



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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April 12, 2020

All Masses and other devotions  
have been suspended until further  
notice from the Archdiocese

St. Joseph Chapel will remain available  
for Eucharistic Adoration

Our livestream daily Masses can be found  
on the parish website or on YouTube

Jesus, Savior of the World,  
have mercy on us.

## Sacraments

- Reconciliation:** Wednesday in church, 7pm  
Saturday following 8am Mass
- Marriage:** Contact the parish office  
at least six months prior to the wedding
- Baptism:** Contact the parish office  
to register for class and to arrange date
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:**  
Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office



## EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." - Mt 28:5b-6

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## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying "so what" or "alleluia"? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of "so what." Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.

Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don't sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied

in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and "find your own road to happiness" are messages we all too easily believe. The "so what" response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn't important to me securing my next raise.

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn't impress us or matter all that much. It's all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off consid-

ering the one significant "tomorrow" that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking "so what?" or "alleluia"?

There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn't need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!

# Welcome to Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Informed—Hospitable—Missionary*

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Confirmation Preparation  
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Children's Liturgy of the Word  
September thru May, during the 9:30am Sunday Mass  
Adult Education  
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# Alleluia!! Alleluia!! Christ is Risen!!

Dear Parishioners,

Praise God the Father for the victory over sin and death won by His Son, Jesus Christ! No matter what is happening in our lives, Jesus Christ is Risen! That fundamental truth should shape our thoughts and feelings above all else! When we keep the reality of the Resurrection before our thoughts, all other things will fall into their proper place. Our biggest challenge is that we constantly lose sight of the Resurrection, and when we do we fall into sin and fear.

Today and throughout this Easter Season we want to turn to the Risen Lord to know His peace and courage. That peace and courage (and the Holy Spirit) changed the lives of the Apostles from fearful men hiding for their lives into fearless witnesses of Jesus. My faith is strengthened and deepened every time I think of the testimony of the Gospels. The Evangelists testify to their own lack of understanding, their own cowardice and their ultimate failure to stand by Jesus in His hour of need. They don't sugar coat or gloss over the truth of their shortcomings. These same thick-headed and weak-kneed individuals would be transformed by the Resurrection and Pentecost into brave witnesses who would suffer and die for the Name of Jesus.

Most of us would be tempted to minimize our shortcomings and emphasize our strengths when telling the story of our life with Jesus. It is precisely the raw witness of the Gospels that draws me into realizing and embracing their truth. Jesus Christ is



Risen and has opened the gates of Heaven to all who believe in Him. He has entrusted to us a way of life (The Gospel) that will guide our path in this life and prepare us for eternal life with God. Our faith is about living the best possible life here on earth while anticipating and hoping for the life of fulfillment with God.

The awareness of that promise of eternal life, that death is not a final reality, would spur the Apostles and Disciples to proclaim Jesus to the ancient world and convert it. The events that changed the world happened in obscure places: an upper room, a lonely hillside and a freshly hewn grave. But God's humility and humor would place those obscure locations at the center of history and as ground zero for the grace that saves. That grace is amazing, and for the next 50 days we are invited to let it saturate our hearts and awaken our minds to the victory of God's truth and love.

Blessed Easter!

Fr. Tom

P.S. Dear friends, please know of my continued prayers and longing for all of you during these days of seclusion. I so look forward to the day when our return to normalcy will resume. I pray for you daily and ask God to shepherd all of us in these days apart.

**NO CONFESSIONS WEDNESDAY**  
**I will be there Saturday at 8:30am**

## Easter Sunday, Year A

[The women left Jesus' tomb] in a hurry, afraid and yet filled with joy, and [they] ran to tell his disciples.  
MATTHEW 28:8

One of the most convincing proofs of the resurrection is the transformation that took place in Jesus' followers after it. "Off they went with burning urgency to tell the news to all the world. The Messiah had come. Truly the Kingdom of God was at hand. Their lives were led for that end, and for that end alone. No amount of persecution could stop them."

B. F. RHEIN

To what extent do I feel an "urgency" to share the good news of Jesus with others? With whom, especially?

*The lives [of Jesus' followers] . . . changed the course of human history. No reasonable explanation has ever been given to account for their transformed lives except their own: they had seen Jesus alive.*

ROBERT L. CLEATH

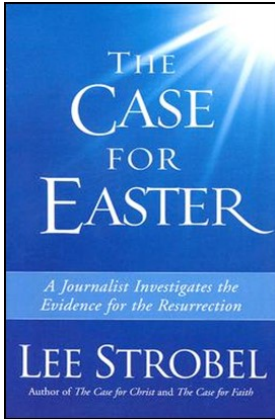
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## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 4000 items, the Parish Library is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the Narthex

### From the Parish Library (Grand Hall)



Of the many world religions, only one claims that its founder returned from the grave. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the very cornerstone of Christianity.

