



Believing Is Seeing

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We celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring, which is also the first Sunday after Passover. The whole history of the world comes to this point, and today's gospel catches the eternal thrill of that day. A desperate Mary Magdalen cannot find her Lord in the tomb. Thinking that his body has been stolen, she alerts the apostles. Peter and John go running, and a moment of unforgettable suspense follows as first Peter and then John enter the tomb. The details are significant. They saw the burial cloths there and “the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place” (John 20:7). Thieves would not have taken

the time to unwrap the body and fold the face cloth. These details are intended to point to the truth of the resurrection. They saw and believed!

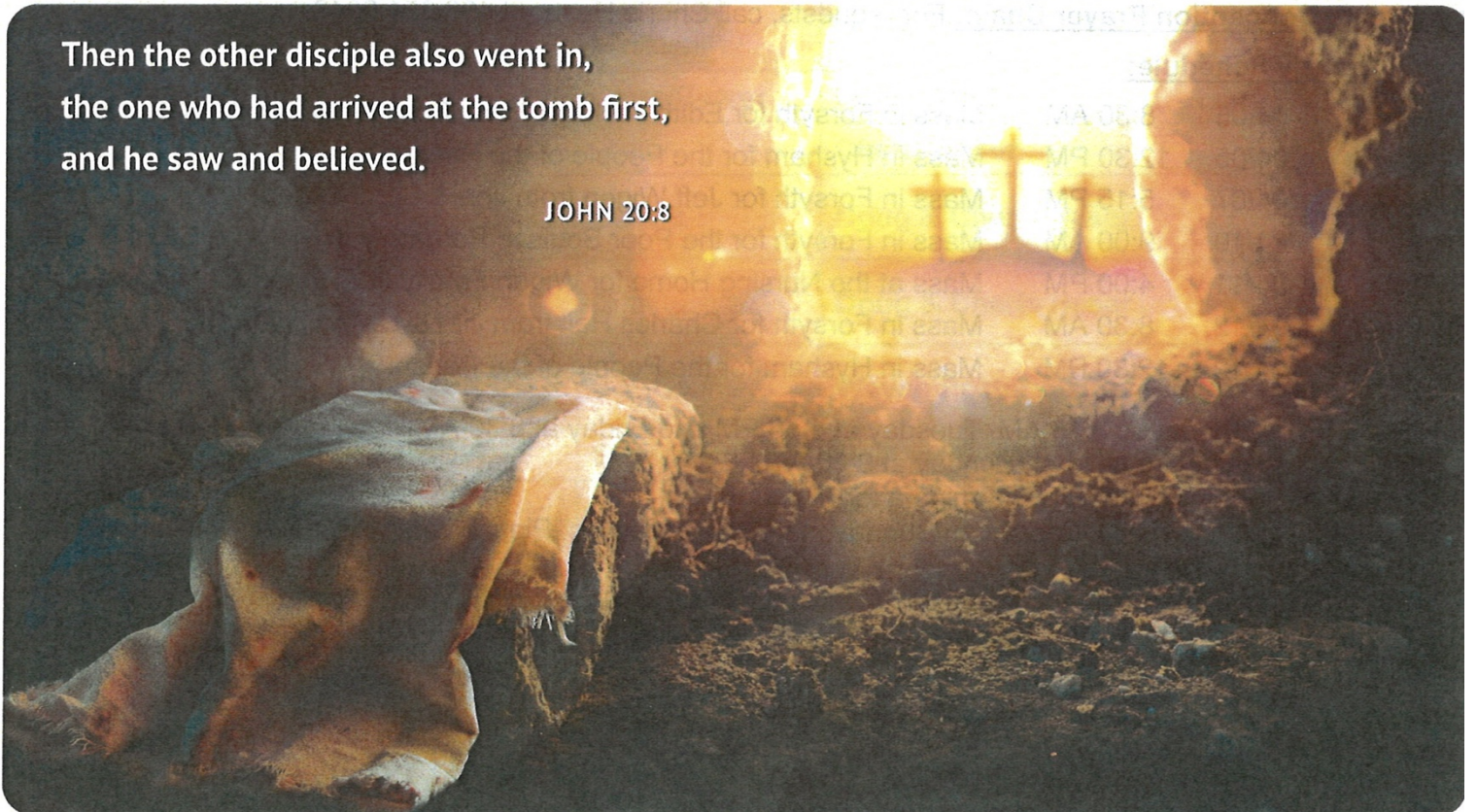
The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows: the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six times in Acts. This proclamation, or *kerygma*, incorporates the message and the motivation for a change of life. God anointed Jesus, raised him from the dead, and promised that all who believe in him will be forgiven their sins and rise with him. Happy Easter! ●

Reflect

Why do I believe in the resurrection, and how does my belief impact my life?

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

JOHN 20:8





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Mass Schedule – Forsyth

Easter Sunday

Mass Schedule – Hysham

Sunday at 8:30 AM

Sunday at 12:30 PM

Office hours: By appointment – call 406.853.5252 or come to the rectory.

Religious Education: Contact Diane Wyrick for Forsyth at 406.351.2845 and Amber for Hysham at 406.342.5448.

Confession: Saturdays @ 2 PM.

Baptism: Adults and children under 7 (please contact Father Rob.)

Anointing of the Sick: If you are having surgery or are sick, please contact Father Rob to receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

Funerals: When anticipating or planning a funeral, please contact Father Rob before finalizing the arrangements.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered and be listed in the bulletin, please contact Father Rob.

