



## Believing Is Seeing

MIGUEL DULICK

**W**e 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!

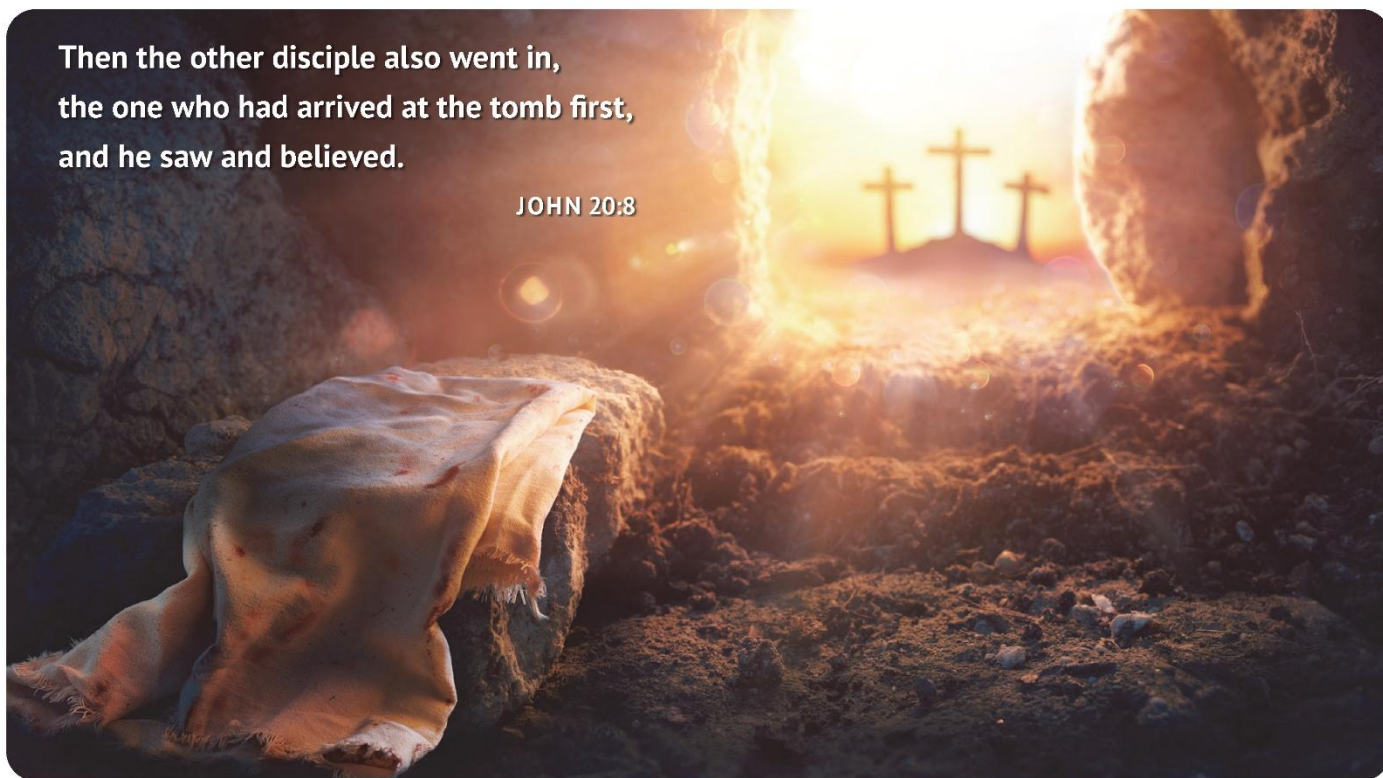
The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six 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

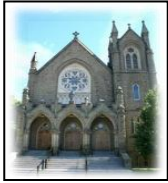
*Why do I believe in the resurrection, and how does my belief impact my life?*

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

JOHN 20:8



**Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**



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**The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**

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**St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule**

**Prior to Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday: 8:30 – 9:20 AM.**  
**Saturdays: 10:00 AM; First Friday of the month: 8:00 – 9:00 AM.**

**St. Bernard's**

**Mark Your Calendar**

<b>Carmelites</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month: 9:30 AM
<b>Prayer Group</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month & last Saturday of month after 25 <sup>th</sup> @ 7PM
<b>RCIA meeting</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month: 10 AM to 12 noon
<b>The Feast</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month @ 6PM

