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APRIL 9, 2023



EASTER SUNDAY

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-8

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:30pm Mass

Sunday

7:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

Weekdays

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

8:00am Mass

Confession Schedule

Saturday | 3:30pm

15 minutes before Daily Masses

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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Mass Schedule

Sunday

9:00am | Mass

Tuesday

5:30pm | Confession

6:00pm | Mass

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

"For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20: 9)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are witnesses of all that Christ has done — in our lives, in our souls, in our hearts. We have seen the empty tomb. We have touched the abandoned burial cloths. "Go tell my brothers," Jesus commands us. "Do not be afraid."

Observances for the week of April 9, 2023

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Saturday: Tax Day

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Maria Kaupas, a Lithuanian immigrant to the USA, founded the Sisters of St. Casimir and started schools and hospitals all over the USA and Lithuania. The Sisters continue to care for immigrants, children, and the sick to this day!

Prayer

Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Mother Maria

O loving Jesus, we beseech you, grant that your servant, Mother Maria, who was imbued with your Eucharistic Presence while on earth, may through the intercession of your Immaculate Mother and Saint Casimir, be glorified by visible signs and miracles; so that for your glory and salvation of souls, she may, by your power, be declared Blessed.

Amen.

(Prayer Source:
<https://www.sistersofstcasimir.org/>)

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 9, 2023

Sunday:

AAccts 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

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons." (Mark 16:9)

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it's simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, **"out of whom he had driven seven demons."**

Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavory detail of Mary's past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavory and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn't seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified.

Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don't. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did.

— Father John Muir

LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



SANCTUARY LIGHT: April 8—April 14

The Sanctuary Light at SJB
will burn in memory of
John Dickinson

The Adoration Chapel
will burn in memory of
Shirley Hunt

The Sanctuary Light at OLA
will burn in memory of
Daniel & Elizabeth Cazedessus

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday: 04/08: Caleria Ranatza, Dana Baker Othmer, Louis Baker, Jr., Bruce Pitre, Luke Everett Fontenot, Austin Hollingsworth, Chris Cosse, Joseph Ritter, Joyce Bello Bailey, Orin Hollingsworth, John Dickinson, Frank Millican, Nida Cochran, Jeff Barry, Don Barry, Thomas Rabalais, Michael Millican, Burke Daigle, Shane & Sylvia Bellard, Herman & Mickey Ditcharo, Fr. Kenny Laird, Rita Patton, Frank Partin, Marilyn Poche, Marguerite Richey

Sunday: 04/09:

7:00 AM: Luke Everett Fontenot, Caleria Ranatza, Ed Bridwell, Brad Vince, Jane Ewell, Rusty Hagan, Alicia Summers, Frank Partin, Fr. Kenny Laird, Don Metcalf, Chris Giroir, Helen Hurst

9:00 AM: Jacob Meek, Evelyn Beauchamp, Georgia Honore, Charles Weaver, Jr., Anthony Musso, Edgar Unay, Beau Lobrano, Damin Vu, Peter Vu, Maria Vu, Davis family, Gabi Berger, Claudia Racca, Patricia & Paul Davidson, Sr., Jacob Jones, Fr. Kenny Laird, Elizabeth Cazedessus, Daniel Cazedessus, a special intention, Frank Partin, Jackie Hutchinson, Gregory Kent

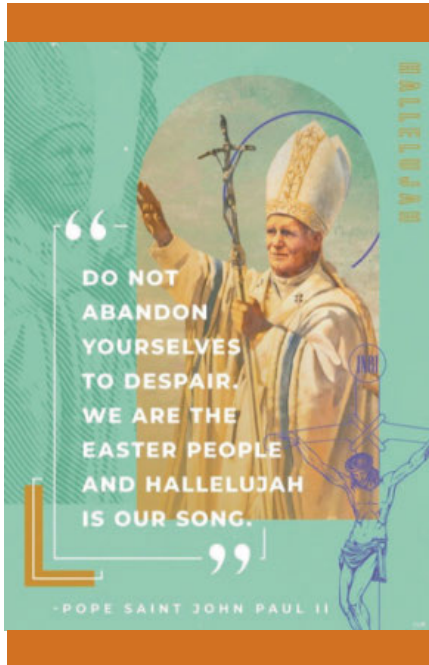
11:00 AM: Charles Rissler, Joe Anzalone Family, Tyler Craig, Johnny Wales, Leroy Knaps, Ron Parker, Donald Langley, Huey Tullier, Judith Cutrer, Kim Aitken, Mike Drago, Tommy Cooper, Rocky Crucitti

Thursday: 04/13: Caleria Ranatza, Luke Everett Fontenot, Hans Francis Blumrich

Friday: 04/14: Caleria Ranatza, Susan Beyer, Rita Patton, John Dickinson, special healing intention

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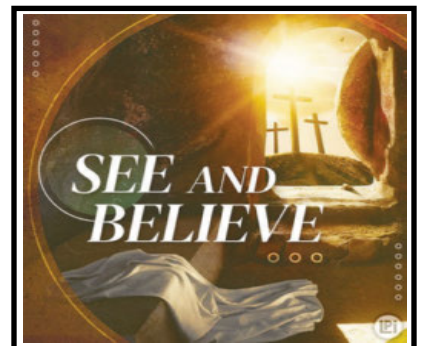
**Congratulations
and Welcome**
to our Newest Member
Baptized in the Lord
Sunday, March 26, 2023

Grady Paul Robert Laiche
son of Richard and Megan Laiche

Life is perhaps God's greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate.

