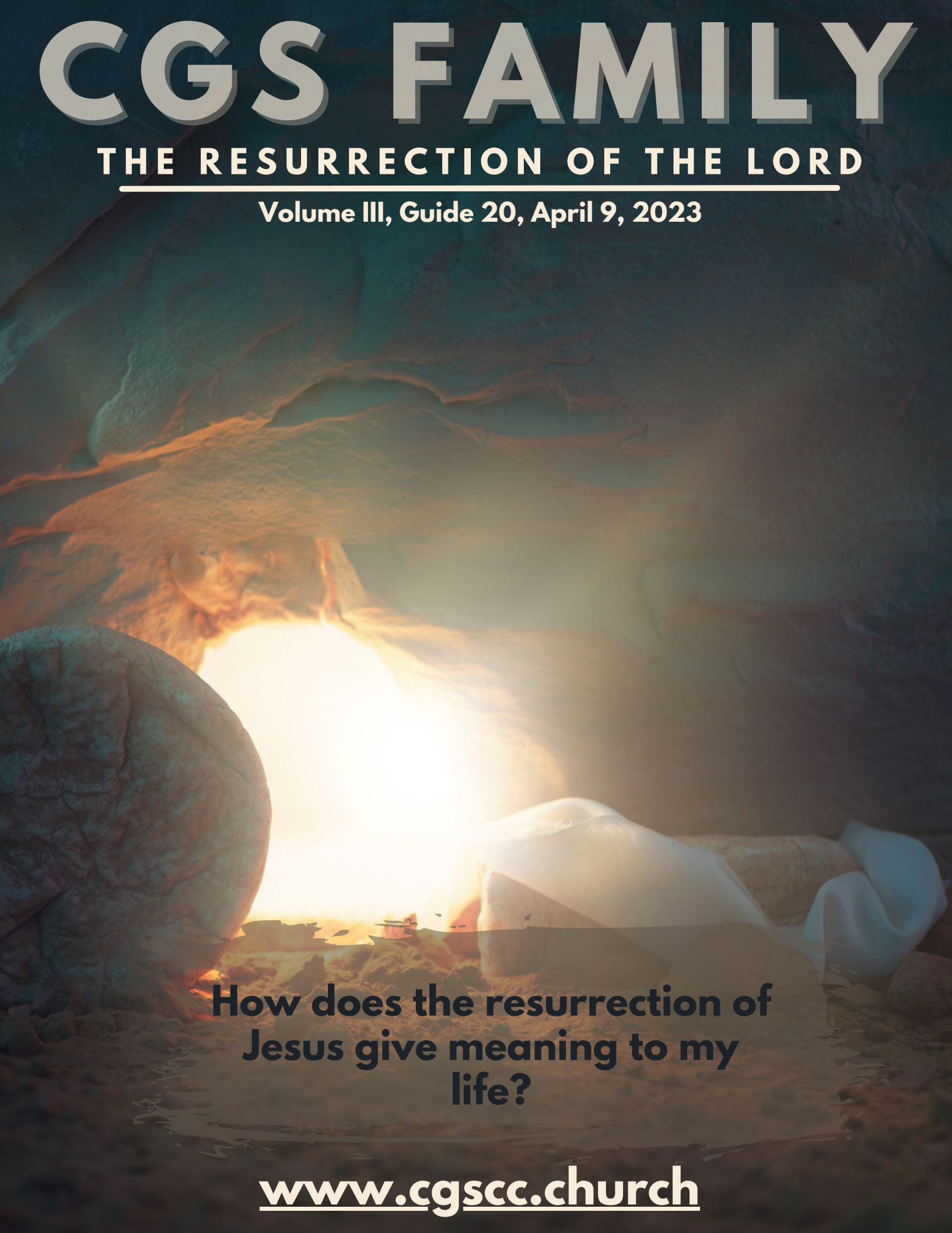


# CGS FAMILY

## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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**How does the resurrection of  
Jesus give meaning to my  
life?**

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# Welcome

## HELLO, CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD FAMILY!

Welcome to our weekly CGS Guide that helps our parish families to grow in knowledge of the faith and deepen our relationship with Jesus as his disciples. As we encounter Jesus, we come to know him, love him, and serve him so that we can be reasonably happy in this life and happy with him forever in heaven.