Homebound & Sick: If you or someone you know can no longer attend Mass due to physical inability, please contact Father Rob or Diane Wyrick at 406.351.2845 or Rosemary in Hysham at 406.740.1457 to receive Holy Communion and Anointing.

Immaculate Conception Prayer Chain: For requests, call Cherie Hesper at 406.351.9048.

Mass & Liturgy Schedule:

Sunday	04/05	8:30 AM	Mass in Forsyth for Edith Jackson Finch from Jim & Lavina Hall.
Sunday	04/05	12:30 PM	Mass in Hysham for the People of the Parish.
Tuesday	04/07	5:15 PM	Mass in Forsyth for Jeff Wigen from Jon & Carol Wigen.
Friday	04/10	9:00 AM	Mass in Forsyth for the Poor Souls in Purgatory from Jon & Carol Wigen.
Saturday	04/11	4:00 PM	Mass at the Nursing Home for Wigen Family from Jon & Carol Wigen.
Sunday	04/12	8:30 AM	Mass in Forsyth for Charles Hall from Jim & Lavina Hall.
Sunday	04/12	12:30 PM	Mass in Hysham for the People of the Parish.

- † Rosary every Monday at 8:15 AM, Tuesday at 4:45 PM and Friday at 8:30 AM.
- † Religious education for children Sunday at 9:30 AM.
- † Bible Study in Forsyth is Friday morning after Mass.
- † CCD & Sacramental Prep Classes on Sunday morning. Questions: Please contact Diane Wyrick in Forsyth and Amber in Hysham.
- † Mass times at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Colstrip Sunday 10:30 AM.
- † CCW meeting the 2nd Sunday after Mass.

Announcements:

There will be no Mass or Bible Study on Friday, April 17th, and no Confessions or Mass at the Nursing Home on Saturday, April 18th, as Fr. Rob will be in Absarokee working the Men's Cum Christo. Please keep in prayer our two members from our parish cluster making the weekend.

Reminder: Masses return to 10:30 AM on May 3rd at Forsyth.

The Knights of Columbus are accepting scholarship applications for the 2026-2027 academic year. Please contact Wayne Pester, Dan Murnion, or Lloyd Nelson for an application. Applications must be received by May 1, 2026. All graduating girls and boys are encouraged to apply.

Finance Update: Last Sunday Collection: 03/29/2026

Immaculate Conception – Forsyth		St. Joseph – Hysham	
Loose Cash	262.00	Loose Cash	10.00
Loose Checks	40.00	Loose Checks	310.00
Envelope Cash	80.00	Envelope Cash	20.00
Envelope Checks	860.00	Envelope Checks	180.00
Other (Bathroom)	0.00	Other	0.00
Catholic Relief	0.00	Building Fund	0.00
Special Collection	0.00	Special Collection	0.00
Capital Campaign	0.00	Capital Campaign	0.00
Current Operating Fund	0.00	Current Operating Fund	0.00
TOTAL:	\$ 1152.00	TOTAL:	\$ 520.00

Forsyth & Hysham Ministry Schedule for next Sunday: 04/12/2026

Forsyth:	Time	Service	Names
	Mass at 8:30 AM	Eucharistic Ministers	Frank Smith & Albert Martens
		Cross Bearer	Frank Smith
		Lector	Cherie Hesper
		Ushers	Doug & Cherie Hesper
		Gifts	Doug & Cherie Hesper
		Col. Counters	Wayne Pester & Brian Sullivan
		Sacristan	Heather Pester
Hysham:			
	Mass at 12:30 PM	Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Mitchell & Renee Zent
		Lector	Hope Manning

Dear Padre,

I'm marrying my girlfriend! Although she grew up Catholic, she doesn't practice the faith. Is it still OK to marry her?

Will you enter marriage with your fiancée because of a mutual love for each other? Do you both understand that this love will be strengthened by the sacramental grace of your matrimonial union, a grace you will receive because of baptism, not practice? Will you both try to create a loving family and, together as a family, try to be open each day to the grace of God already at

work in your lives? Do you both realize that this grace calls you to create, in the name of Jesus, a witness to the truth of the gospel, which is even more powerful than the love you share?

If you hesitate to answer any of these questions with a wholehearted “yes,” then consider exploring these questions together with your pastor or another person helping to prepare you for marriage. Perfect faith is not required for a good, sacramental marriage. Openness to faith is believing that the Lord who has brought you together is not yet finished with either of you. You both have more to learn, and, with God’s grace, you will respond to his love. Jesus will work through both of you in ways that you may not even be able to imagine. In that spirit, marry her, build a life together, and know that God’s plan for you will always be there. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Holy Saturday...is the day in which heaven visits earth most deeply. It is the time in which every corner of human history is touched by the light of Easter.... Nothing can be excluded from [Christ's] redemption. Not even our nights, not even our oldest faults, not even our broken bonds. There is no past so ruined, no history so compromised

that it cannot be touched by mercy.

**GENERAL
AUDIENCE, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 24,
2025**



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

April 6
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday

April 7
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36–41
Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday

April 8
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1–10
Lk 24:13–35

Thursday

April 9
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11–26
Lk 24:35–48

Friday

April 10
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1–12
Jn 21:1–14

Saturday

April 11
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13–21
Mk 16:9–15

Sunday

April 12
Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 2:42–47
1 Pt 1:3–9
Jn 20:19–31