

# Easter 2024 Memorial Flowers



## IN MEMORY OF

Abe Family  
Arnold L. Bailey  
Annelies Braukmann  
Fritz Braukmann  
Bob Bright Sr.  
Brinkman Family  
Benita Brnic  
Robert & Charles Brothers  
Elizabeth & Harvey Carlin  
Eugene & Thelma Clayton  
Nora Collett  
Thomas, Margret & Peter Cowan  
Bobby Crisp  
Dimasi Family  
Max & June Dixon  
Evalyn Dommers  
Walter A. Dommers  
Bernard & Jean Douthitt  
Ed & Thelma Douthitt  
Chas Ebeling  
Tillie & Bud Ebeling  
Chas & Tom Ebeling  
Anna Egan  
Glenda Elkins  
Gail & Corny Furin  
Gebhart Family  
Ronald V. Grabenstein  
Wade Griffith  
Betty Guerin  
Rita & Ed Holler  
Robin Hughes  
Eva & Bob Klipstein  
Evelyn Kreidle

## IN MEMORY OF

Mary Lantz  
Randy Lantz  
Gary Lewis  
Mary Loar  
George Loar  
Danny Long  
Deb & Hayes Long  
Resa Long  
Gage Long  
Jameson Long  
Don Magelitz  
Walter Martz  
Anna, Arthur & Donald McConkey  
Maria McConkey  
Allen McDonald  
Irene McDonald  
Milton McDonald  
Scott McDonald  
Fred & Grace McKenzie  
McMahon Family  
Frank Morphis  
Isidora Morphis  
Pat & Charles Moscalink  
Mary & Anna Moscalink  
Shawn Myers  
Frederick A. Notel Sr.  
Rich O'Connor  
James Neral  
George & Ida Perry  
Gerald Printy  
Gary Pyles  
Pyles Family  
Jane Rinker

## IN MEMORY OF

Rosalie Robey  
Richard A. Ross  
Richard Rossell  
Dick & Rosemary Sanders  
Robert A. Schmitz  
Sheldon Family  
Wanda Shirk  
Jonas Skinner  
JD & Marilyn Smith  
Sours Family  
Fleming & Sterne Families  
Tina McDonald Strait  
Peter Steckowski  
Pat Strickler  
Dawn Van Meter  
H. Dean & Edna Wasson  
Patricia Welling  
Weaver Family  
Larry Wolfe  
The Wood Family  
Deceased Family & Friends

## IN HONOR OF:

Walter M. Dommers  
Elizabeth & Welton Malcolm  
Larry & Sharon McKenzie  
Stephen McKenzie  
Rylee Rountree

## **EASTER SUNDAY 2024**

The week before Easter is called Holy Week, and it contains the days of the Easter Triduum, including Maundy Thursday, commemorating the Maundy and Last Supper, as well as Good Friday, commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus. In western Christianity, Eastertide, the Easter Season, begins on Easter Sunday and lasts seven weeks, ending with the coming of the fiftieth day, Pentecost Sunday..

Easter and the holidays that are related to it are moveable feasts in that they do not fall on a fixed date in the Gregorian or Julian calendars which follow only the cycle of the sun; rather, its date is determined on a lunisolar calendar similar to the Hebrew calendar. The First Council of Nicaea (325) established two rules, independence of the Jewish calendar and worldwide uniformity, which were the only rules for Easter explicitly laid down by the council. It has come to be the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or soonest after 21 March, but calculations vary in East and West.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis told Catholics in the Holy Land that he knows Holy Week this year is "so overshadowed by the Passion and, as yet, so little by the Resurrection."

In a letter published March 27, Pope Francis told the region's Catholics that he was remembering all of them in his prayers, but in a particular way, "I embrace those most affected by the senseless tragedy of war: the children robbed of their future, those who grieve and are in pain, and all who find themselves prey to anguish and dismay."

The Hamas attack on Israel in early October and Israel's retaliation on Gaza have led to death and suffering for Christians in Gaza, but also have seriously restricted the number of pilgrims to the Holy Land, which impacts the livelihood of many Christian families.

"I would like each of you to feel my paternal affection, for I am conscious of your sufferings and your struggles, particularly in the course of these recent months," the pope wrote.

"Easter, the heart of our faith, is all the more significant for you who celebrate this feast in the very places where our Lord lived, died and rose again," he said. "The history of salvation, and indeed its geography, would not exist apart from the land in which you have dwelt for centuries." He also prayed that the region's Catholics would be able to "sense the love of Catholics throughout the world!"

"You are not alone," he told them. "We will never leave you alone but will demonstrate our solidarity with you by prayer and practical charity." Down through the centuries, local Christians have protected the "the places of our salvation," the sites associated with Jesus' life, ministry and resurrection, he said. But also, the Christian community has "borne enduring witness, through its own sufferings, to the mystery of the Lord's Passion." ...

"In these bleak times, when it seems that the dark clouds of Good Friday hover over your land, and all too many parts of our world are scarred by the pointless folly of war -- which is always and for everyone a bitter defeat -- you are lamps shining in the night, seeds of goodness in a land rent asunder by conflict," Pope Francis told them.

He also penned a prayer for them: "Lord, you are our peace. You who proclaimed blessed the peacemakers: set human hearts free from hatred, violence and the spirit of revenge. We look to your example, and we follow you, who are merciful, meek and humble of heart. May no one rob our hearts of the hope of rising anew with you. May we never tire of defending the dignity of every man, woman and child, without distinction of religion, ethnicity or nationality, beginning with the most vulnerable among us: women, the elderly, children and the poor."

Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover by much of its symbolism, as well as by its position in the calendar. In many languages, the words for "Easter" and "Passover" are identical or very similar. Easter customs vary across the Christian world, and include sunrise services, exclaiming the Paschal greeting, clipping the church, and decorating Easter eggs, a symbol of the empty tomb. The Easter lily, a symbol of the resurrection, traditionally decorates the chancel area of churches on this day and for the rest of Eastertide. Additional customs that have become associated with Easter and are observed by both Christians and some non-Christians include egg hunting, the Easter Bunny, and Easter parades. There are also various traditional Easter foods that vary regionally.