## This Week

### **Jesus' Resurrection changes everything!**

He's alive! With his death on the cross he has destroyed sin and with his resurrection he has destroyed death, and has reopened heaven so that we can access eternal happiness with our God. The Resurrection of Jesus is undoubtedly the foundational and definitive event of his mission in our midst. Hans Urs von Balthasar affirms that Peter, as we heard in today's first reading, "can preach in this solemn, thoughtful and triumphant way only from this event". Peter preaches what we call the Apostolic Kerygma which bore witness to the liberating action of Jesus during his earthly ministry, to the unjust death to which he was subjected and to the power of God over death and over all the dark forces of the world that dehumanize the human being of all times.

Regarding this Sunday's Gospel, Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa affirms that if the story of Jesus had ended on Good Friday: Christ would be saved, but not God the Father. Men would attenuate the cause of the Son; but they would reject the Father, but it was the Father who exalted (resurrected) his Son and in this way the resurrection shows that God can and wants to overcome the pain of the world and that, just as he has done with Christ, he will do it with each one of us.

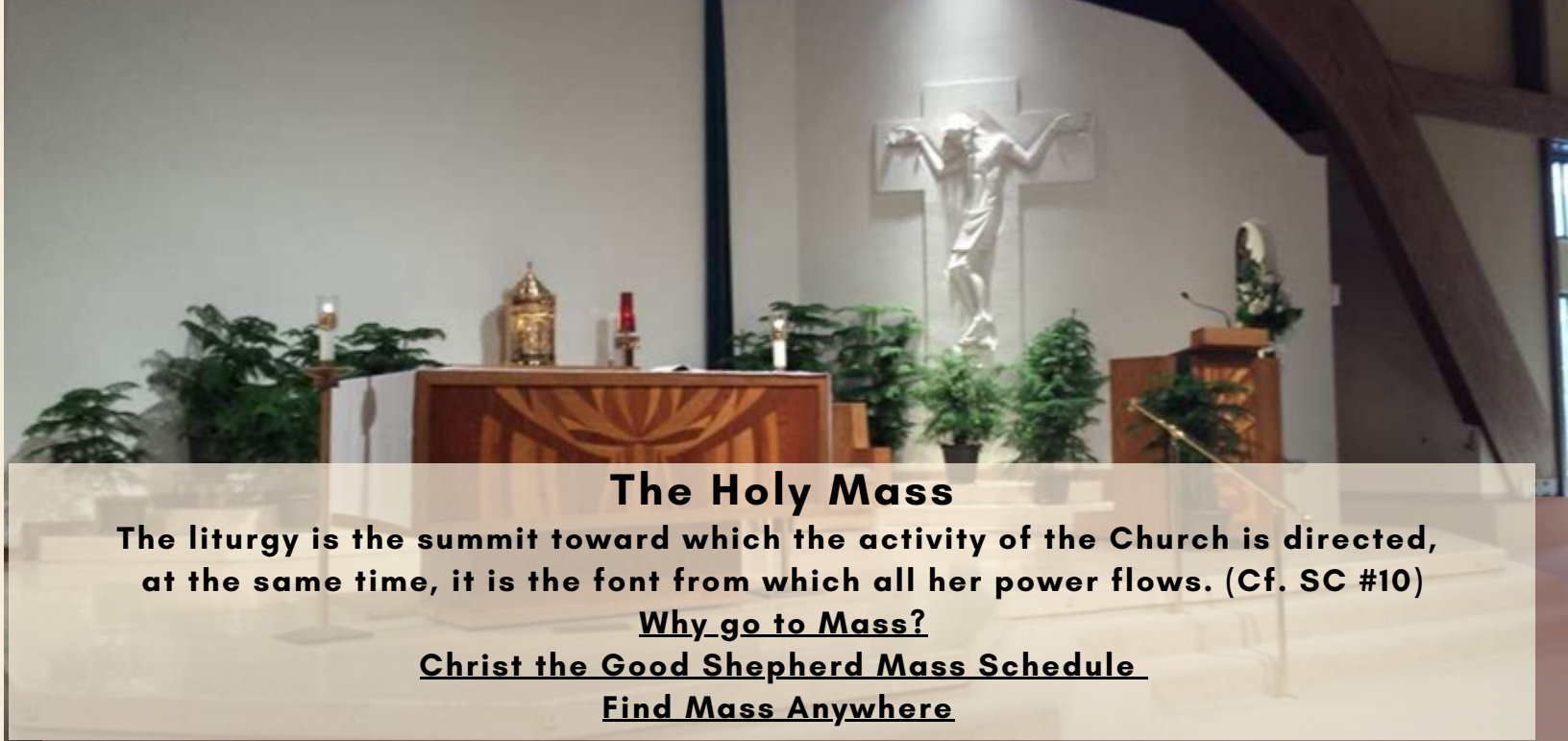
In the face of any pain and suffering that we have to endure in this life, it is important to be aware that this is temporary. God has been victorious in Christ Jesus who lives and who has opened heaven for us. Through his death, Jesus gives us a full life with God so that we can be able to live in the beatitude and give meaning to our walk through this life while we reach the definitive life in Him.

