

March 31, 2024

Easter

Sunday

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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### CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive  
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### PARISH CENTER

232 Passion Play Road  
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### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30am  
Tuesday 8:30am  
Thursday 8:30am  
Friday 8:30am

(except 1st Fri. of  
month-12noon at PC)  
Saturday 4pm at PC

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## EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and 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. - Jn 20:5-7

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All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, and to pray and worship with us. If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also invited to share in the Holy Eucharist. If you are not a practicing Catholic, we invite you to come forward with arms crossed over your chest to receive a sacramental blessing. Pray that we all continue to grow together into the body of Christ, to which the Lord calls us.

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For Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, contact our Parish Office, and we will point you in the right direction.

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# THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Daily Mass 8:30am  
Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC  
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC  
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Sunday of Divine Mercy 8:30am

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 ad 22; Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

### God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Mike Harter - 3/26, Elizabeth Antonio - 3/30,  
Bev Schumacher - 4/1

*May you have many more!*



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Mass Ministers



### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

**Lector:** Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi

**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** Robert Bartos, Sophie Bartos

**Altar Server:** Jim Witkowski

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Cassian Heath

**EMCs:** Rod McGuire, Phyllis McGuire, Mindy Godfrey

**Ushers:** Bev Wright, Mike Godfrey

**Altar Server:** Dan Kees



### Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 2

For the Intentions of the Matthew, Mindy, Mike, Miranda & Brett Families

Thursday, April 4

For the Intentions of Aunt Linda Lou Shaddox

Friday, April 5

For the Repose of the Soul of Don Mischo

Saturday, April 6

For the Repose of the Soul of Kevin Matthew Roods

Sunday, April 7

For the Repose of the Soul of David Dunn



### Pray for us...



### OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Connie Breaux, Richard & Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Charlotte Nowlin, Ernie & Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

### OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Patsy Crawford, Marci Krieger, Chuck Maxwell, Joe McDaniel, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, and Libbie Vesekla

### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -

**OUR MILITARY** - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.



**SUMMER INTERN**

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**STEWARDSHIP**

As a parish, we are financially dependent on your generous weekly contributions to pay our bills and keep the lights on and our doors open and even more so during these difficulties times. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning.



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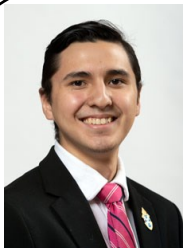


*April Gift Shop Schedule*

Sun., 3/31	9:30-12:00	R. McGuire
Mon., 4/1	10:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 4/2	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
Thurs., 4/4	10:00-1:00	Pickens
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**THE 2025 JUBILEE TOUR**

This tour occurs only once every 25 years and the 27th Jubilee Year in 2025 promises to be a time of grace for thousands of pilgrims and the world's faithful. Pope Francis has named this year's celebration "Pilgrims of Hope" as a celebration of peace, hope and love. The Pope inaugurates the Holy Year with the rite of the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica. After that, the Holy Doors of the other Papal Basilicas are opened and remain open until the end of the Jubilee Year. The completion of the Seven Churches Pilgrimage is one of the highlights of this tour. This is one of the oldest Catholic traditions, and foresees the visits of the 4 major Papal basilicas - St. Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. Mary Major - as well as the Basilica of St. Lawrence Outside the Walls, the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem and the Basilica of St Sebastian Outside the Walls. Learn about the Catacombs, former underground burial grounds, principally used by early Christians and Jews; spent time in prayer in the most significant Catholic places of worship. Call Catholic Cruises for more info at 860-399-1785.



*Our Seminaricians  
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March, 2024*

**Pedro Alvarez**

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on our seminaricians, go to

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**Elijah Bailey**

# *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

*March 31, 2024*

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

Outside Chicago there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, “Oh my God!” Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

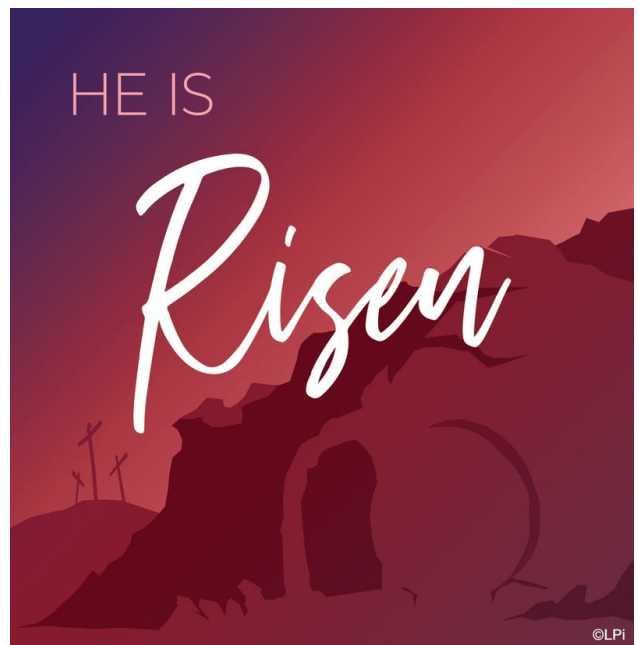
We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment, indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our “cemeteries” where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter - if we dare - those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

