



Believing Is Seeing

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We celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring, which is also the first Sunday after Passover. The whole history of the world comes to this point, and today's gospel catches the eternal thrill of that day. A desperate Mary Magdalen cannot find her Lord in the tomb. Thinking that his body has been stolen, she alerts the apostles. Peter and John go running, and a moment of unforgettable suspense follows as first Peter and then John enter the tomb. The details are significant. They 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" (John 20:7). Thieves would not have taken

the time to unwrap the body and fold the face cloth. These details are intended to point to the truth of the resurrection. They saw and believed!

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six times in Acts. This proclamation, or *kerygma*, incorporates the message and the motivation for a change of life. God anointed Jesus, raised him from the dead, and promised that all who believe in him will be forgiven their sins and rise with him. Happy Easter! ●

Reflect

Why do I believe in the resurrection, and how does my belief impact my life?

MASS INTENTIONS

TUES. April 07 (Acts 2.36-41; John 20.11-18)		
7:00 pm	Workers of Catholic Women's League	CWL
WED. April 08 (Acts 3.1-10; Luke 24.13-35)		
9:30 am	Marge Deschambault	Secret Prayer Partner
11:15 am	†Beverley Litkowich	Marlene & Garry
THUR. April 09 (Acts 3.11-26; Luke 24.35-48)		
9:30 am	†Bea Gross	Matthew Bohrn
	†Anne & Michael Cherniski	Pat Dinsdale
	†Marion McDuffe	St. Vincent de Paul
	Special Intention	Brian & Marry Anne Schoonbaert
10:30 am FVH	†Sean Somers	Issigonis Family
FRI. April 10 (Acts 4.1-12; John 21.1-14)		
12:15 pm	Peggy Lynn	Sisters
	†Lawrence Dubois	Noreen Dubois
	†Irene Suski	St. Augustine Office Staff
	Shimizu Family	Charles & Maria Lim
	Anne Sawers	St. Vincent de Paul
	†Mwimba Jean-Marie Bushidi	Mbuyu Bushidi
SAT. April 11 (Acts 4.13-21; Mark 16.9-15)		
9:30 am	Aquin Family	Herman Aquin
4:00 pm	†Elfriede & Hermann	Schick Family
SUN. April 12 – 2nd Sunday of Easter		
9:00 am	†Peggy Clark	Bill & Brenda Pugh
11:00 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for All Parishioners)	
7:00 pm	Fran, Alan & Jo-Ann	Glenn & Kim
11:00 am/Souris		

*** TRIDUUM SCHEDULE ***

Apr. 02 Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Apr. 03 Good Friday

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayers
12:00/noon & 3:00 p.m. - Services

Apr. 04 Holy Saturday

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayers
12:00/noon – Blessing of Easter Baskets

Apr. 04 Easter Vigil - 9:00 p.m.

Apr. 05 Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. –
Masses of the Resurrection

St. Mary's Church in Souris (UPDATED Schedule)

Holy Thursday – 6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday – 3:00 p.m. Service

Saturday – 9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

In Our Prayers Are: Gresnor Acquisio, Hermann Aquin, Jamie Ashley, Myron Blocka, Thomas Egan, Colette Garlinski, Pat Golding, Jenny Hamill, Vera Lafreniere, Angela Lau, Paul Malabar, Susan Richardson, Marilyn Ross, Joan Tweedie, Anne West, Pat Chambers, Rhea Chudy, Jean Warwaruk, Leon Sanders, Jason Pascal, Anne Sawers, Arlene Spence, Albertine Moran, Angel Eranio Cabrera, Ladesma Cabrera, Emery Fouillard and the homebound.

St. Augustine **Class Mass** for grades 2, 4 & 8 will be on Wednesday April 8th at 11:15 a.m.

Dear Padre,

I'm marrying my girlfriend! Although she grew up Catholic, she doesn't practice the faith. Is it still OK to marry her?