**José Juan Valdez**



**HOW HAVE YOU SEEN GOD PRESENT AND ACTIVE IN YOUR LIFE THIS WEEK?**





## The Holy Mass

**The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed, at the same time, it is the font from which all her power flows. (Cf. SC #10)**

**Why go to Mass?**

**Christ the Good Shepherd Mass Schedule**

**Find Mass Anywhere**

**We come to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.**

The Resurrection of the Lord

readings and podcasts, Year A

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

Second Reading

First Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5: 6-8

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

A Message About Mass  
to the Parents  
of Young Children

Explore

**Opening the Word on FORMED**  
**Reflecting on the Sunday Readings**  
**Sunday Connection**

**Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Come as you are. Bring your family. We need prayer.

See the schedule on our parish website.





# WE LEARN & BECOME DISCIPLES TOGETHER

## Getting Started

Why are we doing this?

How to manage a group discussion.

All underlined text is linked! Just click!

## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE



## Question of the Week

How does the resurrection of Jesus give meaning to my life?

## Prayer

### CONNECT with our GOD

- Let's start with the The Sign of Cross.
- As we gather to share our faith, ask the Holy Spirit to be present. Use your own words or offer a Prayer to the Holy Spirit.
- As someone reads out loud the Gospel for this Sunday, listen to the Lord speaking to you.
- Listen to one other as everyone shares what in the Gospel caught their attention.
- Pray the Collect--opening prayer of Sunday Mass.

## Step One

### CONNECT with our daily LIVES

Do you have a resurrection's story? Has there been a time or event in your life when everything seemed to be lost and you felt hopeless? Did something happen that changed for the good? Please share.





# Step Two

## CONNECT with Scripture and Tradition

Choose from among the following Scriptures and teachings for reading, prayer, and discussion.

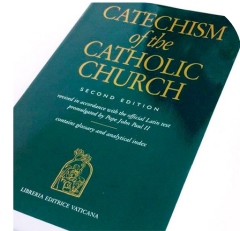
### In the HOLY SCRIPTURE we read:

- God of the Living... Exodus 3:6, Mark 12:26
- Hope in the resurrection. Job 19:25
- As Jonah, Jesus the Son of Man..." Mt 12:40



### In the Catechism of the Catholic Church

- The event of the resurrection. #638 – 642
- Resurrection event transcends history. # 647
- The Risen One reveals himself in the Eucharist. #1329, #1347



### Discuss

1. How would you have felt if you had run to Jesus' tomb on Easter morning and found it empty?
2. Which of the disciples in this story do I most identify with (Mary, the First Disciple, Peter)? Why?
3. How important is it to me that Jesus rose from the dead?

## WHAT IS THE CHURCH'S TEACHING?

### POINTS OF UNDERSTANDING

Where they come from and ways to use them.



Want more? Go Deeper!

### Reflection Question

- How does the resurrection give me hope or influence my life?





# Step Three

## CONNECT with OTHERS...

### Living the Gospel with commitment & action.

What specifically am I going to do to share this with someone who needs hope?

#### Practical Activities



*For the Individual*

#### Sharing Hope and Faith

Share hope and faith in the resurrection with someone who has recently experienced the death of a loved one or simply show them with acts of presence and love that Jesus is alive.



*For Couples*

#### Sharing our resurrection moments

Take some time and share the difficult moments that you have gone through as a couple, especially those that seemed impossible and that with God's help today are already part of your story.



*For the Domestic Church*

#### Ways to celebrate Easter

As a family, brainstorm 7 (1 per week) ways to continue celebrating Easter so that this joy does not dissipate in the days to come.



