



*Then the other disciple also went in,  
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,  
and he saw and believed.*

JOHN 20:8

## Life without a Blankie

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**F** **ai**th can have the look of high dives and learning to ride a bike without training wheels and life without one's "blankie." All are confrontations with the specter of death asking us to have faith. From youth to old age, our lives seem to be laced with the loss of control, and unless we embrace such moments, not only will we never really grow up, neither will we ever become people of faith who live in the resurrection.

The Easter Gospels are about women and men who arrive at the tomb but hesitate going in; it is the home of death. Yet they become believers after they have entered that home of death and discover it to be abandoned. Over the years, I have become convinced that the only way to become a believer in the resurrection is to walk into the tomb yourself and there discover that where you thought death

was present now has been abandoned. That is the pattern of coming to faith.

Usually such moments do not have the look of faith. They tend to seem more akin to death than any promise of new life—like having to move to a new city or a new school, or abandoning an addiction, or confronting a problem through counseling, or aging, or grieving over lost love. They all can have the look of tombs yet they are also where we find the beginnings of new life. Risk it often enough and so discover new life, and we begin to believe in the reality of resurrection—Jesus' and ours. ●

### Reflect

***Have you ever experienced life flowing  
from what appeared to be a death?***

## St. Agnes • St. Boniface • St. John the Evangelist

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### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (B)

**From Fr. Michael:** Easter is the celebration of Jesus' victory over death and mankind's hope for eternal life. This feast gives us the hope of our own Resurrection and at the same time keeps us united with the living Christ who has promised to be with us. St Paul tells us that if Jesus is not risen from the dead, our faith will be in vain. In the Gospel of the day Mary Magdalene is asked to go and proclaim the Resurrection to all. To the Disciples the Resurrection of Jesus was something new and unexpected. It was a total transformation and it gave them a new vision of life. They had been witnesses of his suffering and death and during that time they had remained hidden out of fear. Their hope in Jesus was shattered. The resurrection brought about a complete tum around and they began boldly to proclaim that Jesus, who died on the Cross, was alive. Later, when they were arrested, persecuted and imprisoned, they rejoiced as they were now even more closely related to the life experience of their Lord through his resurrection. Easter Sunday was a total reversal of the image of Good Friday. His death which seemed to be a defeat before the world is now shown as a triumph, a victory over death. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is at the very heart of Christianity. For his disciples it was indeed a mystery. They were not able to comprehend the fact of Resurrection and grasp the deep inner meaning of it even though Jesus had spoken to them several times during his public life. However it built up their faith particularly because of their experience of the presence of Jesus and made them persons, courageous and ready to face any eventuality for their master. Jesus stood among them, talked to them, ate with them and taught them the doctrine. They were called upon to build the faith of others and we see how marvelous the living faith of the early Church was. Resurrection becomes the uniting factor, building the mystical body of Christ.

#### Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of April 1, 2024

Mon.	Apr	01	4:00 PM	SJ	No Daily Mass
Tues.	Apr	02	5:30 PM	SA	No Daily Mass
Wed.	Apr	03	6:30 PM	SJ	No Daily Mass
Thurs.	Apr	04	5:30 PM	SB	No Daily Mass
Fri.	Apr	05	8:30 AM	SJ	No Daily Mass
Sun.	Apr	07	8:00 AM	SJ	Leo and Charlene Walz†
Sun.	Apr	07	9:30 AM	SA	People of the Parish
Sun.	Apr	07	11:00 AM	SB	Junior Willis†

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Roni Boeser April 2nd  
James Smith April 3rd

**HAPPY EASTER**

## Ministry Schedule

<b>Date:</b> April 7	<b>St. Agnes</b>	<b>St. Boniface</b>	<b>St. John's</b>
<b>Time</b>	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>
<b>Hospitality</b>	Aleta & Conrad P.	Steve & Kristen B.	Luke Boeser Family
<b>Lector</b>	Katie W.	Dylan P.	Jon W.
<b>Server</b>		Amelia P. & Ellie P.	Cotter J. & Tate B.
<b>EMHC</b>	Aleta & Conrad P.	Mike P. & Rod B.	Rex & Kristie W.
<b>Communion to shut ins or Music</b>		Mike P.	Music: Dailey Family

