



# *Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Community*

*April 2026*

Dear Friends,

Easter is fast approaching and thank God this winter is over. By the time you read this newsletter we will be preparing to celebrate Palm Sunday and Holy Week. We began this journey on Ash Wednesday and our Mass of Anointing. We also had a beautiful Day of Recollection which helped us prepare for Holy Week and Easter. It has been a time of examining our lives, acknowledging our sins and remembering that God always stands ready to forgive the sinner who repents.

On Palm Sunday we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. In this commemoration we celebrate that joyful day as the Jews did, with palms and festive music. We also call to mind with the proclamation of the Passion that Our Lord entered the city to die on the cross for our sins.

On Tuesday night we celebrate the evening prayer of Tenebrae. We call to mind the profound darkness of this week as lights are extinguished in response to readings from the Psalms and the book of Lamentations. A solitary light at the conclusion of the service assures us that Jesus will be victorious over the darkness of sin and death.

Holy Thursday begins the celebration of the Easter Triduum. As we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist. We remember the words of Jesus, "do this in memory of me." This gift is given for all time in the celebration of the Mass. In the washing of the feet, we are reminded of our responsibility to always be in service to our neighbor.

Good Friday is the most solemn day of the liturgical year as we remember the death of our Savior. We come in silence for the service of the Passion of the Lord. We are silent in the face of the mystery of the crucified, God and we humbly kiss the cross of crucifixion. We leave in prayerful silence.

Easter is the climax of the Triduum and the entire liturgical year. The lighting of the Paschal Candle at the Vigil assures us that in the Resurrection, Christ has conquered the darkness of our world and restored to us everlasting life.

With faith, we marvel at this awesome mystery of our salvation, filled with thanksgiving for God's greatest gift in human history. May God bless each of you with a joyful Easter, and may He bless our troubled world with peace.

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## *A Note from Sister Eileen*

**Dear Friends,**

In a recent address at the Vatican, Pope Leo XIV said: "Our lives can seem chaotic, full of pain and suffering, and marked by events that appear confusing and unacceptable, on both a personal and global level.

In these moments, Christ is our lodestar. The Easter proclamation—"He has risen"—brings care and healing to our troubled minds and hearts, hope in the face of life's challenges. Meditating on the Resurrection, our lives find the meaning that we seek.

"Paschal hope does not disappoint. To believe truly in the Pasch through our daily journey means revolutionizing our lives, being transformed in order to transform the world with the gentle and courageous power of Christian hope."

What a challenge! Several questions seem key to accepting Pope Leo's challenge.

- How do I need to revolutionize my life?
- Am I willing to be transformed myself?
- How do I exercise my own "gentle and courageous power of Christian hope?"

I pray that as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection, we will harness our faith and joyfully share it with those around us with the example of our lives.

Happy Easter!

Blessings and peace!

*Sister Eileen*



*April – Faith on Film –*

*"Bobbi Joe" Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm In Pastoral Care Emmaus Room*



Spiritual Book Club is suspended until September.

## **Did You Know?**

- As of March 12, 2026, Pope Leo XIV has called for increased hospitality in the Church, urging communities to emulate the Holy Family.
- Pope Leo also emphasized a balanced, responsible approach to artificial intelligence, advocating for human guidance over technology.
- Pope Leo XIV mourns the late Lebanese priest, Fr. Pierre El-Rahi, who was killed amid the conflict in the Middle East, expressing his closeness to the Lebanese people and inviting Christians to pray for the many innocent victims of war.

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Dates to Remember:

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Holy Thursday

Mass - 3:00 pm

Adoration – 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Good Friday

12:00 pm – Ecumenical Service

2:00 pm – Catholic Service

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> - Easter Vigil

4:00 pm – Blessing of the Easter Baskets

7:00 pm – Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter

11:15 am – Easter Mass

Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Easter Monday

10:00 am – Mass

(Pastoral Care Office is Closed)