On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn't take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. **Happy Easter!**



At Easter, we celebrate that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered death, rose from the dead, and remains very much alive. To the world of non-believers: what!? It is quite a big reality to swallow. But for the believer, it is a reality that inspires us to the point where we find ourselves constantly sharing the Gospel with everyone we meet! Right?

So what does Easter mean to you? The question is not what do you believe. The question is **what impact does Easter have on you?** How do your actions demonstrate the power of Easter? What does it mean we you hear that we, the Church, are an Easter people?

You may be saying right now that you have no intention of becoming an evangelist, passing out Bibles to all you meet. But I would like to suggest that you actually have a more powerful way of evangelizing others: everyday stewardship. Actions speak louder than words and the way you live your life can be a great testimony to all those you encounter. By acknowledging the gifts you have been given, cultivating those so they grow to an increase, and then sharing them fully with God and with others in God's name will give testimony to your belief that Jesus is alive and seeking a relationship with each of his people.

If more of us won't live our lives in this manner, then non-believers and non-intentional disciples will ask the question, "What difference does Easter make anyway?" Jesus died and rose for you and me. To be sure, it DOES make a difference.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Easter Sunday and Object Permanence

When you play peekaboo with a very young baby who has not yet developed object permanence, you actually feel kind of mean. As soon as your hands obscure your face, their little eyes widen with alarm and their expression crumbles into confusion and despair.

Because they can no longer see you, they believe you no longer exist. Their little brains are unable to understand that just because a thing cannot be seen, it is still there, still alive, still full of love and care and protection.

Aw, man, you can hear them thinking. I guess I don't have a mom anymore.

On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene sees the burial cloth but no body. Her human mind makes sense of the situation the best way it knows how, she assumes the Lord has been taken. I'm sure I would have thought the same thing, in her position.

She cannot conceive, on her own, the reality that Christ has risen from the dead. It doesn't matter that he has told his disciples again and again that this will happen. They weren't ready to understand then.

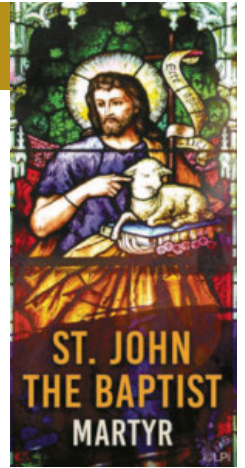
In many ways, Easter is when the human race really achieved object permanence. But we still struggle with it, don't we? I certainly do. So often I can be heard accusing God: "You weren't there. Where were you? I couldn't find you."

But I looked for him in the flesh. I looked for him in the stale yeast of the world — in money or success or affirmation or (worst of all) convenience and pleasure. Of course, I would not find him there, among the dead.

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. — Colossians 3:2

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

-7:00 am: Mass

-11:00 am: Mass

Monday, April 10

(Office Closed)

Tuesday, April 11

(Office Closed)

-10:45 am: Chapter Two Luncheon

-4:00 pm: Homeless Shelter

Wednesday, April 12

-NO Mass

-6:30 pm: Men's Club

Thursday, April 13

-8:00 am: Mass / P.H. Novena

Friday, April 14

-8:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy

-9:00 am: Lite Breakfast

Saturday, April 15

-8:30 am: First Communion Retreat

-1:00 pm: Worthy Retreat

-3:30 pm: Reconciliation

-4:30 pm: Mass

Sunday, April 16

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy

-6:30 am: KC Rosary

-7:00 am: Mass

-8:00 am: Knights of Columbus meeting

-10:30 am: Cath Daughters Rosary

-11:00 am: Mass

-4:00 pm: Bible Study

COLLECTIONS

04/02/2023

To be announced next week

PARISH OFFICE

Parish Offices are CLOSED
on Monday and Tuesday.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

NO Mass on Wednesday, April 12th.

Daily Masses resume on
Thursday, April 13th.

Perpetual Help Novena will follow Mass on
Thursdays and Divine Mercy will follow
Mass on Fridays.



Knights of Columbus April Schedule Change
(Due to the Easter Holiday)

Sunday, April 16

6:30 am: Rosary

8:00 am: Meeting



Catholic
Daughters
**Parish
Rosary**

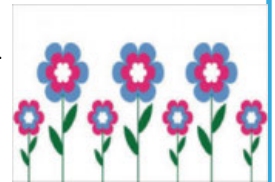
Next Sunday, April 16th
at 10:30am

CHAPER TWO

-Support Group for Widows

Next gathering -
Tuesday, April 11

Contact Dot.



Religious Education

FIRST COMMUNION: Retreat and Practice on Saturday, April 15th at 8:30am

Sacrament on Saturday, April 22nd at 4:30pm Mass

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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

NO Mass on Tuesday, April 11th.

The parish offices will be closed on Monday (4/10) and Tuesday (4/11).



Altar Society April meeting has been **cancelled**.
We will resume on Tuesday, May 9th.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday, April 11

- **NO Mass**

- Altar Society meeting **CANCELLED**
Wednesday, April 12

-1:00 pm: Eucharistic Adoration

-6:15 pm: Vespers with the Sisters

Saturday, April 15

-9:00 am: First Communion Retreat and Practice

Sunday, April 16

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy

-9:00 am: Mass / 1st Communion

-10:00 am: 1st Communion Reception



Religious Education

FIRST COMMUNION

April 15th: Retreat and Practice

April 16th: Sacrament & Reception

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