

# ST. PHILIP BENIZI CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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He is Risen!

### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm Mass

Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am Mass

Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri - 8am Mass

Tuesday - 6:30pm Mass

### **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturdays – 4:00-5:00pm or by Appointment

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Thursdays – 8:30am-10pm (*ends with Benediction*)

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

If you or someone you know is homebound, wants to receive Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the parish office, 503-631-2882.

**Baptisms:** Call the Parish Office.

**Funerals:** Call the Parish Office.

**Weddings:** Call Fr. Paschal at least 6 months in advance of the planned date.

**St. Philip Benizi Website:** [www.philipbenizi.com](http://www.philipbenizi.com)

**God is good! All the time! All the time, God is good.**

**Dear friends, Christ, the Lord has risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! We are happy that Jesus Christ conquered death and death has no power over him. We have gathered today to celebrate with Christians all over the world, the great solemnity of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, the Church sings again with great joy ‘Hallelujah,’ the Hebrew word that denotes joyous praise in song to God. Centuries ago, St. Augustine reminded Christians, “We are Easter people, and Alleluia is our song.” Today we celebrate the most important Christian feasts with joy as we joyfully sing with the Psalmist, “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”(Psalm 118).**

**Again, today, we celebrate with a renewal of baptismal promises to reject sin and evil, to love God, and follow Jesus. Above all, today marks the beginning of a fifty-day celebration period in the Church calendar known as the Easter/Paschal season. The joyful celebration continues till Pentecost (fifty days) and beyond. Beginning from today through Pentecost, all the readings will come from the New Testament. The first readings are from the Acts of the Apostles. In this book, the author, St. Luke, the evangelist, describes the life and growth of the early Church and shows how the Church witnessed to the faith in the resurrection. The book of Acts of the Apostles is replete with the story of the power of the Lord’s resurrection manifested through the Apostles. So, the Easter season is a beautiful time to explore/re-read the Acts of the Apostles.**

**Our first reading today is part of the discourse of Peter’s preaching to his first Gentile converts. In this passage, Peter summarizes the Gospel from the time of John the Baptist to the disciples’ commission to preach the Good News. In this sermon, Peter proclaims the risen Lord to be the Savior of those who believe in him. The Judge of the living and the dead. Peter points out that the Jews killed him by hanging him on the tree. Their reason: because, filled with Holy Spirit and power, he went about doing good and healing those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. Peter, driving his message home, tells his new converts that he witnessed what happened in the company of other disciples. He says, “We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and Jerusalem.” Despite making him die a shameful death, God reacted by raising him from the dead to a new life.**

**In the second reading, St. Paul urges the followers of Christ to seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, and not what is on earth. Paul reminds the believers that their identification with Christ is the absolute center of their lives, and when that is done, it allows the peace of Christ to control their hearts.**

**In today’s Gospel, St. John gives the resurrection account of what happened on that peaceful early morning of the first day of the week. John begins with Mary of Magdala arriving alone at the tomb when it is still dark and finds that the stone was removed from the tomb and Christ was no longer in it. Upon seeing the stone removed, she ran to Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved and reported what she saw. They both ran, looked inside the tomb, and realized from the careful placement of the clothes that there had been no robbery. Coming out of the darkness of confusion, they began to believe. But John tells us, “They did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” (Jn 20:9)**

**On our part, we understand the Scripture that Christ the Lord rose from the dead and that he was not stolen as the enemies carried and spread the fake news. He rose from the dead as the scriptures state, ‘that after three days he will rise from the dead.’ Everything written about him came to pass. The resurrection is our faith because, without it, our faith would have been nothing; it would have been laughable. In the post-resurrection narratives that follow, which we will hear in subsequent days, the risen Lord appears to Mary and several of his disciples in different locations, declaring and explaining to them the message of the resurrection.**

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## This week at SPB and Upcoming Parish/Archdiocesan Events

### Sunday, 4/09/2023 **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00am Mass: All Parishioners  
 10:30am Mass: +Ralph & Marilyn Greeno  
 (Becky Wooten)

### Monday, 4/10/2023

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church  
 8:00am Mass: +Jacob Schutt (Veronica Kohler)

### Tuesday, 4/11/2023

6:30pm Mass: +Greta Lint (Ero George)  
 7:00pm: RCIA/Hall


### Wednesday, 4/12/2023

11:00am funeral Mass: +Dorothy Muller

### Thursday, 4/13/2023

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church  
 8:00am Mass: +Kazimierz Wiktor  
 (Anna & Jacek Wiktorowicz)

7:00pm: Faith Sharing via Zoom

8:30am-10:00pm:  Eucharistic Adoration

### Friday, 4/14/2023

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church  
 8:00am Mass: +John & Claire Glenn  
 (Mary Pattyn)

### Saturday, 4/15/2023

4:00-5:00pm: Reconciliation/Church  
 5:30pm Mass: +Shirley Carpini (Becky Wooten)

### Sunday, 4/16/2023 **Sunday of Divine Mercy**

8:00am Mass: All Parishioners  
 10:30am Mass: +Janina Skuza (Margaret Golic)

**April 16th:** Knights of Columbus Breakfast after all Sunday Masses.

Return your Rice Bowls to the baskets.

