

## Practice of Faith

For some reason, the observance of the forty days of Lent is better known than the longer Easter season. Many people think Easter is over when the sun sets on Easter evening. Actually, the celebration of this greatest of feasts lasts fifty jubilant days! Liturgist Peter Mazar commented, 'Fifty days are a seventh of the year, and so we keep our fifty-day Eastertime as a long Lord's Day, the 'Great Sunday.' Fifty days are a week of weeks, plus a day, a symbol of eternity. And so we keep Eastertime 'playing heaven,' living as if God's reign had already come. Christians - both the newly baptized and the long baptized - are ready to live in the wedding feast of heaven and earth, like a honeymoon, no fasting, no mourning, endlessly singing our alleluias." How will you live in the wedding feast today?

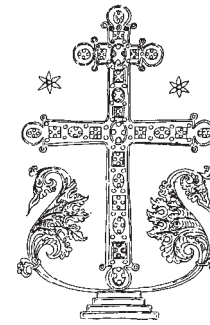
## Scripture Insights

The events of Jesus' Passion are sacred history. Jesus enters Jerusalem acclaimed by crowds waving palms. He has a final Passover meal with his disciples and washes their feet. Then come his arrest, trial, torture, and death. In a dramatic reversal, the news of Jesus' resurrection spreads among his disciples, and he begins to appear to them. Since we know the sacred history, Good Friday cannot be the day of confusion and despair that it was for Jesus' first disciples. Neither can Easter be the surprise for us that it was for them. We know, from the first day of Lent, that Jesus' death in Jerusalem is the end of nothing, but falls at the beginning of everything.

What, then, is the death the author of Colossians describes? It is probably a reference to the metaphoric death that Christians experience in Baptism. Early Christian baptistries adopted the circular designs of Roman tombs to symbolize the believers' death to old ways of thinking and living, and as a ritual way to share in Christ's death that opened the way to new life. But it is wrong, as ancient commentators sometimes contended, that Christians are obsessed by death. The author of Colossians is reminding his readers that death to sin is a necessary stop on the journey to becoming a resurrected people.

The news of Easter, it has been said, is that God turned death into life to dance on death's grave. This news is the beating heart of the Christian religion.

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# Saint Cecilia Parish

Boston, Massachusetts

A Catholic Community in the Heart of the Back Bay

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## Access for the Disabled

Both the church and parish hall are accessible by elevator.

## Parking

Two hours of free parking for parishioners is available before 1:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Fitz-Inn Auto Park at Belvidere and Dalton Streets. Reduced rate parking is available with validation on Sundays in the Prudential Center Garage.

## Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 7:30 a.m.

Holy Days, 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:30-4:50 p.m., and by appt.

## Christian Initiation

*Infant Baptisms:* Baptisms are celebrated at the 9:30 and 11:00

Sunday Masses and should be scheduled one month in advance.

*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:*

The parish welcomes those seeking fuller participation in the life of the Church. Classes run from September to May. Contact the rectory for more information.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Couples preparing for marriage should contact the rectory at least six months in advance.

## Religious Education

Classes are held after the 9:30 Mass.

## CAP Team Members

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# Easter Sunday

April 8, 2007



## Ministers of the Liturgy

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

Rev. David Beauregard, OMV, presider  
Louvere Walker & Bob Murphy, lectors

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, presider  
Kurt Cerulli & Greg Moffatt, lectors

Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, presider  
Catherine Horsley & Mary Jane Kinne,  
lectors

*This gospel shows the extent to which Jesus' resurrection calls all of us to examine the deepest truth about ourselves, our most intensified act of humbling ourselves: Jesus' resurrection calls us to surrender misunderstanding to belief, to surrender our humanity to be raised up to share in divine life, to surrender any resemblance of pecking order among us to focus on Christ as the One who makes us who we are: in Christ we are all members of his Body, we all share in his risen life.*