*Missionary Mindset*

#### How can we keep nurturing the faith of the Neophytes?

Together with other members of the community and those in charge of the RCIA program, look for concrete ways to welcome those who have just received their sacraments of initiation so that we can gradually integrate them into our parish community.

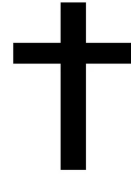
### **Freedom From Trauma and Darkness** **A Resurrection Story from** **Leslie Cervantez**





# Closing Prayer

- We sign ourselves with the Sign of Cross.
- According to what we reflected on, or whatever is in my heart share a petition. At the end we all say: **Lord hear our prayer.**
- Then we can pray the Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory be...
- As we finish, let us share a sign of peace with each other.



**"Let us pray that families grow closer together, and together, closer to God." Fr. James**

## Resurrection Prayer

○ Risen Lord,  
the Way, the Truth, and the Life,  
Make us faithful followers of the spirit of Your Resurrection.

Grant that we may be inwardly renewed,  
dying to ourselves in order that You may live in us.  
May our lives serve as signs of the transforming power of Your love.

Use us as Your instruments for the renewal of society,  
bringing Your life and love to all,  
and leading them to Your Church.

This we ask of You, Lord Jesus,  
living and reigning with the Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God forever. Amen.

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### AT THE END OF THE LESSON OR END OF THE WEEK

From what you have learned, how would you now answer the Question of the Week?

**How does the resurrection of Jesus give meaning to my life?**

# WE ARE THE CHURCH

## What Makes us Catholic?

### Easter Season

Following the great solemnity of Easter there is in the Church calendar a period of time when the celebration of the Eucharist and the cycle of readings recall the event of Christ's Resurrection.

The Sacramentary notes this time: "The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated as one feast day, some times called "The Great Sunday."

The singing of the Alleluia is a characteristic of these days. The first eight days of Easter season form the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord.

**The Catholic Encyclopedia**



## Word of the Week - ANASTASIS

The Greek word ἀνάστασις meaning a rising up; a rising from the Death "resurrection", most commonly the resurrection of Jesus. Three days after Jesus was killed on a cross, He gave new meaning to this word. His dead body stood up. He came back to life. This is called the anastasis (resurrection) of Christ.

## Faith Groups at CGS



Join a small Faith Group or start one of your own!

**Ask us how.**

## Saints of the Month

by Jeremy Hearne



Podcast each Tuesday!

## More for your Domestic Church

Find resources for your family, household, or small Faith Group, including how to use this Guide, and much more. [Visit our website](#) OR scan the QR code with your smart phone.





# ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRY

## Adulthood

- Lillster Productions // The Chosen (Easter Special) - Video (4:00)
- Ascension Presents // Fr. Mike's Easter Special - Video (4:09)
- Bishop Robert Barron // The Terror of the Grave and the Truth of the Resurrection - Video (14:24)
- Dukecaholic // Easter Sunday Reflection - Video (5:06)
- Sundays with Ascension // Easter Sunday by Jeff Cavins - Video (4:41)
- Catholic Productions // The Essential Nature of the Resurrection by Dr. Pitre - Video (10:40)

### Catholic Apps



Laudate



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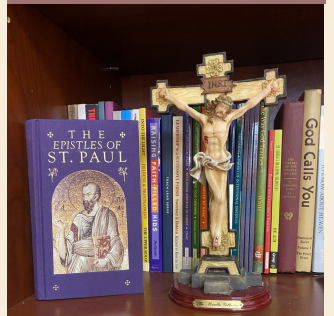


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### FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Outstanding website  
for those who are  
married or hope  
to be married!

### Book Suggestions



### Current Bible Studies

#### **A Quick Journey Through the Bible**

Monday Mornings & Wednesday Evenings



### Young Adult Ministry

#### **Ages 18-30**

Monday Mornings & Wednesday Evenings  
Other days, times and activities as announced.



## Family Ministry

Your household is where "church" begins. Your parish is here to help you with support, resources, small Faith Groups, and gathered activities on our campus throughout the year. Visit our website or contact us if you need help.

For more ideas on how to build your home as a Domestic Church, go to: [www.domestic-church.com](http://www.domestic-church.com) or visit *The Family Fully Alive*, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, or [Tools for Building a Domestic Church](#) by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## Early Adolescence (Jr.High, Grades 6-8)

**Question:** How does the resurrection of Jesus involve me?

Grades 5 & 6: "**Venture**" by Pflaum Publishing and Grades 7 & 8:

"**Visions**" by Pflaum Publishing.