 <i>Faith Formation</i>	<b>Sunday:</b> Year 1-2-3 @ 9:15 AM Year 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM	<b>Tuesday:</b> Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM	<b>Wednesday:</b> Years 4-5-6 @ 6 PM
<b>Session</b>			
#15	April 12, 2026	April 14, 2026	April 15, 2026
#16	April 26, 2026	April 28, 2026	April 29, 2026

### St. Bernard's Faith Formation Schedule

#### Confirmation Preparation Schedule

<b>Session</b>	<b>Sunday: 2 PM - 3:15 PM</b>
April 12, 2026	Rehearsal – Gathering in Church
April 19, 2026	Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration at 11am

#### Holy Communion Preparation for Children Schedule

<b>Session</b>	<b>Sunday: 2 PM</b>
April 26, 2026,	Hall/Church
May 10, 2026, Holy Communion	Church



The joyful celebration of our Lord's rising continues.  
Alleluia! Is our shout of joy, meaning praise to God!



#### Easter Season

For fifty days, the people of God reflect on the meaning of Jesus' resurrection and of their sharing in it through baptism: dying to sin and living for God. For seven weeks we celebrate the presence of Jesus among us. We celebrate his ascension, and pray to him, seated in glory with the Father. As we prepare for Pentecost, we ask him to fill us with the grace and power of his Spirit.



*May the promise of Easter fill you with renewed faith, hope, love & joy.*

*Happy Easter!*

*Fr. Nwachukwu and Fr. Jacinto*



### The Feast of Divine Mercy

Please join us for the celebration of the **Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 12th, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.** here at St. Bernard's. The Church doors and the elevator will be opened by 1:50 p.m. Adoration will begin at 2:30 and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will begin at 3:00 p.m. Please note: there will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### Baptism Preparation Session

### Baptism Preparation – April 12, 2026

The arrival of a new member of the family is a time of great excitement and joy. As you welcome your new child into your family, you also begin to plan and provide the best for them. Like you, Jesus Christ wants the best for your child, as well. One of the first steps in introducing your child to God and to your faith is through baptism. Asking to have your child baptized shows that you recognize the importance of God in your life, and that you want your child to be a child of God and to be a member of a Christian community. In preparation for baptism, our archdiocese requires that parents attend a baptismal preparation course. **St. Bernard's will be offering a Baptism Preparation Course on Sunday, April 12 at 1:00 PM.** Registration is required prior to the course. Please contact **Genevieve Alo** either at [sbliturgy@gmail.com](mailto:sbliturgy@gmail.com) or at the parish office at **(506) 857-0425** to register.



### Sacrament of Baptism Schedule

The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated monthly on the **3rd Sunday of each month at our parish.** Parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism preparation class (date/time to be arranged). To register or for more information, please email **Genevieve Alo** at [sbliturgy@gmail.com](mailto:sbliturgy@gmail.com). Please register early to ensure scheduling.



### St. Bernard's Sacrament Celebrations

Confirmation: Sunday, April 19, 2026 @ 11am  
Holy Communion: Sunday, May 10, 2026 @ 11am



### Confirmation Mass — April 19, 2026

Please note: the **Confirmation Mass on Sunday, April 19** will be well attended. To help reduce crowding, parishioners are encouraged to consider attending the **Saturday 4:00 PM Mass** instead. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Knights of Columbus Council 1310 Monthly Breakfast

84 Broadway Street, Moncton  
**April 12 from 8:30AM - 12:30PM;** \$12 for Adults; \$5 for children.  
Menu includes: bacon, ham, sausage, eggs, pan fries, baked beans, pancakes, toast, tea, coffee and juice  
All are welcome!

## Mother's Day Tea

Inclusion Advocacy of Southeast New Brunswick will be holding a **Mother's Day Tea** on **Sat., May 2 from 1-3pm in St. Bernard's Parish Hall**. Sandwiches and sweets. Door prizes, 50/50 and silent auction. Proceeds go to helping those with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. For more information or tickets, call **Claudia McCloskey at 506 383 1532**.

