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

JOHN 20:8

Seeing Is Believing

Clever phrase. But is it accurate? Believing means that we sometimes accept as true something for which we have no positive proof. We might base our belief on the word of someone we consider reliable, but we ourselves have no undeniable evidence. We may use this phrase in everyday conversation and know what we really mean, but when it comes to the resurrection of Jesus, the phrase “seeing is believing” really doesn’t fit well.

In today’s first reading, Peter states that Jesus was visible to some of his followers. What does this mean? It’s clear from most of the Easter narratives that many people had a profound, life-transforming experience of the risen Jesus. They may not have realized this at first, but they were convinced of it when he allowed them to recognize him. Was it a visual experience? Was it auditory as Paul describes (Acts 9:4)? Or was it

touch as Thomas demanded (John 20:25)? Every mystic describes a revelation of Christ as an experience of one or more senses. For example, St. Bernadette saw our Lady, while St. Francis heard a voice. This isn’t to say that the revelations weren’t real. It is to say that our senses are our only way of experiencing it or talking about it. We are, after all, only human.

Maybe when referring to the resurrection we should modify this phrase: believing is seeing or hearing or feeling or being somehow convinced that he is really here. And this can be true for all of us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- * *Have you ever had a moment of profound religious insight? If so, how would you describe it?*
- * *The risen Christ is with us still. Think about that for a moment.*



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Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

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By appointment with the Pastor

APRIL 4TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: Thursday: 5:30pm Friday:12:10pm

Adoration: Thursday 6:00pm-7:00pm

Confession: Friday 4:45pm-5:45pm Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

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Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.*

Masses will be offered **April 2021**

+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members

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| <b>Thurs, Apr. 1</b> | +All the Souls in Purgatory                                                                       | by Dieu Thi Hoang                                                                                                 |
| <b>at, Apr. 3</b>    | +Jonathan Fernandez<br>+Levinio Lovato<br>+Richard & Evelyn Sintas                                | by The Fernandez Family<br>by Rose Alford<br>by Teri & Peter Mansfield                                            |
| <b>un, Apr. 4</b>    | +Sam Britt<br>+Inez Romero<br>+Gladys Jesko<br>(OLOG) +Mildred Long<br>(OLOG) +Jack Lamberson     | by RosaLee Britt<br>by Dolores Montoya<br>by Donna Kimble<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long |
| <b>ri, Apr. 9</b>    | +Sue Caperton<br>+Kit Pettigrew                                                                   | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                              |
| <b>at, Apr. 10</b>   | +Ann Swagerty                                                                                     | by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                                                          |
| <b>un, Apr. 11</b>   | +Sam Britt<br>+Margaret Heringa                                                                   | by RosaLee Britt<br>by RosaLee Britt                                                                              |
| <b>ri, Apr. 16</b>   | +Ann Swagerty<br>+Dolores & Max Ulibarri<br>+Deceased Family Members<br>Of Moises & Rose Trujillo | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Helen Sintas<br>by Teri & Peter Mansfield                                          |

**Weekly Collections Summary: March 2021**

|             | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-------------|------------|-------------|
| March 27-28 | \$4,145.00 | \$ 389.00   |
| March 20-21 | \$1,512.00 | \$ 500.00   |
| March 13-14 | \$1,967.05 | \$ 256.00   |
| March 6-7   | \$2,072.00 | \$ 530.00   |

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- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
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**Announcement**

Holy Week:

Holy Thursday Mass 5:30pm

Good Friday celebration "The Passion of the Lord" at 3:00pm SFX

Saturday Easter Vigil Mass 7:30 pm SFX

Sunday Easter Mass 10:30am

The directives from Archbishop Wester for Holy Week states: No Holy Water in the fonts, no processions, no washing of feet, and for directive reasons, here, no choir.

**Announcements**

SFX Catholic Church Lady's Alter Society

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3rd at 10:00am

Clayton Air Park

Will Be Giving Prize Baskets Away!!!

"Have no fear. The outcome of the battle for life is already decided, even though the struggle goes on against great odds and with much suffering... "Christ is now raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep ... so in Christ all will come to life again" (1 Cor. 15:20-22). The paradox of the Christian message is this: Christ - the head - has already conquered sin and death. Christ in his body - the pilgrim people of God - continually suffers the onslaught of the Evil One and all the evil which sinful humanity is capable of.

"The liberating message of the Gospel of life has been put into your hands. And the mission of proclaiming it to the ends of the earth is now passing to your generation. Like the great apostle Paul, you too must feel the full urgency of the task: "Woe to me if I do not evangelize" (1 Cor. 9:16). Woe to you if you do not succeed in defending life. The church needs your energies, your enthusiasm, your youthful ideals, in order to make the Gospel of life penetrate the fabric of society, transforming people's hearts and the structures of society in order to create a civilization of true justice and love." - Pope John Paul II to Youth, August 15, 1993, Denver, Colorado.

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sun, Apr 4- Andrea Naranjo
- Sat, Apr 10- Effie Walker
- Sun, Apr. 11-Laekyn Wagner
- Sat, Apr. 17- Sammie Wood

All Ministry schedules are updated monthly and posted on the church website. If you need to know when you serve, check [www.sfxclayton.org](http://www.sfxclayton.org)!!

# Dear Padre,

## Why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not?

**W**e ring bells because they make a beautiful sound for the Lord and for our ears. They signal something important; they bring us comfort in sorrow, and they double our joy. The official name for the bell ringing is *tintinnabulation*. As with many practices, tintinnabulation is present in many traditions worldwide. It's a beautiful way to focus the mind and heart, lifting the soul to God. I'll never forget the stirring sunrise tintinnabulation at Assisi on Easter Sunday.



Catholics ring bells at the Eucharist, during the singing of the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil, at the showing of the consecrated bread and wine and, in some places, at the beginning of the preparation of the gifts and the Communion procession. We also ring bells to mark the morning, noon, and evening hours, at which times devotion recalls the Incarnation of Christ and the praying of the Angelus. Bells are rung to assemble the community for prayer and festivities. At weddings and funerals, bells declare that something important is happening—an event to be surrounded by beautiful sound.

But why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not? The books of the revised liturgy give an option, so some parish leaders choose to ring bells and others do not. However, in the Latin Mass, there is no option—the bells must be rung at set times.

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*You cannot give [courage] to yourself, but you can receive it as a gift. All you have to do is open your heart in prayer and roll away, however slightly, that stone placed at the entrance to your heart so that Jesus' light can enter... With you, Lord, we will be tested but not shaken.*

EASTER VIGIL HOMILY, APRIL 11, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday

APRIL 5

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22–33

Mt 28:8–15

### Tuesday

APRIL 6

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36–41

Jn 20:11–18

### Wednesday

APRIL 7

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1–10

Lk 24:13–35

### Thursday

APRIL 8

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11–26

Lk 24:35–48

### Friday

APRIL 9

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1–12

Jn 21:1–14

### Saturday

APRIL 10

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13–21

Mk 16:9–15

### Sunday

APRIL 11

Second Sunday

of Easter

(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 4:32–35

1 Jn 5:1–6

Jn 20:19–31



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