

# *Pope Francis live-streams Easter services from empty St. Peter's Basilica*

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Vatican City, April 11 (RHC)-- At the Vatican, Pope Francis delivered Good Friday Easter services by video stream from a nearly empty St. Peter's Basilica. Holy Thursday services did not include a ritual washing of the feet, in order to prevent community spread of the coronavirus.

More than 18,000 Italians have died of COVID-19 in less than two months — although Italian mayors say the true toll is likely far higher, with many of the dead still uncounted.

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