Living Liturgy™, Easter Sunday 2007

## Save the Date!

- **Concert:** Friday, April 13 at 8:00 p.m. Eric Barlaan, organ. Organ and chamber works of J. S. Bach and Johannes Brahms. Admission is free.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Sunday, May 6 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. All those who are suffering with chronic illness or are facing serious surgery are welcome to join us.
- **Parish Easter Supper and Evening of Reflection:** Friday May 18 at 7:00 p.m. Come join us for supper, followed by a talk given by Fr. John, who will follow up on the themes touched on at our last get-together during Lent.
- **Parish Retreat:** June 1-3, 2007. Please plan to join us for our first ever Parish Retreat at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, Wareham, MA. Cost: \$200.00 per person, which includes 5 meals and two nights lodging. Bro. John Hamilton, CFX will be the retreat director. The retreat center is located on 118 acres of woodlands and waterfront. There are only 50 spots available, so please sign up soon!

## Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday: 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday: 7:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.  
(no 6:00 p.m.)

## Congratulations and Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome the newest members of our parish community who were initiated at the Easter Vigil last night. Megan Arp, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Sean Glennon, Mutsumi Hata and Anthony Moore received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. Viola Aubourg, Michael Callahan, Lauren Cummings, Greta Di Giorgio, Elizabeth Dunn, Daniel Hoch, Timothy Kelly, Jennifer Newcomb and Jessica Savageau were welcomed into the full communion of the Church receiving Confirmation and First Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their journey of faith with us.

## Volunteer Opportunity

Discover the work of Catholic Charities by helping someone learn to read or speak English. The Haitian Multi-Service Center located at the Yawkey Center in Dorchester and El Centro del Cardenal in the South End are seeking Conversational Partner Volunteers in their Adult Education Programs. Volunteers will receive 1-2 hours of orientation and training on tips for conversing with students. Volunteers will be paired with an individual student with the goal of meeting with the student one hour per week for at least 6 weeks. For more information about volunteering through Catholic Charities, visit our website at [www.ccab.org/volunteer/](http://www.ccab.org/volunteer/).

## Eucharistic Visitation

If you are aware of anyone who is homebound for any reason who would like to receive the Eucharist, please call Mark at the rectory.

## Pennies from Heaven!

This June, a group of high school students from our parish will spend one week in Gallup, New Mexico, as participants in the Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA) program, an exciting, integrated service-learning experience that engages young people in Catholic social teaching. Through a mix of direct service, opportunities for learning and dialogue, cross-cultural sharing, community building, prayer, and recreation, these young people will experience how poverty and a lack of respect for human dignity impact the lives of real people. To help defray the cost of this trip, we invite you to bring your pennies and other spare change to church. There is a Poland Spring 5-gallon bottle in the vestibule of the church. Every penny counts!

## Easter Collection

Each year the Easter offertory collection is designated for the Clergy Retirement Fund of the Archdiocese of Boston. All funds received at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday will go to address the fiscal needs of the retired priests of the Archdiocese, funding pension plans and covering medical and living expenses.

## New Choir Members

We are always seeking singers and instrumentalists to join us at the 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Masses. If you have a musical talent to share with the community, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Richard Clark at 617-536-4548 or [StCeciliaMusic@aol.com](mailto:StCeciliaMusic@aol.com).

## Parish Registration

If you are new to the parish, or if you are a regular communicant who has never formally registered as a parishioner, there are registration forms at the rear of the church for this purpose. We urge you to take a moment to fill out a form and return it to an usher or drop it in the mail. This parish is only as strong and vital as its members. Take that first step and let us know who you are!

## Offertory

March Offertory Commitment Program  
20,177.00

March Offertory  
10,189.00

We wish to thank all of our parishioners who have enrolled in our Offertory Commitment Program. This program allows us to better plan and budget for our parish's needs. If you are not currently participating in our OCP but would like to start, please feel free to take an OCP envelope from the pews or contact Paula at 617-536-4548 and a Commitment Form will be sent to you.

## Special Intention

Sunday, April 8, 9:30 a.m.  
Ella Salerno, Memorial