Across the Cosmos for April 2025: An Einstein Ring from the JWST

Due to pressures out of her control, Grace Wolf-Chase wasn't able to share a column this month. Recognizing it's second best, by a long shot, I thought I'd provide a link to the picture of the month from the James Webb Space Telescope.

The picture "features a rare cosmic phenomenon called an Einstein ring. What at first appears to be a single, strangely shaped galaxy is actually two galaxies that are separated by a large distance. The closer foreground galaxy sits at the center of the image, while the more distant background galaxy appears to be wrapped around the closer galaxy, forming a ring."

You can read more about Einstein rings as well as view the spectacular photograph here.