

St. Anthony Catholic Church

April 17, 2022

Gospel: John 9: 1-20

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

Offertory

Received week of 4/3/22 to 4/10/22	\$ 1,681
Weekly Budget Amount	\$ 2,022
Weekly Over/Under week of 4/3/22 to 4/10/22	\$ (341)
Year to Date Received 7/1/21 to 4/10/22	\$ 95,739
Year to Date Budget Amount	\$ 82,896
<u>Year to Date Over/Under Budget Amount</u>	<u>\$ 12,844</u>

(Amounts include online Giving Donations)

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Announcements

- **Confessions** have returned to Saturdays at 3:00pm
- **Mass Intentions:** Thanks to those who are using the Mass Intention sign-up form on our website. *If you submit an envelope at church, please follow-up with an email to the office.*
- **Wedding Anniversaries:** We will celebrate your anniversary with you. Please email your wedding photos and information to the office.
- **Testimonies:** Do you have a story about how God has touched your life. Please share your story with our parishioners and email your story to the office.

- Father Joseph's birthday is May 17. He requests that in lieu of birthday gifts, parishioners donate to the people of Ukraine. A suggestion is the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Charity: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/charity/ukraine.html> Thank you.
- Also, stay tuned for an announcement regarding Father Joe's up-coming birthday celebration! *PAR-TEE!!!* 🎉🎂🍰🎈🎊
- **Catholic Sentinel**, and **Word Among Us** are now available in the vestibule and online.
- **Online Bulletin:** You can read all of our weekly bulletins on our webpage.



Mass Intentions

Sat. April 16 Pam Lamphear 79th BD
 Easter Sun. April 17 St. Anthony Parishioners
 Tues. April 19 ✠ Michael Steckler
 Wed. April 20 People of Ukraine
 Thurs. April 21 ✠ Tom Riverman
 Fri. April 22 Linda and Larry Occhipinti
 Sat. April 23 ✠ Fred Lick
 Sun. April 24 ✠ Robert Bunce

Video Resources

A beautiful video of "The Lord's Prayer:"

<https://www.andiesisle.com/thelordsprayer.html>

April 16 is the Feast Day of St. Bernadette Here is a video history:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WY-pDCyq5GI>

Easter Message from Pope Francis

Pope's Easter wish: Do not lose hope, the real hope, that doesn't disappoint



Pope Francis grants a wide-ranging interview to Italian journalist Lorena Bianchetti of state-run TV station RAI1, and says that, despite the horrific war in Ukraine and other tragedies around the globe, this Easter we must keep our hope, even if it seems unfulfilled in the short-term.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

This Easter, Pope Francis has urged the faithful never to lose hope. "Hope makes you wait, but it never disappoints," he said.

The Holy Father offered this reminder in [an interview with Italian journalist Lorena Bianchetti](#), during a special edition of the 'A Sua Immagine' program of Italian state television channel, RAI1, which aired on Good Friday afternoon in Italy.

Let Jesus speak to you

On this Good Friday, the Pope gently suggests, "Before the Crucified Jesus, let your heart be touched. Let Him speak to you with His silence and His pain."

During their conversation, the Pope and the television presenter covered a wide range of topics, including war, the pandemic, keeping the faith amid tragedy, and the fortitude of women.

When the Pope was asked what his wish was for this Easter, he spoke about the importance of finding internal joy. Despite all the desolation, he said, we must have hope and experience tears of joy.

"My wish is not to lose hope, the real hope, which does not disappoint."

This Easter, amid war, the Pope said to ask for "the grace of tears," "but tears of joy, of consolation, and of hope."

"I am certain, and I repeat it, that we need to cry more." He lamented that humanity has forgotten how to cry, saying, "Let us ask Peter to teach us how to weep like he did."

The Holy Father confided, "One of the things I learned is not to speak when someone is suffering."

Wide-ranging conversation

During the interview, the Pope reflected on the drama of war throughout the world, with particular attention dedicated to the war in Ukraine, which according to recent figures, has forced more than 4.7 million to flee the country, especially mothers and children. In his remarks, the Pope warned against categorizing refugees and migrants into classes or by what they look like, and decried racism.

The Pope recalled that our Lord Jesus was a migrant and refugee in Egypt, while also warning against the "disease of hatred." The Pope also reflected on the "monstrosity" of war.

Devil seduces... beware

Pope Francis stressed that the devil is deceptive and tries to seduce us into sinning.

"The devil is not a myth, but a reality."

The Pope said again not to dialogue with the devil, because there is absolutely no good in him, but that we need to dialogue with people who do things that are harmful because there is a seed of good in them.

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The Holy Father cautioned as well against exploitation, which constitutes another "war" which "also destroys," even if it does so without tanks.

'Women are strong'

Women, the Pope said, are "strong." A mother, he acknowledged, "is capable of accompanying her children to the end." Women, he said, know what it means to "prepare life" and "what death is." "They speak that language," he said. *"It takes women to sound the alarm."*

Flipping through pages of the Gospel, the Holy Father recalled the wife of Pontius Pilate. "She says to her husband, 'Do not meddle with this righteous man.' But Pilate does not listen to her."

Loneliness

The Holy Father also reflected on the many types of loneliness. Recalling the Extraordinary *Statio Orbis* in St. Peter's Square on 27 March 2020 for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Pope said, "I did not know that the square would be empty."

"It was a message from the Lord to understand loneliness well."

God has been good to me

"Have you ever felt alone in carrying out your ministry?" Bianchetti asked the Pope.

"No. God has been good to me. He makes Himself present. He has been very generous. Perhaps because He knows that I cannot do it alone."

Referring to some wounds affecting the Church, the Pope decried the spirit of worldliness, which he said greatly hurts the Church.

"When it falls into the worldly spirit, the Church is defeated," he said.

Silence on Good Friday

At the conclusion of the conversation, the presenter noted that it was almost three o'clock in the afternoon, and asked how we should live this hour.

The question remained suspended: Pope Francis, for a few seconds, remained silent.

Happy Easter

Easter is the single most important holy day throughout Christianity. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ — a central belief for Christians worldwide and the focal point of our faith.

Religious scholars believe the event occurred three days after the Romans crucified Jesus in roughly 30 AD. Christians therefore derive hope that we, too, will experience a resurrection in Heaven.

Some interesting facts about Easter

In 325 A.D., the First Council of Nicea, organized by Roman Emperor of Constantine I, decreed that Easter would be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox.

The christening of the holiday as 'Easter' is believed to have originated from the name of a goddess in England, Eostre, who was celebrated at the beginning of spring before Christ's time.

Another theory suggests that the word 'Easter' originated from the German word for 'East,' also meaning dawn.

The holiday has Christian roots but has also become popular in secular society for its other elements like the Easter bunny, and Easter eggs.

Eggs have long been considered a symbol for life and rebirth, and the act of coloring them predates Christianity.

The origins of the concept of the Easter bunny have been disputed, but many agree that it started in Germany in the 18th century.

In 1878, President Rutherford B Hayes and his wife hosted the first annual Easter egg roll on the White House lawn.

Easter baskets originated in the 7th century in Poland. They contained healthy foods that families would have blessed by a priest on Holy Saturday before breaking their Lenten fast on Easter morning.

Six in 10 of Americans attend church services on Easter Sunday.

Candy is the #1 Easter purchase.

Reese's Peanut Butter Eggs are the most popular Easter candy. Least favorite – Marshmallow Peeps.

Holy Easter Humor



Happy Easter