**April 17-21:** Mater Dei Spring Sharathon

**April 23rd:** Adoration, Dinner & Movie: 500pm

On April 16 The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be serving a free breakfast of pancakes, eggs and sausage. This will be a fund raising event for Obria Medical Clinics. All donations collected will go toward the purchase of a portable ultrasound machine. Come and enjoy breakfast with your fellow parishioners after both masses.

Helping Hands Easter program provided much needed food for 12 families and Easter basket gifts to 48 kids within the Oregon City School District. Thank you to all who provided generous donations of food, as well as to those who volunteered to help assemble the food bags and distribute to the families. Your service is much appreciated!

### **Another Adoration Night is planned for Sunday, April 23rd.**

The youth group will be hosting the movie "The Shack". We will be offering a spaghetti dinner at an "At Will" Offering (Proceeds will go to the Youth Group). Adoration begins at 5pm in the Church. Dinner will start at 6:00 in the Hall and the movie will start between 6:15-6:30. Please join your parish family for this event.

Adopt a road Saturday April 29th 9:00 AM.  
 Meet in the parking lot of St. Philip Benizi Church  
 Please bring gloves and wear comfortable shoes.  
 and garbage bags will be provided.  
 Help is needed and appreciated.



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### Finance Corner

Registered Household 222	WEEK OF 4/02/2023 Actual	Budget
<u>Donors</u> 74	\$5,612 (online: \$1,815)	\$5,603
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	\$195,251	\$190,328

### Next Weeks Assignments

#### Ushers

#### Lector/Commentator

#### Extraordinary

4/15~5:30pm:	Heather Hannam	Becky Wooten
4/16~8:00am:	Paul Lowry	Kristine Bible
4/16~10:30am:	Larry Carnahan	Jerry Siler

**April Church Cleaners:** Elaine Keavney (503-939-5620)

**April Altar Linens:** Vicky McGaughey (503-730-3077)



**4/16 9:00am: Free breakfast hosted by Knights of Columbus**  
**11:30am: Free breakfast hosted by Knights of Columbus**







## Learning “Alleluia”

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I** overheard this conversation in a coffee shop:

Child: Mom, I wouldn't have to go to school today. I could stay home with you.

Mom: I know, Joe, but I think Mrs. Burns would miss you.

Child: But won't you miss me, Mom?

Mom: Sure, Joe, but I know you'll be back in the afternoon, and I can be with you then.

Child: But I could help you in the kitchen.

Mom: What do you think you'll be doing in school today? It's getting close to Easter. I bet Mrs. Burns will let you make bunnies.

Child: Yeah, maybe. Mom, I think my tummy hurts.

Mom: Oh, I think it'll get better once you're busy in school.

Child: Mom, couldn't I stay home with you today? I'll miss you.

Mom: I know you will, Joe, but it's only for a couple of hours. How's your apple juice?

Child: OK. Mom, I think it would be OK if I stayed home today.

By the time they left, it looked as if Joe was going to school. Joe was learning an important lesson in life. Sometimes we have to do what we don't want to; we have to go into what seems to be “the tomb of death” if we're going to find life.