Will you enter marriage with your fiancée because of a mutual love for each other? Do you both understand that this love will be strengthened by the sacramental grace of your matrimonial union, a grace you will receive because of baptism, not practice? Will you both try to create a loving family and, together as a family, try to be open each day to the grace of God already at work in your lives? Do you both realize that this grace calls you to create, in the name of Jesus, a witness to the truth of the gospel, which is even more powerful than the love you share?

If you hesitate to answer any of these questions with a wholehearted "yes," then consider exploring these questions together with your pastor or another person helping to prepare you for marriage. Perfect faith is not required for a good, sacramental marriage. Openness to faith is believing that the Lord who has brought you together is not yet finished with either of you. You both have more to learn, and, with God's grace, you will respond to his love. Jesus will work through both of you in ways that you may not even be able to imagine. In that spirit, marry her, build a life together, and know that God's plan for you will always be there. ●

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Financial Report for: March 29, 2026

Weekly collection	\$	10,449.
Children collection	\$	182.
Sharing God's Gifts 2026	\$	10,076 .
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Weekly average spending	\$	11,000.

Options for Donating Money:

For your convenience we accept donation envelopes, e-transfers (finance@staug.ca) and pre-authorized payments. Please note: e-transfers are only funds to St. Augustine. **Please Do Not Use 2025 and Older Envelopes.** Thank you and God bless.

Men's Group will meet on Wednesday, **April 15** at 6:00 p.m. to learn: On Temperance – The Virtue of Enjoying Truly Good Things.

Next gathering for **Youth & Young Adults Group** is on Sunday **April 19** at 1:00 p.m. Topic to discuss: How to Become Holy – Vocations and Church Ministry.

The Vocation Committee is sponsoring three **Eucharistic Holy Hours for Vocation** this spring, following the 7:0 p.m. Mass on Tuesdays, **April 7th, May 19th, and June 30th** to be led by Father Oliver. We would appreciate it if you would support and promote this initiative.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be hosting the first annual **Golf Tournament** on **Saturday May 30th** at the Wheat City Golf Course. Here is the link for more information and how to register as a team or individually: <https://kofc1435.staug.ca/golf/>. Proceeds are going to the Catholic School Board.

THANK YOU – 2026 FISH FRY

Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone that supported the **2026 Fish Frys**. The Fish Frys were very well attended. Proceeds will be donated to various community services and church activities. A special thank-you to the ladies that assisted in the kitchen/ticket sales and to the young people from the confirmation class for volunteering throughout the event! The baking & craft fundraising items draws were very successful! Thank you to the many dedicated volunteers!

EASTER MESSAGE 2026

My dear brothers and sisters, we celebrate with joy during this season, the glorious resurrection of Christ our Saviour. The first Easter brought joy, hope and confidence to the apostles and disciples of Christ. Our celebration almost two thousand years later continues to reignite in us, and in all Christians, that same joy, hope and confidence, even as we face the challenges of our time. As the trees spring up new leaves and flowers, and as the sunshine of this season brightens up our day, so may our celebration of Easter brighten up our hearts, our homes, our parish, our community, our nation, our Church and our world.

I give thanks to God in a special way for the nine persons and their families who will receive the *Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults* or who will be received into full communion with us at the Easter Vigil. I congratulate them and their families and congratulate our parish for the birth of new members. I also give thanks to God for the sixty-four persons who will receive First Holy Communion and the approximate thirty persons who will receive Confirmation during the Easter Season. May these sacraments invigorate their faith and their involvement in our parish life.

I would like to thank our staff and all those who volunteer in the various ministries of our parish, like the apostles, disciples and early Christians, you live out the Spirit of the resurrection through your active involvement in our parish life. Your involvement is transforming our parish and community. May God reward you and your families for all the efforts you put into the advancement of Christianity and Catholicism in our community and world.

As our Festival of Joy season approaches, the committee will need parishioners to join the leadership of our Activities Committee and our Decoration Committee. Please, if you feel you can serve on these committees kindly give your name to our Parish Secretary, Ela. I wish you all a blessed Easter.

Fr. John Okosun
Parish Priest.