

# Easter Sunday



## What is Easter Sunday?

Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and his victory over sin and death! After a long season of Lent, we celebrate that Christ is alive. The Resurrection of Jesus gives us hope for our own share in His Resurrection at the end of our life. Christ is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!



## Open the Word

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)

Read today's readings including the full account of the Resurrection story in **John 20:1-9**.



## Holy Week At Home

**Watch Easter Sunday Mass** with Archbishop Gregory today at 10:00am.

For many people, Easter is a time for large gatherings of family and friends. Even though we cannot gather with everyone today, we can still have a party! Today, host a great party at home and invite others to join you via phone or video call.



## For Children

Download the image of a cross in **English or Spanish**.  
Draw a picture of Jesus' resurrection!



## Spiritual Reading

"Today however we see that our journey is not in vain; it does not come up against a tombstone. A single phrase astounds the woman and changes history: 'Why do you seek the living among the dead?' (Lk 24:5). Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give into resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside. God takes away even the hardest stones against which our hopes and expectations crash: death, sin, fear, worldliness. Human history does not end before a tombstone, because today it encounters the 'living stone' (cf. 1 Pet 2:4), the risen Jesus. We, as Church, are built on him..."

*- Pope Francis' Easter Homily, 2019*



## Did You Know?

The "Paschal Greeting" used during the Easter Season especially among Orthodox Christians, is a call and response: "Christ is Risen"..."Truly, He is Risen!" The greeting is based in the words of Mary Magdalen in today's Gospel.



## Let Us Pray

Loving God, We celebrate the life and love that you proclaim and share with us. May we know the joy of your Resurrection in our hearts as we strive to share this joy with others. Like Mary, Simon Peter and the beloved disciple, may we run to spread the Good News of the life and love you share. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*(Liturgical Press, **Holy Week at Home**)*



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Prayer moves us to action. Contact your local parish or **Catholic Charities** if you are in need of assistance or would like to be of assistance to others.