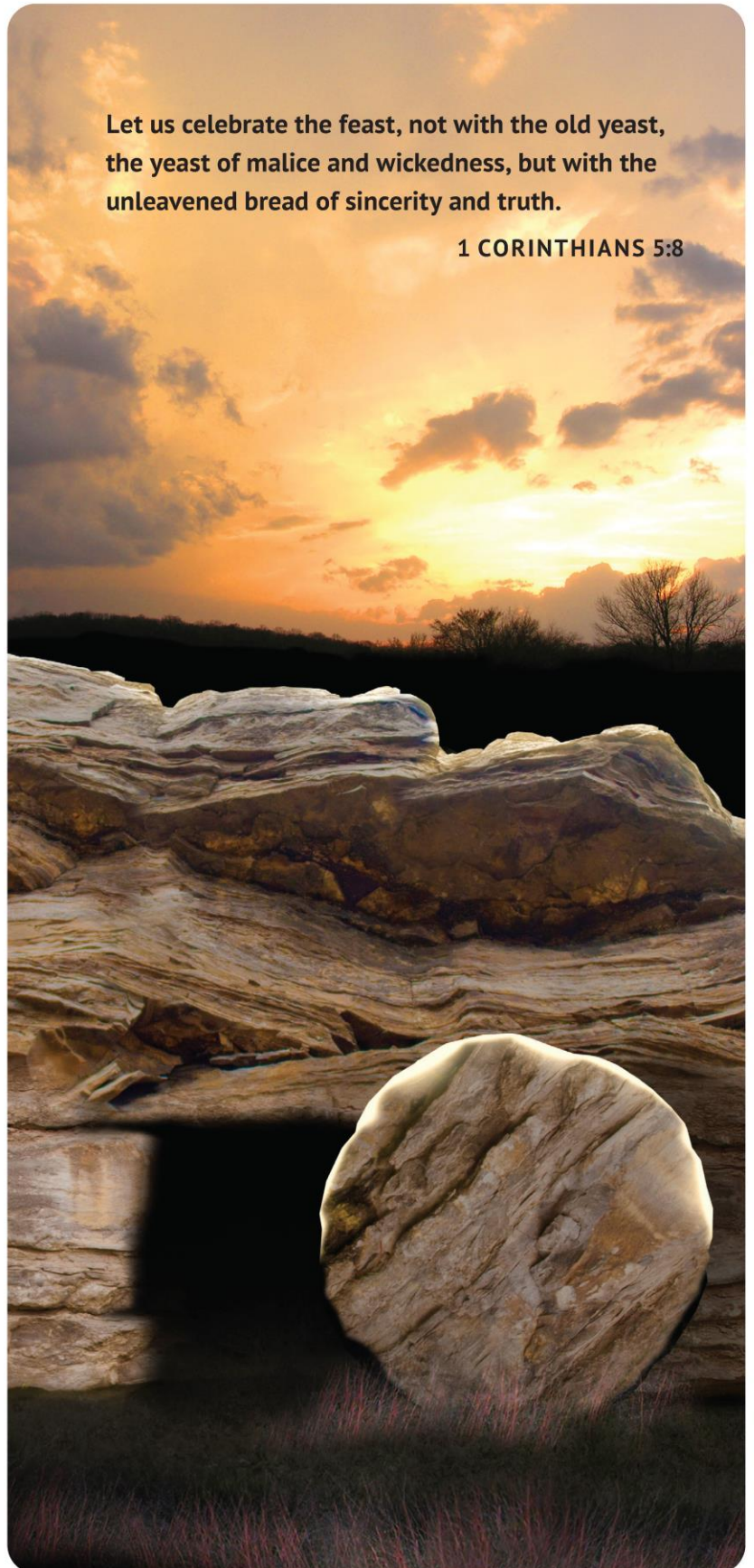
Easter's Gospel is that of Peter and John going and finding the tomb empty. Curiously, they didn't become believers until they entered the tomb, until they entered death's home. It's how faith happens, finding life when we expected only death and recognizing the hand of God in it. ●

### Reflect

***Have you ever had a Lazarus Experience—called out of a dark place into the light?***

Let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:8





# Dear Padre,

## Why should I believe Jesus founded the Catholic Church?

What a great question, especially during our Easter season, when the readings at Mass are about how the early Church discovers its mission and identity. Jesus intended to found a Church to carry on his mission.

Jesus chose twelve men to accompany him and learn from him. He passed on his mission to them: “Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me” (Luke 10:16). Jesus called Simon Bar-Jonah “Peter,” meaning “rock.” Indicating his foundational role, Jesus said to Peter, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:19).

Throughout the New Testament, we read how the apostles in their turn passed on their authority to other individuals by the laying on of hands (Acts 6:6; 13:3; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6). Initially, the only two orders were bishops and deacons, but soon priests were also ordained to share some of the authority of the bishop and to be his assistants.

The Church would exist and do Jesus’ work until the end of time. The whole Church, the “Body of Christ,” as Paul would call it (1 Corinthians 12:27), would be Christ acting in the world on his behalf. The Church and all its members are to be “the light of the world” and “the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13–16). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16
<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</i>
Acts 2:14, 22–32 Mt 28:8–15	Acts 2:36–41 Jn 20:11–18	Acts 3:1–10 Lk 24:13–35	Acts 3:11–26 Lk 24:35–48	Acts 4:1–12 Jn 21:1–14	Acts 4:13–21 Mk 16:9–15	Acts 2:42–47 1 Pt 1:3–9 Jn 20:19–31

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***The peace Jesus gives to us at Easter is not the peace that follows the strategies of the world, which believes it can obtain it through force.... This peace, in reality, is only an interval between wars.... The peace of the Lord follows the way of meekness and mildness: it is taking responsibility for others.***

GENERAL AUDIENCE, APRIL 13, 2022

### *The Easter praise of Christ*

We should understand, beloved, that the paschal mystery is at once old and new, transitory and eternal, corruptible and incorruptible, mortal and immortal. In terms of the Law, it is old, in terms of the Word it is new. In its figure it is passing, in its grace it is eternal. It is corruptible in the sacrifice of the lamb, incorruptible in the eternal life of the Lord. It is mortal in his burial in the earth, immortal in his resurrection from the dead.