## Important notice for Couples Planning to Get Married at St Bernard's



**WITNESSTO LOVE**  
A MARRIAGE MOVEMENT

St Bernard's Parish will be introducing a new Marriage Preparation Program for all couples registered to get married in calendar 2027. The Engaged will go through this program accompanied by a Mentor Couple. To facilitate this, **notice must be received by the Parish 9 – 12 months PRIOR to the wedding date**. To register or for more information email

or call Joe D'Ettore: [atvnonno@gmail.com](mailto:atvnonno@gmail.com) / 1-506-588-5958

***Marriage Preparation is a requirement for marriage in the Catholic Church***

## St. Vincent's

### ONLINE BANKING OPTION

Please be advised that, in addition to being able to sign up for pre-authorized debit monthly donations (sign up cards are on the table at the entrance to the church), St. Vincent's can now offer an easy online banking option to its parishioners. If you wish to make a donation to St. Vincent's, we are now able to accept **Interac e-Transfers!** Simply go to your online banking, choose "**Send an Interac e-Transfer**" and opt to send your donation to St. Vincent's by using the church email address which is [stvince@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca). Your donation will be automatically deposited into St. Vincent's bank account, and you will be issued a donation receipt at tax time. **Your donation will be confirmed shortly after receipt of Interac e-Transfer by St. Vincent's office.**

### CHALICE

Chalice is a Canadian, Catholic international child sponsorship charity. For more than 30 years, sponsors have supported children experiencing poverty to overcome obstacles, finish school, and have a hope-filled future. St. Vincent's has supported this program for a number of years. Your donations of coins and small bills to the wooden Chalice box located on the left side of the church entrance have helped many children and families. **We are pleased to report that our small parish donated \$2486.65 in 2025! Let's see if we can surpass this amount in 2026!**

### SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT

For the health and comfort of those with allergies, we ask that you refrain from wearing colognes or perfumes when attending mass.

**🎵 JOIN OUR PARISH CHOIR – ALL ARE WELCOME! 🎵**

For info, please contact **Karen Olscamp, [kolscamp@live.com](mailto:kolscamp@live.com), or 506-536-3050.**

## ROSARY

You are invited to join a group of faithful parishioners who gather to pray the Rosary in St. Vincent's chapel **every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.**

## PARISH CALENDAR

Please consult the calendar at the entrance to the church for upcoming events.

## SACKVILLE FOOD BANK

Thank you to all who have donated to the Sackville Food Bank in the past year. **As the need is great not only in Sackville, but in Dorchester as well, our contributions to the Food Bank basket will now be divided between the two communities; one week the donations will go to the Sackville Food Bank and next week the donations will go to the Dorchester Food Bank.**

The donation basket is located on the right-hand side of the entrance to the church. In addition, if you have household items that you wish to donate, please consider giving them to the Second Chances Thrift Store located at 18 Lorne Street. All proceeds are forwarded to the Sackville Food Bank.

## The Faith Formation schedule is as follows (location is St. Vincent's Hall):

Elementary group sessions (grades 4+), at 10am (after Sunday Mass)	April 12th following the 10am church social, April 26th, May 3rd (combo with younger group)
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***April 5th is Easter (no session) ~~ Happy and Blessed Easter!***

Primary group sessions (gr. 1-3), at 10am (after Sunday Mass)	April 19th, May 3rd (combo with older group)
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## Sacramental preparations:

Confirmation gatherings (plus service to others: January to April)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ practice and reconciliation on Fri Apr 10th at 6:30pm</li><li>▪ Confirmation at Mass on April 12, 2026</li></ul>
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First Reconciliation will take place on April 2nd at 5pm

First Eucharist preparations will take place in April and May, specific dates to be

*For questions and inquiries, please contact Cathy Crinnion at [ccrinnion@yahoo.ca](mailto:ccrinnion@yahoo.ca)*

## St. Clement's



## Patricia Kathleen Legere

***At St. Clement's and Strait Shores, we have lost a very special person. Patricia was an active member of St. Clement's and many community programs. She also taught for many years in Port Elgin and was loved by her students. Our most sincere condolences are extended to her family and to her side kick in life, Jan Legere.***



## Office for Evangelization & Catechesis

Trevor Droesbeck - 857- 4879 or [adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca)

Karen LeBlanc – 387- 4198 or [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca)