But a dead man coming back to life? In our sophisticated age, when myth has given way to science, who can take such a claim seriously? Some argue that Jesus never died on the cross. Conflicting accounts make the empty tomb seem suspect.

How credible is the evidence for—and against—the resurrection? Focusing his award-winning skills as a legal journalist on history's most compelling enigma, Lee Strobel retraces the startling findings that led him from atheism to belief. He examines:

The Medical Evidence—Was Jesus' death a sham and His resurrection a hoax?

The Evidence of the Missing Body—Was Jesus' body really absent from His tomb?

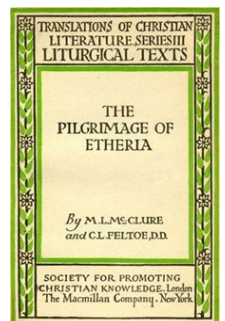
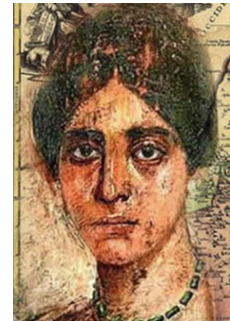
The Evidence of Appearances—Was Jesus seen alive after His death on the cross?

Written in a hard-hitting journalistic style, *The Case for Easter* probes the core issues of the resurrection. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead: superstitious myth or life-changing reality? The evidence is in. The verdict is up to you.

### Read a fascinating early Church writing online: The Pilgrimage of Egeria

Have you ever heard of the Pilgrimage Journal of Egeria? Egeria was a young woman who traveled throughout the world and on to the Holy Land on a pilgrimage in the 380s AD. She wrote this journal (also letters sent to relatives) which were later discovered. It is a window into the life of an early Christian and also gives an account of the religious services held during Holy Week, as that was the time in which she was there. This account can be found online: The section on the visit to the Holy Land begins around article - paragraph 45:

<https://www.ccel.org/m/mcclure/etheria/etheria.htm>



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

No gatherings of Youth Group  
until we get the "all clear"

### A Big Event Coming Up!

July 17 through 19 is a youth group event called **Steubenville** for 9th thru 12th grades. It is such a fun trip you won't want to miss it!! Our Youth Ministry office with the St. Louis Archdiocese has a great program set up for us. We stay on the Missouri State campus in Springfield, MO. For more info, check out <https://steubystl.com> or just google Steubenville STL Mid-America. There are some really good YouTube videos you can check out, too. I need to send a deposit, so let me know ASAP.

## ✠ Rest in Peace ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of

**Sherri Callahan**

daughter of Paul & Vicki Grunz

**David Betlach**

husband of Joan Betlach

**Barbara Sadlo Baker**

daughter of Eleanor Sadlo

May they and all the faithful departed  
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

## Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Mark Hanna, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott,  
Mike & Pat Ryan, Carol Rabbitt, Fran Bussen,  
Karla Sitzes, Vicky Monroe, Nancy Hollenstein, Walt Reel,  
Jean Bamert, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Loretta Bruns,  
Betty Heppermann, Kathy Feldewerth, Frank Marquart,  
Dan Brothers, Cindy White, Janie Roth,

David & Lisa Debold and Ratha Beymer  
(Dave & Pam DeBold's children and Pam's mother),  
Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel),  
Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine),  
Fred Brown (son-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan),  
Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt),  
Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor),  
Loretta Nolan (sister of Kathy Lalonde),  
Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter),  
Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree),  
Audrey Molitor (sister of Flo Joerling),  
Pat Finan (Fran Bussen's daughter),  
Jim Raymond (brother of Alan & Marsha Raymond)

**Hospitalization:** If you are hospitalized, please let us know.  
Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

**Communion Calls:** If you would like to receive Communion but  
are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please  
contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

**Prayer Requests:** Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email

## Contributions, April 4/5

General Offertory:	\$5,656.00
Online – General Offertory:	\$6,376.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,032.89</b>

*"Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on earth."  
(Colossians 3:2)*

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money,  
power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a  
quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the  
very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-  
adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before  
God. This is also the first commandment—I am the Lord  
your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

*We pray ... that we put God first in everything  
and not let earthly possessions become gods to us.*

## Needed at the Pantry

mayonnaise, cold cereal, fruit juice, sugar, jelly,  
mustard, sloppy joe sauce, gravy packets,  
canned fruit: pears, peaches, fruit cocktail,  
mandarin oranges, applesauce, canned potatoes, chicken  
broth, cake & brownie mixes, icing, Bisquick, syrup, saltines,  
laundry detergent, toilet paper, shampoo, coffee



Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the chal-  
lenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that  
comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that  
we are truly Easter people!