The Law indeed is old, but the Word is new. The type is transitory, but grace is eternal. The lamb was corruptible, but the Lord is incorruptible. He was slain as a lamb; he rose again as God. He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, yet he was not a sheep. He was silent as a lamb, yet he was not a lamb. The type has passed away; the reality has come. The lamb gives place to God, the sheep gives place to a man, and the man is Christ, who fills the whole of creation. The sacrifice of the lamb, the celebration of the Passover, and the prescriptions of the Law have been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Under the old Law, and still more under the new dispensation, everything pointed toward him.

Both the Law and the Word came forth from Zion and Jerusalem, but now the Law has given place to the Word, the old to the new. The commandment has become grace, the type a reality. The lamb has become a Son, the sheep a man, and man, God.

The Lord, though he was God, became man. He suffered for the sake of those who suffer, he was bound for those in bonds, condemned for the guilty, buried for those who lie in the grave; but he rose from the dead, and cried aloud: Who will contend with me? Let him confront me. I have freed the condemned, brought the dead back to life, raised men from their graves. Who has anything to say against me? I, he said, am the Christ; I have destroyed death, triumphed over the enemy, trampled hell underfoot, bound the strong one, and taken men up to the heights of heaven: I am the Christ.

Come, then, all you nations of men, receive forgiveness for the sins that defile you. I am your forgiveness. I am the Passover that brings salvation. I am the lamb who was immolated for you. I am your ransom, your life, your resurrection, your light, I am your salvation and your king. I will bring you to the heights of heaven. With my own right hand I will raise you up, and I will show you the eternal Father.

(From an Easter homily by Melito of Sardis, bishop)

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### REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

**“Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give in to 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.” --- *Pope Francis, Homily, April 2019***

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### St. Philip Benizi Mission Statement

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church being part of the universal church shares in its mission: to proclaim Jesus Christ who came to the world to fulfill His father's will; by proclaiming the kingdom of God, building up the parish community as a witness to God's love and care for the world, helping one another to become what God has called us to be. We are therefore encouraged to work toward God's purpose of “wanting all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Tim 2:4).

## Jesus' ascent to Jerusalem

"When the days drew near for him to be taken up [Jesus] set his face to go to Jerusalem." By this decision he indicated that he was going up to Jerusalem prepared to die there. Three times he had announced his Passion and Resurrection; now, heading toward Jerusalem, Jesus says: "It cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem." CCC 557

Jesus recalls the martyrdom of the prophets who had been put to death in Jerusalem. Nevertheless he persists in calling Jerusalem to gather around him: "How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!" When Jerusalem comes into view he weeps over her and expresses once again his heart's desire: "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes." CCC 558

## Jesus' messianic entrance into Jerusalem

How will Jerusalem welcome her Messiah? Although Jesus had always refused popular attempts to make him king, he chooses the time and prepares the details for his messianic entry into the city of "his father David". Acclaimed as son of David, as the one who brings salvation (Hosanna means "Save!" or "Give salvation!"), the "King of glory" enters his City "riding on an ass". Jesus conquers the Daughter of Zion, a figure of his Church, neither by ruse nor by violence, but by the humility that bears witness to the truth. And so the subjects of his kingdom on that day are children and God's poor, who acclaim him as had the angels when they announced him to the shepherds. Their acclamation, "Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord", is taken up by the Church in the Sanctus of the Eucharistic liturgy that introduces the memorial of the Lord's Passover. CCC 559

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem manifested the coming of the kingdom that the King-Messiah was going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection. It is with the celebration of that entry on Palm Sunday that the Church's liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week. CCC 560

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**The Easter event is what justifies us as Christians. If Jesus had walked the earth, walked on the sea, said all that he said and did all that he did, and then died and stayed dead, it is unlikely that we would be here today. Our faith would be in vain, but Jesus did rise from the dead. He overcame sin and death. This is what brings us here today and brings us the hope of eternal life in heaven.**

**Today, as we celebrate the joyful news of the Lord's resurrection, let us rejoice that Christ's hope is our hope, just as his faith in God is our faith in God. God, our Father, has given us the power to enter into newer, better, and happier lives no matter what the forces of darkness and evil have thrown or will throw at us. Finally, let us allow ourselves to be overpowered by the power of Christ's resurrection and surrender our lives sincerely to God and not allow the forces of darkness to prevail.**

**Remember, the closer we are to God, the better for us.**

**Happy Easter.**

***Blessings,***

***Your servant in Christ,***

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and wish you  
an Easter  
full of peace  
and joy.*



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