Ascension Presents // [How Does God Restore Us](#) - video (9:12)

Ascension Presents // [The Lesser-Known Last Judgement](#) -- video (8:18)

Life Teen // [The Resurrection of Jesus](#) -- video (6:07)

Life Teen // [The Church and My Young Heart](#) -- blog

### Characteristics of Adolescents & Parents Roles

Early Adolescence  
Adolescence

## Adolescence (High School, Grades 9-12)

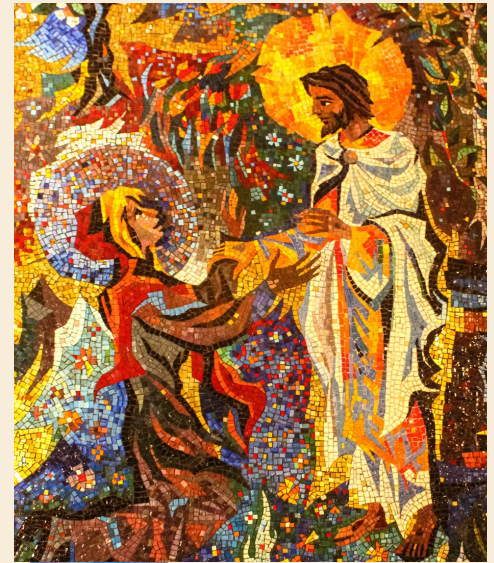
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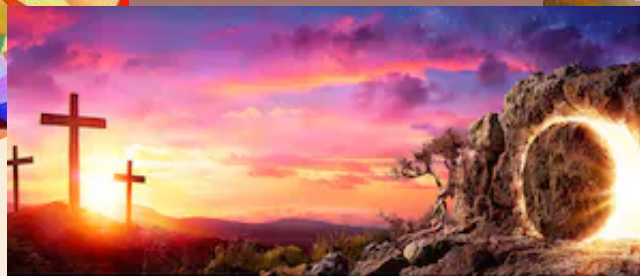


### Resurrection Art

Art by Maudsch/ Resurrection-  
abstract (bottom left)

Thomas Kinkade/Resurrection- print  
bottom center

Wayne Pascal/Hallelujah, He is  
Risen-painting (bottom right)  
Mary Magdalen/unknown - icon  
(upper right)



## Youth Gather at CGS

Middle school and High school meet every Wednesday 7-8:30pm and  
Every Sunday from 5-6:30pm ending with Praise Songs from 6:30-7pm



# CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

## Birth to Age 2

The role of parents at this stage is to model the example of Jesus by offering God's unconditional love to their children and to others. Parents benefit from growing in their own faith so they are able to hand on the faith to the next generation.

Characteristics  
of Adolescents  
& Parents Roles

Early Childhood

Childhood

Age-Specific  
Materials



**Join a Group of Parents with Young Children—or start one! Inquire at [discipleship@cgsgcc.church](mailto:discipleship@cgsgcc.church).**

## Early Childhood (Ages 3-5)

**Question:** How does it feel to know you can be friends with God forever?

**"Seeds"** by Pflaum Publishing

Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids // Easter - Video (32:15)

Brother Francis//He is Risen! The Power of the Resurrection - Video (29:00)

## Childhood (Elementary, Grades 1-5)

**Question:** How does it feel to know you can be friends with God forever?

Grades K-1: **"Promise"** by Pflaum Publishing and

Grades 2,3 &4: **"Good News"** by Pflaum Publishing

Sophia Institute // Ready to Use Lesson for Each Sunday

Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids // Easter - Video (32:15)

My Time with Jesus//The Resurrection of Jesus - Video (24:17)

Brother Francis//He is Risen! The Power of the Resurrection - Video (29:00)



## Easter Eggstravaganza

April 15, 2023      10:00AM till Noon

Parish Social Hall and Outside

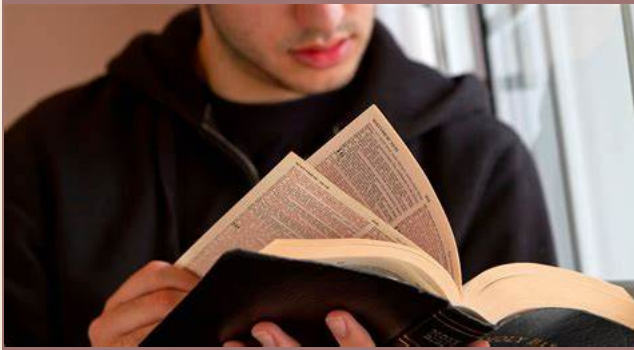
# GENERAL RESOURCES

## The Holy Bible

Online Bible via the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

If you don't know much about the Bible or want to learn more: **Scripture Support**

