

**Christ has  
trampled  
Death by  
Death!**

**And to those  
in the grave  
He has  
brought life!  
Alleluia!**

Both Christmas and Easter show the inner unity of Christianity. We find it in Psalm 23:7: *“Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, o ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in”*

It seems that the human world has no doors opening toward God. It is locked in upon itself. It is a prison, a house of the dead. People of the Old Testament and of other early civilizations initially applied the idea of the prison only to the world of the dead: the man who dies will not return. They imagined the underworld as a vast dark prison in which death reigns, a ruthless tyrant. It is a place of no return. Gradually, however, the feeling grew that, if all our paths lead to the prison that has entrances but no exit, then we are all prisoners. In that case even this present world is a house of the dead, antechamber leading to a dungeon of horrors. And it is a fact: if death has the last word, the world is a waiting room leading to the void. If Christ is not risen, there is nothing more to be said about man than this; all else is merely an endeavor to deaden the pain. The cries of despair we hear and the cruel attempts at liberation we see are the necessary consequences of a world that will not accept Christ, its hope.

*“Be lifted up, O ancient doors”* these words of the psalm are not only ... the ‘gate liturgy’ of a long-past age. They are the cry of man in a world that is far too narrow even if he can travel in spaceships to the moon and beyond. Christmas is only the first half of the Christian answer to this cry. Christmas tells us that there is not only the tyrant, Death: there is God, who is Life, and this God can and will reach us; he has broken a way in to us. He has found the door that was big enough for him, or rather, he has made such a door for himself. But this answer is complete only if there is not just an entrance by which God can reach us but also an exit for us. It is only satisfying if death is no longer a prison from which no one returns. And this is the content of the message of Easter. Not only is there a door in, there is also a door out. Death is no longer a house with no exits, a place of no return.

Christ takes humanity the hand and leads us to freedom. Life is not a waiting room leading to the void but the beginning of eternity. The world is not the universal concentration camp but the garden of hope. Life is not the futile search for meaning, mirrored in the tangle of bureaucracy. God is not a bureaucrat; he does not live in a distant castle, nor does he hide himself behind impenetrable anterooms. The door is open; it is called Jesus Christ.

The celebration of Easter is intended to show the radiant light that streams from this door. It challenges us steadfastly to follow this radiance, which is no will-o'-the-wisp but the brilliance of saving truth.

Joseph Ratzinger, *Seek That Which is Above*

**OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
Every Mass is celebrated as the Solemnity of Easter

**MONDAY, April 5, 2021**

11:00 am – Confessions, Rosary, & Adoration  
12:10 pm - Mass († *Emile Detillieux*)

**TUESDAY, April 6, 2021**

11:00 am - Confessions, Rosary, & Adoration  
12:10 pm - Mass († *Emile Detillieux*)

**WEDNESDAY, April 7, 2021**

11:00 am - Confessions, Rosary, & Adoration  
12:10 pm - Mass (*SI Julia Mann*)  
7:30 pm - Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, April 8, 2021**

11:00 am - Confessions, Rosary, & Adoration  
12:10 pm - Mass (*SI Heidi Lemar*)  
8:30 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

**FRIDAY, April 9, 2021**

11:00 am - Confessions, Rosary, & Adoration  
12:10 pm - Mass (*SI Roger Bilodeau*)  
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group  
6:30 pm – Vespers & Gregorian Chant Mass

**SATURDAY, April 10, 2021**

9:00 am - Divine Office - Lauds  
11:00 am - Confessions, Rosary, & Adoration  
12:10 pm - Mass (*SI Anthony Bilodeau*)  
6:00 pm - Divine Office (Vespers)  
6:30 pm - Anticipated Sunday Mass

**SUNDAY, April 11, 2021**

*Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)*

8:00 am - Mass  
10:00 am - Mass  
7:15 pm - Divine Office - Vespers  
8:00 pm – Mass  
*Compline (following Mass)*

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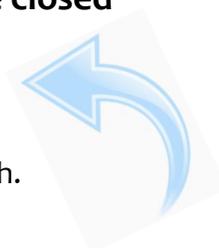
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**The Parish Office will be closed**

**Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

as well as afternoons:

Tuesday – Friday April 6 - 9th.



**SPECIAL THANKS**

**To all who have so generously  
volunteered their time and  
talents in all the ministries  
during Lent and Easter.**

**St. Paul's thanks you! May you  
be blessed abundantly.**

**OFFERING FOR March 28, 2021**

Loose	\$ 521.35
Envelopes	\$ 2 468.00
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