## During this time of separation...

Please remember that **food donations** can still be dropped  
off, and most importantly, **monetary donations** can still be  
made by check or through online giving on the parish web-  
site.

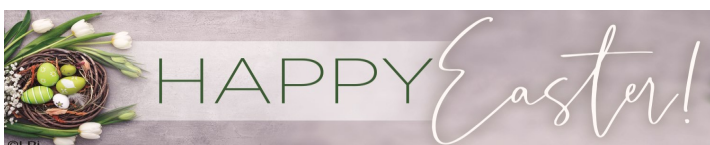
We are mindful of all those who are temporarily laid off,  
and don't know what to expect as to the future needs for  
both food and financial assistance. If you are able, please  
help us in this work of caring for the most vulnerable.  
Thank you!

## Readings of the Week

Sun:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
Mon:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/ Mt 28:8-15
Tue:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
Wed:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
Thur:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
Fri:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/ Jn 21:1-14
Sat:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/ Mk 16:9-15

## Pope's Intentions for April: Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may  
be helped and accompanied.





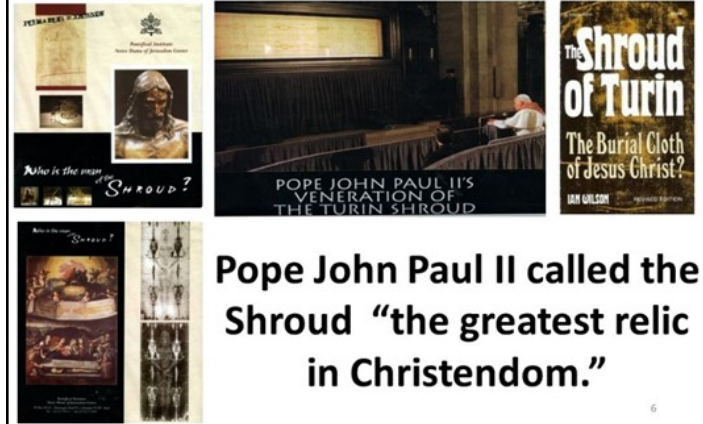
**If Christ has not risen, your faith is in vain.  
Here are three reasons to believe.**

**Memory Aid for the Resurrection:  
E.A.S.T.E.R**

- E** - Empty Tomb
- A** - Appearances of Jesus after Death
- S** - Shroud of Turin
- T** - Transformation of the Apostles
- E** - Eyewitness Testimony
- R** - Rise of Christianity

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**S - Shroud of Turin**

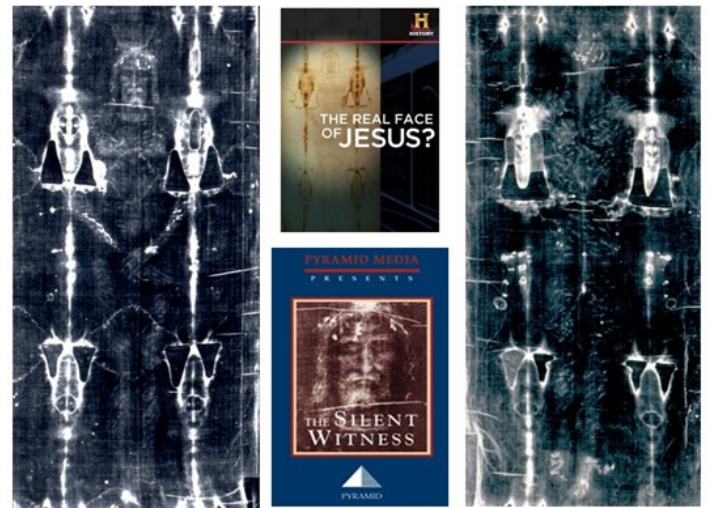
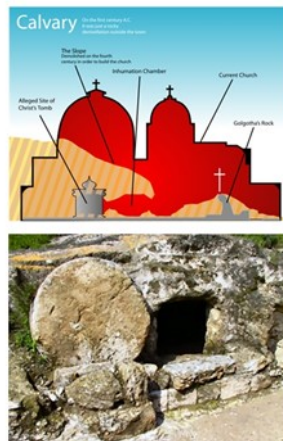


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**E-Empty Tomb**

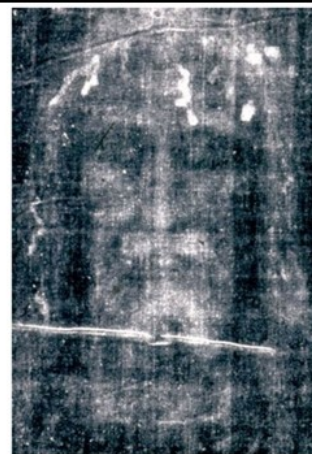
How explain the empty tomb? It would have been impossible for Jesus' disciples to have believed in their master's resurrection if his corpse still lay in the tomb. But it is equally incredible to suppose that the disciples could have stolen the body and perpetrated a hoax.

