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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name

Reading 2: Think of what is above, not of what is on earth

Gospel: The other disciple saw and believed

Theme: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat	15	8:00 p.m.	ML	Albert Blahut	✠	Holy Saturday
Sun	16	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Easter Sunday
Sun	16	10:30 a.m.	SH	Agnes Eck	✠	Easter Sunday
Tue	18	FATHER		FIRMIN		
Wed	19					
Thur.	20	IS		AWAY		
Fri.	21	.				
Sat	22	5:00 p.m.	SH	Thanksgiving for rain		Second Sunday of Easter
Sun	23	8:30 a.m.	KW	Robert Loewenstein	✠	Second Sunday of Easter
Sun	23	10:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		Second Sunday of Easter

A BLESSED AND HOLY EASTER SEASON

Reflection: A SENSE OF THE EASTER SEASON: Fifty days are a seventh of the year, and so we keep our 50-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 to live in the wedding feast of heaven and earth, like a honeymoon, no fasting, no mourning, endlessly singing our Alleluia!

Eastertime is not just remembering something that happened long ago. It is Christ dead, buried and risen in our midst. It is the Spirit breathing in us today. Easter is made present in those newly baptized. Easter is made present in the newly confirmed and those who are brought to the table to make their first Eucharist. And it is Baptism and Confirmation and Eucharist that tell us what to do with these Fifty Days. Initiation has its consequences: there is a mystery to learn and a mission to begin. The Lord charges us all: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." We celebrate Eastertime with all the signs of the Risen One. We open our doors in springtime hospitality and bring healing peace to all whose hearts are wintry. We renew our efforts to restore this good earth to the freshness of creation. The risen Spirit of Jesus bids us to spill out into the streets, like the apostles on Pentecost. The good shepherd calls us into verdant pastures. The wonderful gardener brings us home to paradise

HAPPY EASTER !!

**May the Joy of Easter fill your heart with happiness today,
May the Hope of Easter light your path and guide you on your way,**

**May the Promise of Easter help to show God's boundless love for you,
May the Blessings of Easter warm your heart at Easter and always, too,**

Prayer Intentions for the Sick and Shut-Ins: *Jim*

Fischer, Ella Rundle, Alice Burenheide, Edna Swayden, John Dohm, Lori (Hughes) Wilcox, Gary Noland, Raymond Schmidt, Cindy Archuleta, Pat Graves
Prayer Intentions: for the members of our parish family who are serving our country in the armed forces.

For the Faithful Departed: *Elizabeth Terry, Pete Swingle, Robert Loewenstein, Tom Doherty, Dennis Hammersmith, Dwayne Kruckenberger, Luke Hendricks, Fern Beckerman, Omaha Tatera, Agnes Eck, Larry Traffas, William (Bill) Hitchcock, John Ditgen, Dave Rausch, Albert Blahut, the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.*

Parish News:

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE – Kiowa:

Parish School of Religion: No class after Mass

ELIZABETH MCMORAN: Today, at our Easter celebration, St John the Apostle Parish is happy and privileged to welcome Elizabeth to the Lord's Table for the first time. First Eucharist for any child has meaning for the whole community. We smile- a child in first Communion finery-not just because they look cute, but because they are joining us at *our* family table: the table of God's family.

A toddler's move from high chair to the family table is a momentous event. A seat at the table acclaims a new status: big boy or big girl. The move to the table brings new privileges. There, a child can share fully in the family meal, and in the table conversation. The move also brings new responsibilities. The little one must have table manners, get involved in the meal prayer, and perhaps help set or clear the table. First Communion is just such a momentous experience. A child, baptized as an infant into the family of God we call Church, at last, takes a place at the Lord's table with the grownups. The entire church joins with Elizabeth's family in celebrating the event.

TACOS TO GO: Support students attending NCYC; Saturday, April 22. 5-7 p.m. at 1218 Main-K of C Hall.

HOLY ROSARY – Medicine Lodge:

Parish School of Religion – April 19, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday - April 23 – 10:30 a.m. First Eucharist

April 26 – Last class – Family dinner

ST BONIFACE - SHARON

Parish School of Religion: April 19- 6:30 p.m.—and High School -7:00 p.m.

Saturday - April 22 – 5:00 p.m. First Eucharist

THANK YOU:

Father Firmin for priestly ministry during the services of Lent, Holy Week, and always throughout the year;

Lectors and Special Readers who proclaim God's Word distinctly and prayerfully;

Servers who faithfully assist in our worship and assume special duties during these holy days;

Organists and Choir members whose music lifts our hearts as we join our voices in praise;

Sacristans who have in place every item needed for worship and for extra effort during these past few days;

Foot Washing participants: Beverly Miller, John Miller, Linda Pulliam, Darrin Hern, John Dohm, Anne Schreiner, Ruth Schmidt, Jacque Traffas, Twila Angell, Kenneth Larkin, Ralph Dick;

Parish Representatives at the Chrism Mass: Karin Traffas, Edwin and Ruth Schmidt, Beverly Miller, Kay Koger, Rodney Ringer, Charlotte Ringer, Brian and Lisa Withrow, Mike and Cyndi Rogers;

Faithful participants at Stations of the Cross and those who attend the weekday masses;

All who **brought monies and food for the poor**, especially the Rice Bowls;

Ushers and Greeters who make us feel welcome and assure us we have what we need;

Environmentalists – those who create beauty in our place of worship by tasteful, appropriate decorations;

Leroy Seiler (and helpers) for the Easter Fire and light control for the vigil;

Unsung heroes- often unnoticed who tend to many tasks behind the scenes;

Parishioners and Guests who gather for worship;

All who helped in any way to make our Easter Triduum such a special time.

THE PROUD LILY: Lily lore abounds. It would be enough for it to be a spring flower, representing life's renewal and the spirit's rebirth – but there is more. According to legend, the lily lost its self respect on the night of Christ's agony in the garden: The other flowers bowed their heads in sorrow in Christ's presence, but not the lily. How could it, being the most fragrant and beautiful flower in the garden (*according to its own estimation*)? Upon Christ's display of humility, however, the lily belatedly hung its head in shame, and has humbly remained so ever since.

VOCATION VIEWS: The stone is rolled back, the tomb is empty! We are to go and tell the Good News. Rejoice in the power of the resurrection! Alleluia! (*John 20:1-9*). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533- vocations@dcdiocese.org

STEWARDSHIP: Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!

FROM THE DIOCESE: Did you know? The Charter calls for annual audits of dioceses to ascertain compliance with USCCB guidelines. Annual Audits have been conducted since 2003. Results of the audits are published online in May for the public.