**COFFEE FOR CAREGIVERS**, is an opportunity for fellowship with others providing care for an adult spouse, family, or friend with needs. Please join us as we gather on the following dates: **April 16th, and 30th** at Holy Family Church Hall at 2:00 pm. Contact Mike Jeffries 506-851-1271 or Karen at 506-387-4198. Everyone is welcome.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** The special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV will take place from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027, on the eighth centenary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. “The Year of Saint Francis must not become yet another chapter rich in special spiritual effects, but a silent passage from enthusiasm to deep maturity, from spectacular celebration to imitation in daily life.” We are pleased to announce we will be joined by Archbishop Emeritus Mgr. Valery Vienneau on Monday, April 13th at 6:30 pm at Mai Asian Restaurant, when he will give a talk entitled **“Why St. Francis Still Matters Today.”** Please contact Karen to register at 506-387-4198 or [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca).

**SENIORS CONNECT** Save the date! Our next Seniors Connect will be held on **Thursday, April 16th, 10:30 am at Holy Family Parish** (52 Falkland Street). Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca). **We will be joined by a health professional to talk about aging, things that happen to us as we grow older.**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026** is just around the corner, and the team is hard at work preparing this year’s program. We would be most grateful to receive donations of the following:

- **Time:** Volunteers who can do simple cutting projects at home (we’ll provide patterns).
- **Materials:** Various shades of **green Bristol board**.
- **Decor:** Any **artificial green plants** (vines, ferns, leaves, small potted faux plants)

They may be dropped off at **Immaculate Heart of Mary church**. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact **Karen at [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca)**.



**St. Bernard's**

<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Donated by</i>
Minnie Burnett, Verna & George Perry	Ross & Sharon Burnett
Our parents, son Jeff & granddaughter Katie	Sam & Donna Ermen
Deceased members of the Stevens & Cormier families	Marty & Jean Cormier
Deceased members of the Cormier & Steele families	Norma Cormier
Sebastian Michaud	Jeannine Michaud
Ann & John Boom	Betty & Casey Evers
Deceased members of the Stephen family	Dianne Stephen
Late Clarence & Corinne Allain	Phyllis Allain
Late James & Ruby Furlong	Phyllis Allain
Corry & Nick Evers	Betty & Casey Evers
Carol Ann Bryant spouse, Joe O'Connor Thomas & Edna Bryant parents	Neil Bryant & family
Deceased members of the Hanson family	Sherry Hanson
Deceased members of the O'Brien & Scott families	Michael & Joanne Scott
Deceased members of the family	Robert McKinley
Timothy & Mary Donahue, Winifred Donahue, James & Mary Cameron, James & Irene Donahue	James & Sharon Fahey
Tom & Mae Clark, Geryy & Annette LeBlanc	Linda & Moe


Charles (Chuck) Kinney	Jessie & Peter
Family (Rob, Gert, George Donna & Anne)	Fran Robichaud
Helen & Ernie McCloskey	Claudia & Art McCloskey
Valerie, Emmett & Larry Byron	Byron family
Jim Beek	Marie Beek
Thanksgiving	Claire Hachey
Deceased members of the Carter & Flanagan families	Roy & Dorothy Carter
Muriel & Joe Richards	Byron Family
Pasquin Lobo & Eliza Dsouza	Dsouza Family
Pitre, Keenan & Loubert families	Ed & Sherrt Pitre
George & Zella O'Dell	Donna & Richard Shaw
Thomas & Elizabeth Clements	Doug & Noreen Martin




**St. Vincent's**

<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Donated by</i>
Mom Mary Jane, sister Clara, brothers Camille & Eddy	Marie Wood
Husband Ronald and parents Shea & Landry	Claudette Shea
Irene LeClair	LeClair Family
Parents Bill & Freda, daughter Bonnie	Deanna Crossman
Wife Irene Bourque, Son Matthew Bourque	George Bourque
In honour of the Melanson family: Ada Ramsay, Malcolm & David, Kathy Estabrooks.	Kathy Estabrooks

Leon & Ernest, Anne Kent, Marguerite White, Evelyn Ayer, & Marion Locy	
Parents Stephen & Catherine Horyl, brothers Stephen & Michael	David & Lorraine Horyl
Parents Norman & Verna Etter	

	<i>A time to mourn... sincere sympathies to all who mourn the loss of a loved one</i>
<b>Late Marie Lutes</b> , sister of Doreen Battis & Irene Matchim	
<b>Late Patricia Kathleen Leger</b> , wife of Jan Legere	