Furthermore, it would have been impossible for Christianity to come into being in Jerusalem if Jesus' body were still in the grave. The Jewish authorities would certainly have produced it as the shortest and completest answer to the whole affair.

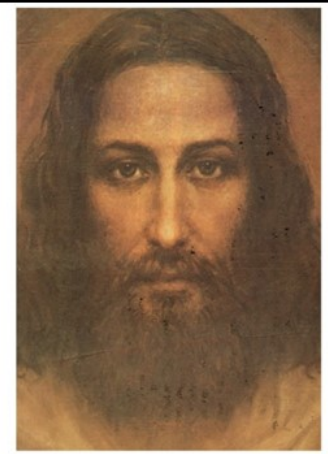


**A- Appearances (Apparitions) of Jesus, immediately after His death and throughout history.**

How explain the testimony of all those who saw, touched, conversed, and even ate with the Lord? In particular, how does one explain the incredible life / conversion of St. Paul without him seeing the risen Lord? What of all the appearances and miracles of Jesus after the New Testament.



Shroud of Turin  
Facial Image



Painting based on the Shroud of  
Turin Facial Image

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### What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

- The Beatitudes depict the countenance of \_\_\_\_\_ and portray His charity.
  - God
  - Moses
  - Jesus Christ
  - Christians
- The Beatitudes shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the \_\_\_\_\_ life.
  - divine
  - human
  - Christian
  - natural
- The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - security
  - health
  - happiness
  - safety
- This desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the \_\_\_\_\_ in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfill it.
  - tabernacle
  - body
  - church
  - human heart
- God put us in the world to know, to love, and to serve Him, and so to come to paradise into the joy of Trinitarian \_\_\_\_\_.
  - triangle
  - triad
  - tripoly
  - life
- We are confronted to make decisive moral choices, invited to purify our hearts of bad instincts and to seek the \_\_\_\_\_ of God above all else.
  - face
  - approval
  - pleasure
  - love
- The Decalogue, the Sermon on the Mount, and the apostolic catechesis describe for us the paths that lead to the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - earth
  - heaven
  - the apes
  - cool
- God created man a \_\_\_\_\_ being, conferring on him the dignity of a person who can initiate and control his own actions.
  - disturbed
  - rational
  - angered
  - frustrated
- Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own \_\_\_\_\_.
  - thought
  - responsibility
  - deliberation
  - action
- As long as freedom has not bound itself definitively to its ultimate good which is God, there is the possibility of \_\_\_\_\_ between good and evil.
  - neglect
  - indifference
  - inclination
  - choosing

### PSR Corner

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The Month of April is traditionally dedicated – devoted to the Blessed Sacrament / Resurrection / Holy Spirit. Parents are encouraged to make visits to the Eucharistic Lord with their children. Why not stop by for 5 minutes for a brief “hello”? We are blessed to have our chapel with the Blessed Sacrament open 24 hours a day. Here is another reminder of the text for making an Act of Spiritual Communion:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*



Please join other parishioners in praying the rosary every Friday at 3pm for 2 more weeks for the intention of asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten the researchers to find not only a cure but also for a vaccine for protection against COVID -19.

April 17 - April 24

It was a quiet Monday morning in September 2053, when John awoke with a need to go to the bathroom. To John this wasn't just any ordinary day! This was the day he would open the last package of toilet paper his parents bought in the year 2020.



## IF I GO TO THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND END UP REPEATING THE SAME SINS, DOES THAT MEAN I DO NOT HAVE A STRONG ENOUGH INTENTION TO AMEND MY LIFE?

There is a popular expression that says, "Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet!" Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it. As St. Paul says, the good he intends to do, he does not do. The evil he does not intend, he does! It is not always a lack of intention, but more often the allure of evil that makes it difficult to change.

When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God's grace, we will succeed.

Mary of Magdala  
went and announced  
to the disciples,

**"I HAVE SEEN  
THE LORD."**

JOHN 20:18

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*Remember in Your Prayers*

**ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

*Compassionate and Loving Father,*

*In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of Your presence.*

*In You allow us to find hope and healing.*

*Be with those who serve the sick  
and give them Your caring hands.*

*Be with those who lead and give them Your spirit of wisdom.*

*Be with those who have fallen ill  
and give them Your comforting heart.*

*Wrap Your arms around our world and hold us in Your love.*

*Allow us at this time of trial to then serve  
as instruments of that love to all we meet.*

*We ask this in Your Name. Amen.*

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2. Christian 1717
3. happiness 1718
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**Catholic IQ Answers**



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