

*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** aith 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?*

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**Mass Intentions**

**Sat. Mar. 30 Easter Vigil**  
8:00 p.m. Parishioners (living/deceased)  
**Sun Mar. 31 Mass/Easter Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. Parishioners (living/deceased)  
**Tues Apr. 2 Mass**  
5:30 p.m. Graces for Jack Willeke - JW  
**Wed Apr. 3 Mass**  
7:30 a.m. For Souls in Purgatory  
**Sat. Apr. 6 Vigil**  
7:00 p.m. †Arnulfo "Johnny" Medeles  
**Sun Apr. 7 Mass/Divine Mercy Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. †Christine Lopez - CS

**In need of prayer support, call**

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Kane Schrock, Geneva Aguilar, Mary Ann  
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New address and phone number for  
**Sister Angeline Walczyk**  
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**Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph**  
*Spend time with our Lord...*  
Every Tuesday from 5:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m.



**Divine Mercy Novena Schedule:**  
 Easter Vigil - privately  
 Easter Sunday - After Mass  
 Monday, April 1 - privately  
 Tuesday, April 2 - after 5:30 p.m. Mass  
 Wednesday, April 3 - after 7:30 a.m. Mass  
 Thur. Fri. Sat., April 4, 5, 6 - privately

Happy Resurrection Day!!!  
 Please share the joy and love of the Risen Christ in word and action. We live in world where hard times may lead to hopelessness, loneliness, and despair. The United for Life Walk proclaims the Sanctity of Life and connects community members to the resources they need to bring hope to those who are struggling. As the Body of Christ, we strive together so that no one feels alone or forgotten. Please join us this year to see how you can help the "least of these".  
**Northeast Colorado Annual  
 United for Life Walk  
 April 6th 1-3 p.m.  
 Fort Morgan Fieldhouse Auxiliary Gym**  
 Solidarity Walk, Speakers, Refreshments, Music, Children's Activities

**REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTIONS**  
 PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY  
 There is no charge for Mass; however, a customary offering of \$10 is appreciated.

Intention Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Living \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date Wanted \_\_\_\_\_

**Lay Minister Schedule**  
 Sierra Mireles  
**April 7, 2024**  
**Greeters/Gifts:** Chad & Natalie Gross  
**Pianist:** Marcia Pieper  
**Cantor:** Jim Pieper  
**Lector:** David Poss  
**Altar Servers:** M Hart, K Etl, K Hernandez  
**Head Usher:** Chris Packer  
**Euch Ministers:** Frank & Esther Weis

**April 7 - Breakfast**  
 Jordan & Jennifer Willeke / Leland Willeke

**1st Sunday Adoration / April 7**  
 Exposition / Adoration / Benediction  
 7:40 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.

**Saint Joseph's corner:** "Obedient St. Joseph, help me to surrender my heart and life with humility to God. Assist me to have obedient trust like you possessed, that I may obey God simply because of who He is. Amen"



**Thank You**  
 to all who prepared our Church with decorations for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

**Thank you**  
 to everyone involved in the ministry of the Word.

**God Bless You!**  
 From Fr. Marek, Fr. Maurice, Deacon Joe



# Dear Padre,

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



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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! ●

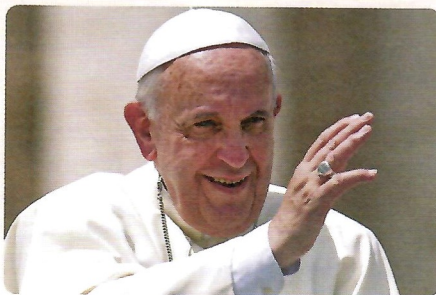
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7
<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter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