

Calendar

Sunday April 5 (Easter Sunday)	10:30 a.m.	Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/ COP)
Monday April 6 (Monday of Easter Week)		
Tuesday April 7 (Tuesday of Easter Week)		
Wednesday April 8 (Wednesday of Easter Week)	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass Dinner Adult Bible Study, Choir
Thursday April 9 (Thursday of Easter Week)	12:00 p.m.	Mass & Anointing
Friday April 10 (Friday of Easter Week)		
Saturday April 11 (Saturday of Easter Week)	1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Baby Shower (Parish Hall) Mass ~ Rite II
Sunday April 12 (2 Easter)	10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/ COP) Outreach Ministry Group

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This Week at St. John's

April 5, 2026

About the Readings

Easter Sunday

Today we celebrate the good news of Jesus' triumph over death with the conviction that what happened to Jesus will also happen to us. Peter preaches the good news: Jesus, judge of the living and the dead, offers forgiveness. In today's psalm, the hearts of believers resound with shouts of victory: "The Lord has done a mighty thing!" Paul reminds us that Christ is now our life, and we have set our hearts on him. In the gospel, the tomb is empty, and the risen Jesus reassures Mary Magdalene of his victory.

Acts 10:34-43

Today's passage from Acts is always read on Easter Day, as the Apostle Peter delivers the first proclamation of the Gospel to the Gentiles in the home of the Roman centurion Cornelius. As a first-hand witness to the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus, Peter declares that God's salvation is for all who fear God and do what is "right and acceptable" (10:34-35). God's message of peace was sent to the world through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all (v. 36). Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Jesus went about doing good and healing those who were oppressed by the devil. However, there were those who were threatened by such power, and Jesus was crucified. But God raised him from the dead on the third day, and he appeared to his chosen disciples, with whom he ate and drank.

Colossians 3:1-4

In the letter to the Colossians, Paul further explains what it means to live as Easter people. Not only are we to proclaim that Christ is risen, but our life in the Risen Christ also calls us to a new set of values and actions centered on God—and not on the world that rejected Jesus. Now that we have died to our old life, we are to set our minds on spiritual matters rather than earthly things (3:2). Our new life is to be defined by actions that are in conformity with the life of Christ. Therefore, when Christ appears in glory at the end of all things, we shall be included and will be revealed with him in glory (v. 4).

John 20:1-18

This Easter morning account in John is, first of all, Mary Magdalene's story. She is baffled by the empty tomb, suspecting foul play, and she is the first to see the risen Lord. Her meeting him in the garden is peculiar to John and is one of the warmest and most touching of all the resurrection appearances. Included is the enigmatic command, "Do not touch me," and a perplexing reference to his impending ascension. There is no further allusion to the ascension in John, as there is in Luke.

Announcements

Welcome! We are glad to have you here to worship with us at St. John's today or with us online.

Sunday Live Broadcasting: Join us on our ***Church Online Platform*** from our St. John's website on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for Mass by pushing the "**Watch Live**" button. Or go to <https://live.stjohnsspringfield.diowestmo.org/>. For help, please contact the church office or Phil Mothersead.

Outreach Ministry Group: This month, Outreach is collecting supplies for Rare Breed Youth Services. More than 150 teens and young adults in Springfield are unsheltered, and they depend on Rare Breed for hygiene, food, and access to health services. You can make our young neighbors' day a little easier by donating combs, hairbrushes, deodorant, socks (women's sizes), high-protein foods and snacks for Rare Breed to distribute.

Lenten Project: Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to this year's Episcopal Relief & Development Complete Care Package project. We'll add the ERD donations from this weekend and provide a final total in next week's bulletin.

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2026 are available in the office.
Easter offering envelopes are available from the ushers.

Please join us for a Baby Shower for Latesa and Jonny Carter. The baby girl is due in May. The shower is on April 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The link for Latesa and Jonny's baby registry is <https://my.babylist.com/latesa-carter>

Intercessions

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Episcopal Church, St. Joseph; Mrs. Cosette Hardwick, Senior Warden; and for the Liturgy & Worship Commission.

Birthdays

Apr. 5 Kelly Evans
Elizabeth Wilkinson
Apr. 6 Michael Cardwell
Thomas Strothkamp
Apr. 8 Ian Lindevald
Jacob George-Thoms
Apr. 9 Evelyn Ledgerwood
Apr. 10 Laura Mothersead

Faithful Departed

Apr. 4 Walt Harmon
Apr. 5 Joseph E. Cox, Jr.
Rebecca Lohman
Apr. 6 Dorothy Hayden
Apr. 10 Gwendolyn Van Hook

Prayer Requests

Clara	Kristen
Bill	Casey
Jim	Sarah
Patty	Penny
Nikki	David
Jim	Elizabeth
Jessica	Melissa
Katy	Janet
Elaine	Darlene
Darrel	Cara
Jerry	Glen
Pat	Wayne
Ann	Becky
Rick	Joe & Mary
Tyler	Mike