	<i>Ecclesiastes 3 Under every season there is a time...A time to heal...</i>			
<b>St. Bernard's</b>				
Peter Quach	Conrad Coughlan	Fern Conlin	Andrew Arsenault	Nadia Martinez
Angelique Williams	Janice Gallant	Brenda Lee Trites	Rudy Singh	
<b>St. Clement's</b>				
McGraw Family	Sharon Wall	Lorraine Doiron	Margaret Schriver	Cullen Flood
Brian Robichaud	Yannick Hardwood	Doug Purdy	Terissa Salmon	
<b>St. Vincent's</b>				
John Blakely	Alvin Bernard	Vince Wood	Leone Campbell	
Kathy Mattatall	Art Chase	Barb DeWitt	Leonard Burke	
<b><i>And those who have died: including Darlene (Marks) Wells.</i></b>				

<b>Mass times / Intentions:</b>				
<b>St. Bernard's</b>				
Mon.	Apr 06	9:30 AM	Thanksgiving for Rosemarie Villariasa	Genevieve & Vin
Tues.	Apr 07	9:30 AM	Special Intentions	Maria Angela Salvador
Wed.	Apr 08	9:30 AM	Late Gregory Edward Murphy	St. Bernard's CWL
Thurs.	Apr 09	9:30 AM	Late Al Duncan	Lorraine Montford
Fri.	Apr 10	9:30 AM	Special Intention	Peggy Arsenault
Sat.	Apr 11	4:00 PM	Late Marita McCarron	Francis & Debbie Carron
Sun.	Apr 12	11:00 AM	For the People	

St. Clement's				
Sun.	Apr 05	11:00 AM	Late Patricia Legere	Parishioners
Sun.	Apr 12	11:00 AM	For the People	
St. Vincent's				
Sun.	Apr 05	9:00 AM	For the People	
Sun.	Apr 12	9:00 AM	Edna & Gerry Landry	Edgar & Rosie Landry

## OFFERINGS

### St. Bernard's Offerings: Mar 29, 2026

<b>Reg Envs</b>	\$4857	<b>Loose</b>	\$1276.85	<b>Syrian</b>	\$70	<b>Marriage Retreat</b>	\$500
<b>Good Fri</b>	\$240	<b>Share Lent</b>	\$535	<b>New Yr</b>	\$120	<b>Donation</b>	\$160
<b>Karing Kitchen</b>	\$180	<b>Easter</b>	\$700	<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	\$610		

### St. Clement's Offerings: Mar 29, 2026

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$595	<b>Collection</b>	\$10
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### St. Vincent's Offerings: Mar 29, 2026

<b>Reg Envs</b>	\$1305 + \$120 e-Transfer		<b>Loose</b>	\$38 + \$200 e-Transfer			
<b>Share Lent</b>	\$30	<b>Fuel</b>	\$30	<b>Holy Thursday</b>	\$10	<b>Easter Flower</b>	\$60
<b>Easter</b>	\$10	<b>Good Friday</b>	\$10	<b>Sunday Missal</b>	\$5		

***Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!***

# 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. ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)**



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

***Holy Saturday...is the day in which heaven visits earth most deeply. It is the time in which every corner of human history is touched by the light of Easter.... Nothing can be excluded from [Christ's] redemption. Not even our nights, not even our oldest faults, not even our broken bonds. There is no past so ruined, no history so compromised***

***that it cannot be touched by mercy.***

**GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**



MARCO IACOBELLI EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### Monday

April 6  
*Octave of Easter*  
Acts 2:14, 22–33  
Mt 28:8–15

### Tuesday

April 7  
*Octave of Easter*  
Acts 2:36–41  
Jn 20:11–18

### Wednesday

April 8  
*Octave of Easter*  
Acts 3:1–10  
Lk 24:13–35

### Thursday

April 9  
*Octave of Easter*  
Acts 3:11–26  
Lk 24:35–48

### Friday

April 10  
*Octave of Easter*  
Acts 4:1–12  
Jn 21:1–14

### Saturday

April 11  
*Octave of Easter*  
Acts 4:13–21  
Mk 16:9–15

### Sunday

April 12  
*Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)*  
Acts 2:42–47  
1 Pt 1:3–9  
Jn 20:19–31