilbert

St. Joseph Mass—10:30 am Sunday, April 20th Father Curtis

Assumption (BB) Mass—11:00am—April 20th Father Cecil

St. Anne's Mass—12Noon—Sunday, April 20th Father Curtis

MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

ALL PARISHIONERS OF DIVINE MERCY PASTORAL UNIT.



St. Mary of the Angels: Every Tuesday: 11:45 a.m.
Mass is for the Faithful Departed.

St. Anne's: Every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.
Mass is for all the sick.

St. Mary of the Angels: First Friday Mass at 11:00
a.m. Next Mass is on May 2nd.

ADORATION (NEW TIME AND DATE)

Every Tuesday for all parishioners in all our
parishes at St. Mary of the Angels Church
from 11:00 a.m until 11:30 a.m.

OUR LADY OF MERCY: MEMORIAL WREATH

Please, contact Doreen Roach: 506-273-3020.

PRAYER LIST: MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP: PRAY FOR US.



Marshall Fournier, John Paul Fournier, Martina McQuade— Searles, Marsha Lang, Adena Robinson,
Angela & Reid Perley, Viola Bernier, Jacqueline (Jackie) Van Kessel, Jeannine Babineau, Anne Lewis,
Mark Wertepny, Gerald London, Derek Winzar, Douglas Canam, Janet McIntosh, Mac Paris, James

Joseph Fournier, Noella St. Peter, Kirk St. Peter, Irene & Maurice Dionne, Lidia Borst, Lois Baker, Barb & Philip Roach,
Eileen McLaughlin, Ella Deschenes, Ann & Paul Babineau, Elaine Lagace, Anne Dickson, Helena McCarthy, Helen McLaughlin,
Rose Finnemore, Ginette McCarthy, Agathe & Cecil Morrissey, Jeannine Babineau, Shirley Gamblin, Gary Sappier,
Rita Petersen-Goodine, Arlene Sappier, Judy Doucette, Ab & Jean Beaulieu, Desiree Burke, Cybil St, Amand, Mary Pelletier, Ruth Knox
Sehria Perley, Eric & France Levesque, Fern Dee, Lyn Clark, Geraldine Morin, Eveleigh Watson, Patricia Black, Blair Goodine,
Jack Sullivan, Linda Hoyt, Zoe Michaud, Duane Campbell, Sharon Eagan, Clovis "Sonny" Pelletier, Randy Pirie, Bradley Labonte,
Natalie Michaud, Andre Michaud, David Brown, Leroy Durepos, Patricia Levesque, Mary Ann Agnew, Martha Burden, David Simpson,
Margaret Wells, Mrs. Judy Theriault, Lawrence Allen, Celina Landry, Sandra Nicholas, Adeline Roy, Frances LeBlanc, Hilda Dionne,
Michael Mackay, Carol & Roger Robinson, Richard Levesque Sr., Narcisse Ouellette, Irene Green, Noella Merritt, Judy Theriault,
Charles Rossignol, Michelle Dixon-Dee, Mark Ouellette, Braelyn Rossignol, Myra Eva Geneau, Geneva & Frank Pirie, John L. Fournier,
Rose Jeppesen, Kellie Carmichael, Barry Nicholas, Tammy Bourgoin, Chester Godreau, Marlene Dubee, Ildefonso Cortes,
Donnie Hollins, Claudette Koling, Chris Michaud, Theresa Giberson, Raymond Ferguson, Brooklyn Amber Odgen,
Sr. Almyre Doucet & Sr. Evangeline Poirier, r.h.s.j. and Br. Brandon Bartlett i.v.Dei. LET US PRAY ALSO FOR ALL OUR CAREGIVERS.



Saint Peregrine: Patron Saint of Cancer Patients:

God, who gave Saint Peregrine an angel as his companion, the Mother of God as his teacher,
and Jesus as the physician for his illness; grant, we ask You, that we on earth may intensely
love the Blessed Virgin Mary and our Saviour, and in Heaven bless them forever. Grant that
through St. Peregrine's intercession, that those suffering from cancer will have a healing physically or
spiritually & to accept the will of God, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. AMEN

Saint Rita of Cascia:

Saint Rita was married at a young age to Paolo Mancini where at times they had difficulties in their marriage. Her
husband was killed in a war leaving her with twin sons who died by disease. She was a woman of faith and joined
the Augustinian sisters. She received the Crown of Thorns and she is: Patroness of abuse victims, (battered
women) loneliness, marriage difficulties, parenthood, widows, and bodily ills.

SAINT RITA: PRAY FOR US. AMEN.

Ven. Alfred Pampalon:

For those who are suffering from addictions:

Good Father Alfred: You are the patron of alcohol and drug addicts, of all who have an addiction of any
kind. You are their hope. Please intercede to Jesus that one may be free from these addictions. AMEN.