<p><u>St. Agnes</u></p> <p><b>Our Gifts to God &amp; Church</b>  <b>March 24, 2024</b>  <u>Total Collection:</u>  <b>\$933.12</b></p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u>  <b>Dollar Goal = \$4014/so far \$2735</b>          Donor Goal: 8 out of 16</p> <p><u>This Week:</u></p> <p>Thrift Store          Open April 19th from 9AM to 4PM</p>	<p><u>St. Boniface</u></p> <p><b>Our Gifts to God &amp; Church</b>  <b>March 24, 2024</b>  <u>Total Collection:</u>  <b>\$1387</b></p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u>  <b>Dollar Goal = \$7306/ so far \$7305</b>          Donor Goal: 16 out of 19</p>	<p><u>St. John's</u></p> <p><b>Our Gifts to God &amp; Church</b>  <b>March 24, 2024</b>  <u>Total Collection:</u>  <b>\$274.00</b></p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u>  <b>Dollar Goal=\$5001/so far \$5020</b>          Donor Goal: 15 out of 17  <b>The dollar goal is REACHED!</b></p>
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### April 7 – Saint John Baptist de la Salle

Saint Jean-Baptiste de la Salle (1901-1927)

"God wants you to remain completely abandoned to his guidance, awaiting from him alone and from his goodness all the help you need. Follow the example of the crowd of people who had come following Jesus Christ and who waited patiently for him to provide for their nourishment without even taking the trouble to lay their needs before him."

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will be holding their Spring Assembly on April 15th to the 16th at St Joseph's in Broken Bow. Our theme is "igniting Holiness in an Ordinary Family". Our guest speaker is Katie Sciba, a well-known national speaker from Omaha. Katie's talk will be about how to incorporate faith and prayer into our family life. For more information and registration go to [facebook.com/people](https://www.facebook.com/people/DCCW-Grand-Island/). Grand Island DCCW.



Come to St. Robert Bellarmine in Omaha on April 26 and 27, 2024 to hear friends from EWTN and Catholic Answers speak on THE EUCHARIST: The Source and Summit of our Faith. This 2-day symposium will feature: Fr. Wade Menezes, Tim Staples, Coleen Kelly Mast, Joe Heschmeyer, and Stacy Trasancos. Jack Williams, General Manager of EWTN Radio, will serve as our emcee as we explore the Eucharist. A bookstore will be open before, during, and after the symposium with a Saturday box lunch available for pre-purchase. The symposium will be held from 7-9:30 pm Friday, April 26, and 9 am -4:30 pm Saturday, April 27. Tickets are \$25 each. For more info and to purchase tickets, go to [spiritcatholicradio.com/gpr/](https://www.spiritcatholicradio.com/gpr/)

# Dear Padre,

**Where did the idea of an Easter bunny come from?  
What about the Easter egg?**

The Easter bunny is really a hare which, according to an Egyptian legend, is a symbol of the moon. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the twenty-first day of March. Put this together, and we have an Easter bunny.

Early Christians gave new meaning to the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo*, which means, "All life comes from an egg." A hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb on Easter morning. Consequently, eggs were prohibited during the Lenten fast and were reintroduced at the Easter meal and also shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg "that it may become a wholesome sustenance to Thy faithful servants, eating in thankfulness to Thee, on account of the Resurrection of Our Lord."

In some parts of the world, children carry baskets and torches and sing Easter carols as they go from place to place. They are given brightly colored eggs to put in their baskets. In other places, eggs are carried to church and blessed by the priests. The eggs are taken home and placed in the center of the table as the main dish at the Easter feast. Visitors to the house during Easter week are offered this sacred food of the resurrection. Happy Easter! ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 1 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15	April 2 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18	April 3 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35	April 4 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48	April 5 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14	April 6 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15	April 7 <i>Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)</i> Acts 4:32-35 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world.*

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