Catholics use the **New American Bible Revised Edition** (NABRE) as the translation for Mass readings. There are many acceptable versions of NABRE as well as other approved translations. You may purchase from any vendor. Basic editions are available upon request at no charge. Pick one up at the parish office.



## Recommended Print Bibles

These are all by St. Mary's Press: Order directly from the publisher or search online for other vendors.

Catholic Family Connections Bible  
(digital version available)

Catholic Youth Bible (Adolescents & College)  
"Breakthrough" (Early Adolescents // Jr. High)

Catholic Children's Bible

## The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

Online Catechism via the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

NEW! Simplified version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

If you don't know much about the Catechism or want to learn more: Catechism Support

## Formed Online

Our parish subscribes to a library of online resources called **Formed**. It is excellent and free for you to use. Register at [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) - Just click "Sign Up as a Parishioner." Need help? Watch this video.

## Counseling & Spiritual Direction

Our parish offers **Rejoice Counseling** for individuals and families for a variety of issues and needs. You may use this online form to contact them directly.

We also offer **Spiritual Direction** for anyone interested in a spiritual companion, discerning God's will in your life. Follow the links or inquire through the parish office.

## Prayers and Praying

My Catholic Life // Holy Week and Easter Prayers



Prayer Requests



**Common Prayers and Formulas to Learn by Heart**

and a chart showing at what age level they should be learned.

How to create a prayer table or prayer area in your home.



# GENERAL RESOURCES

## Sacred Art to Inspire You

### COVER IMAGE

Credit the cover artist, title and source



Carl Bloch/Resurrection of Christ 1875 -  
oil on canvas

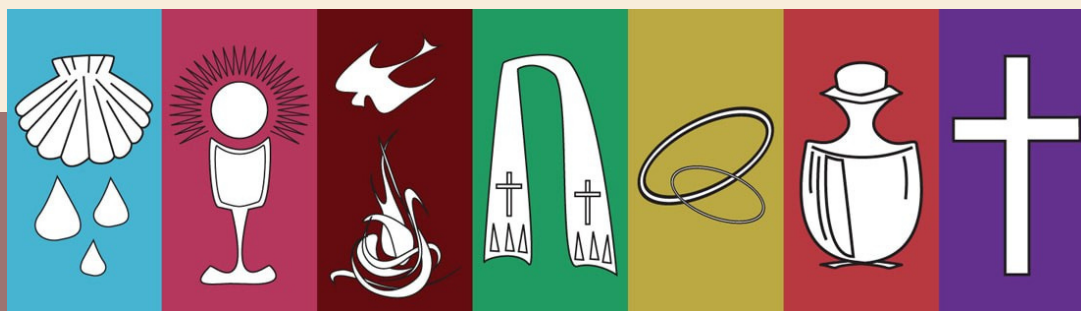
Using Sacred Art  
to Bring the Faith Alive  
Sophia Institute



Sacred Art on Formed  
Parish subscription free for  
parishioners--register once,  
access all content.  
Formed.org

## Music to Move You

Chris Tomlin// Resurrection Power - Video (4:13)  
Cassandra & Callahan Star// An Easter  
Hallelujah - Video (5:21)  
Matt Maher// Because He Lives (Amen)- Video  
(3:22)



## Sacramental Information & Becoming Catholic

Visit the sacraments section of our parish website to find everything you need to get started with any sacrament or to inquire about becoming Catholic. Information is being continually updated. Contact Deacon Stacy Millsap our parish office if you have a question. We are glad to help you!



## Our Vision Statement

Building a community of love and hope by putting our faith into action.

This Guide is produced weekly by our [Office of Evangelization and Discipleship](#) for the family of Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Community.

**"HELPING PEOPLE TO KNOW AND LOVE JESUS CHRIST."**

### How is this Guide working for you and your household?

We want to include your ideas. Share a resource, activity, or picture/video of what you are doing in your Domestic Church.

**For questions, comments, and feedback, please contact us at**  
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