

St. John the Evangelist

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Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Spanish Mass: 2:00 PM

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Friday 7:00 AM

Weekday Adoration:

Every Friday following Mass
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Holy Days:

Vigil Mass: 6:00 PM

Holy Day: 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Confession:

30 minutes before Vigil Mass
and anytime by request
all the other Masses

First Friday Adoration:

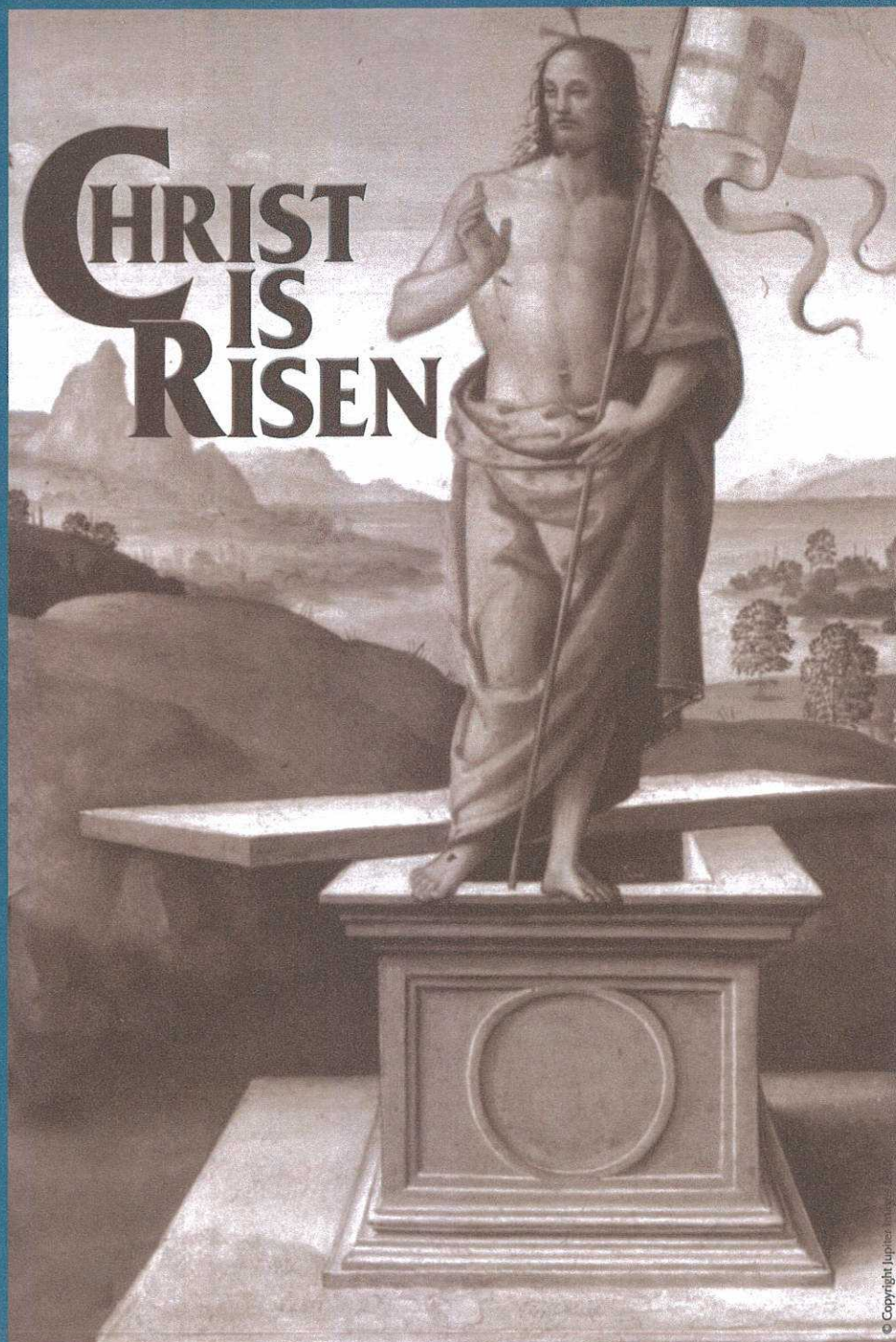
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Mass, Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and Benediction

