

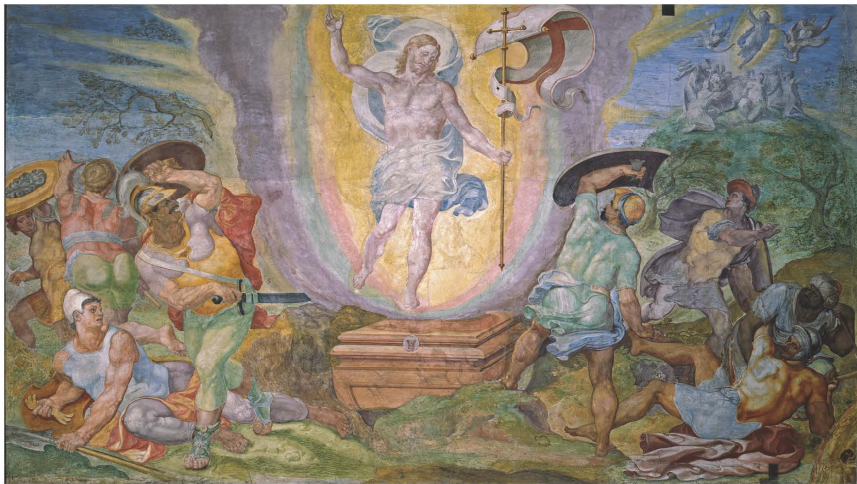
Persevering in Pursuit of Jesus

The key to our faith is the testimony of the apostles who witnessed Jesus resurrected from the dead. For this reason, the Easter scriptural passages carefully record who saw him, when, and under what circumstances.

Particularly powerful is the testimony of Mary Magdalene. She was at the foot of the cross with Mary and John. She saw Jesus' passion and death in all its brutal reality: carrying the cross, the nailing, spearing, his last agonizing words, lowering his body from the cross, cleaning his corpse, and anointing it according to Jewish customs. She would have wrapped him in linen and then stood outside the tomb as soldiers sealed it shut. She, more than anyone, could testify that he was most definitely dead.

Imagine her surprise when, early Sunday morning, she found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. After Peter and John came to confirm that it was as she said, Mary Magdalene stayed at the tomb. Having been forgiven much, she loved much. Saint Gregory the Great comments that the woman who stayed behind to seek Christ was the only one to see him, for perseverance is essential to any good deed.

Piece: *The Resurrection of Christ*, 1575
 Artist: Hendrick van den Broeck
 Location: Sistine Chapel



Often we need to persevere in pursuing Jesus. He doesn't reveal himself to mere curiosity seekers. Rather, he rewards those who seek him with sincerity and who have accepted him deeply.

Jesus would find the person who was seeking him. He called her by name because he knew her as no one else. She had found her lost treasure and held on to it with all her loving strength.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
 What do I treasure?
 What do I spend my time seeking after?
 What saddens me the most when I don't have it?*

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

Assumption of Our Lady



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April 21, 2019

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses

Mon & Tues 12:10 PM

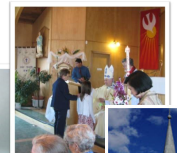
Wed - Fri 5:30 PM

Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals.

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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Apr. 7	Andrew Cassidy Deedee Lepine	Darm Crook Jason Morissey	Eva & Merv Templeton	Suzanne Bouchard Doug Swallow Bea Lepine	Kelly Lizardo Julie Bordey
Apr. 14	Doris Coudron Sheila Ryan-Hachey TBA	Paul Delorey Pete Boden	Gagnon Family	Marie Kopp-van Egteren Andrew Cassidy Theresa Swallow	Debbie Whittle Anna Crosman Denise Desjarlais
Apr. 21	Ruth Boden Sancie Gostick	Darm Crook Gerry Egteren	De Vera Family	Deedee Lepine Tony Whittle Doug Swallow	Easter Sunday — POTLUCK EVERYONE
Apr. 28	Shanelle Moore Amelie Stephen Sophia Brito Shayla Moore	Medric Stephen Lennox Moore	Shanelle Shayla Lennox	Shirley Gutierrez Marie Kopp-van Egteren Suzanne Bouchard	TBA

The Announcement for Easter Sunday, April 21st 2019.

- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.
- As we celebrate Easter this Sunday, on behalf of Sister Maggie and the members of the parish council, headed by Eddie Smith, I wish all our parishioners a grace-filled Easter celebrations. May the light of the risen Lord, dispel the darkness of hopelessness in our lives and grant us peace.
- We are reminded that next Sunday, April 28th, is Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena started on good Friday at 3:00pm and will end at the same 3:00pm on the 28th of April.... Our Lord instructed sister Faustina; My daughter, speak to the whole world of my incomprehensible mercy as He promised to open the depth of His mercy and pour out a sea of graces upon those souls that will approach the font of His mercy.
- The CWL devotional rosary for the sick and the needy every Tuesday is still ongoing. More members are encouraged to participate and the time is 11:30am.
- Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please let us know.

Rachel's Corner

"In the beginning I felt guilt and the burden that would not let me breathe nor be at peace. Then I began to experience the mercy and healing from God and now, I feel that I have been set free from what had me tied down. It was an experience of healing."
- Testimonial

Perhaps you too know what that burden feels like that seems to be relentless in filling your thoughts with guilt and self-condemnation, which don't let you breathe and be at peace. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ retreat and let us walk with you as you lay that burden down and allow God to show you how much He loves you and yearns for you to receive His merciful healing.

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Weekly Revenue

	\$2,108.35 Collection
	Hall Rental
	\$2,108.35 Revenue Total
	\$1,831.00 Expenses Total
	\$277.35

Expenses are based on 2018 Q1

Calendar

- Monday**
APRIL 22
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-23
Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday**
APRIL 23
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday**
APRIL 24
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday**
APRIL 25
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48
- Friday**
APRIL 26
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday**
APRIL 27
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday**
APRIL 28
*Second Sunday of Easter,
Sunday of Divine Mercy*
Acts 5:12-16
Rev 1:9-11a,
12-13, 17-19
Jn 20:19-31

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

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Dear Padre,

Is there any significance to the fact that the first witnesses to Jesus' resurrection were women?

The first people to encounter the risen Jesus were Mary Magdalene and the women who came to anoint his body on Easter. Jesus had been killed the day before the Sabbath. His body was buried in haste, so there was no time to do the proper anointing. Jesus appeared first to these women, who became the first witnesses to Christ's resurrection.

According to Jewish law, women were not allowed to be witnesses. They were not allowed to testify or bear witness. The fact that Jesus first appeared to women, and specifically used women as the first to witness his resurrection, is testimony that in Christ we discard the distinctions that separate and divide us as human beings. Other categories of people were also not allowed to testify in Jewish law—children, slaves, and shepherds were also excluded. In Luke's gospel, the first witnesses to the birth of Jesus were the shepherds on the hillside. Jesus came into this world and left it while giving a voice to those usually silenced.



This Easter, let us be like the Lord as we recommit ourselves to giving voice to those in our world who are unprotected, silenced, and cast aside.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR
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A Word From Pope Francis

The growing presence of women in the social, economic, and political life at local, national, and international levels, as well as the ecclesial, therefore, is a healthy process. Women have the full right to be actively included in all areas, and their right must be affirmed and protected, even through legal instruments wherever...necessary.

—Address to pontifical council, June 9, 2017



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