

# APRIL 2019

VISITATION — MAHAFFEY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 1PM - 5PM
7 1PM - 5PM	8	9	10	11	12	13 8AM - 12PM
14 8AM - 12PM	15	16	17	18	19	20 1PM - 5PM
21 1PM - 5PM <i>EASTER</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27 8AM - 12PM
28 8AM - 12PM	29	30				

**EASTER**, A CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL, EMBODIES MANY PRE-CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS. THE ORIGIN OF ITS NAME IS UNKNOWN. SCHOLARS, HOWEVER, ACCEPTING THE DERIVATION PROPOSED BY THE 8TH-CENTURY ENGLISH SCHOLAR ST. BEDE, BELIEVE IT PROBABLY COMES FROM **EASTRE**, THE ANGLO-SAXON NAME OF A TEUTONIC GODDESS OF SPRING AND FERTILITY, TO WHOM WAS DEDICATED A MONTH CORRESPONDING TO APRIL. HER FESTIVAL WAS CELEBRATED ON THE DAY OF THE VERNAL EQUINOX; TRADITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FESTIVAL SURVIVE IN THE EASTER RABBIT, A SYMBOL OF FERTILITY, AND IN COLORED EASTER EGGS, ORIGINALLY PAINTED WITH BRIGHT COLORS TO REPRESENT THE SUNLIGHT OF SPRING, AND USED IN EASTER-EGG ROLLING CONTESTS OR GIVEN AS GIFTS.