*-Father John Muir*



## **Saint of the Week**

Venerable Francis-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, was a cardinal from Huế, Vietnam. Imprisoned for his faith for 13 years, nine of which were in solitary confinement, he never stopped preaching, even from scraps of prison paper. Once released, he continued to serve the Church until his death.



## ***EASTER***

It is only right,  
with all the powers of our heart and mind,  
to praise You Father  
and Your Only-begotten Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ:  
Dear Father, by Your wondrous  
condescension of loving-kindness toward us,  
Your servants, You gave up Your Son.  
Dear Jesus You paid the debt of Adam  
for us to the Eternal Father by  
Your blood poured  
forth in loving-kindness.  
You cleared away the darkness of sin  
By Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection.  
You broke the bonds of death  
and rose from the grave as a Conqueror.  
You reconciled heaven and earth.  
Our life had no hope of eternal happiness  
before You redeemed us.  
Your Resurrection was washed away our sins,  
restored our innocence and brought us joy.  
How inestimable is the tenderness  
of Your love!

*-Saint Gregory the Great*

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

*"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him.'" — John 20:2*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

### Answer:

The practice of making a "spiritual communion" dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him." Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

- Jn 20:8-9

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

In his speech, Peter places much emphasis on his personal witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

To whom this week could you witness your faith in the resurrection of Jesus?

### Second Reading

Paul taught the believers in Colossae to anticipate the return of the resurrected Jesus. How does your family celebrate Easter Sunday?

### Gospel Question

Mary Magdala, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple were the first to experience the joy and mystery of the empty tomb.

Do you recall when you first started believing in the resurrection of Jesus?



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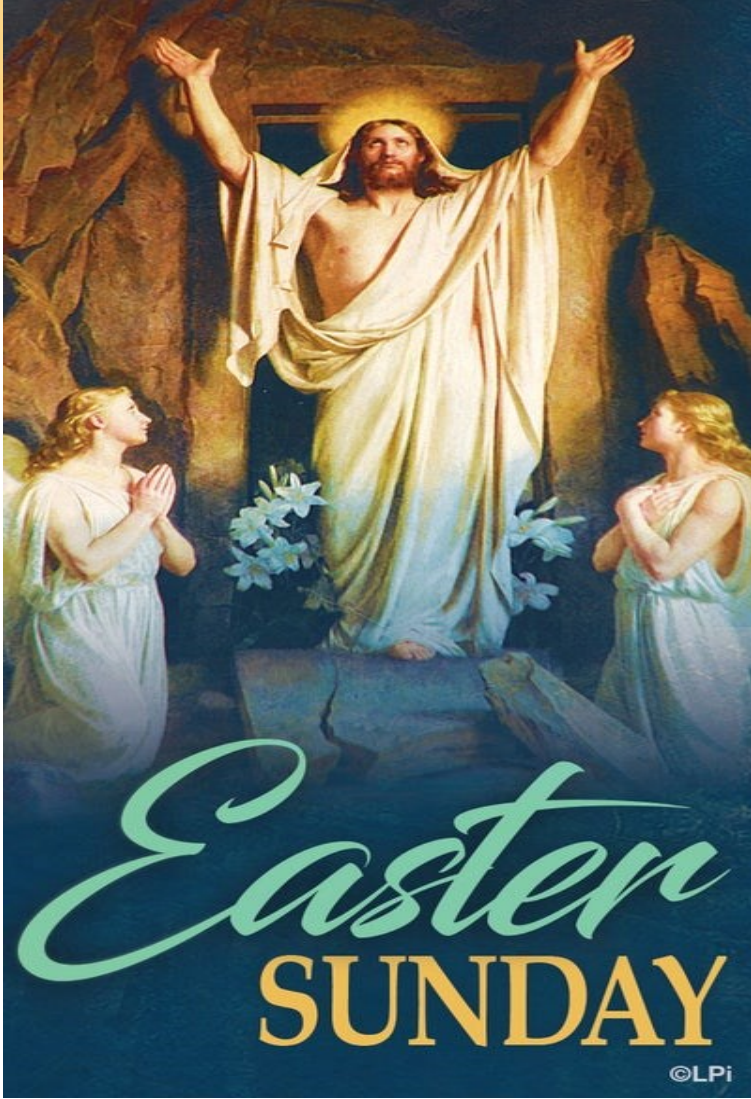
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