First Saturday Devotion:

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Confession, Mass, Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary,
Meditation and Benediction



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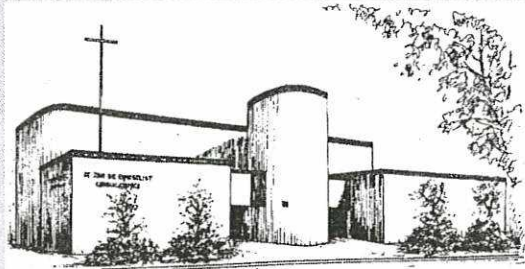
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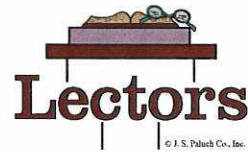
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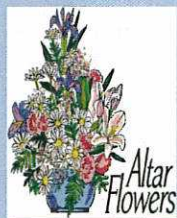
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If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.



We are in need of cantors and lectors at all masses. If you are interested in becoming one of these, or if you are not receiving the schedules, please contact the parish office or **Don Schiffner** at: donwae@live.com.



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Parish Office Hours

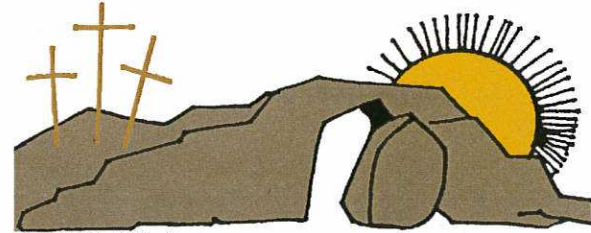
Parish office hours are Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. Closed Monday April 5th.

In the event of an emergency or if you need to reach Fr. Satish, you may call or text him at **228-297-7774**.

HAPPY EASTER

From Father Satish, Deacon David Allen and the staff at St. John the Evangelist, we wish you a happy and blessed Easter Season!

This is the day to rejoice



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Congratulations to Our Parishioners

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Doug & Kim LeMere 37 yrs on Apr 3rd

*May God bless them with many more
happy years together!*

Happy birthday blessings are extended to:

Gaytona Bradley, Paula Hewes Apr 3, Joe Masterson Apr 4, Oaklen Hanberry, Haleigh Pucheu Apr 6

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!



Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

All 6th - 12th grade students
are welcome.

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

*Your prayers are asked for the following individuals
who are facing illness or other life challenges.*

John Atwood	Bill Jones	Peg Saxon
Mary Ann Bishop	Kent Killegrew	Don Schiffner
Andy Borgia	Suzanne King	Vicki Smith
Dean Bowles	Doug Kirk	Charlie Underwood
Harriett Bowles	John Knight	Erma Wilson
Suzanne Bowles	Linda Langenbach	Pauline Mensi
Garry Cooper	Betty Martin	
Ed Croal	Rhonda Mires	Parishioners of
Ronnie Cuevas	Carolyn McClellan	St. John the
Mimi Davis	Helena Nichols	Evangelist
Carolyn Fayard	Judy Northrup	
Marcia Flagg	Bernard Papania	
Julie Foster	Colette Quigley	
Angel Garcia	Colette Marissa	
Alan Goad	Quigley	
Jordan Hoang	Peggy Ryland	
Werner Huber	Skip Ryland	
Kory Hudson	Joan Sample	

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. Names will appear on the prayer list for six weeks, but are renewable.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday:	4:00 PM	+Lorraine Goad
Sunday:	8:00 AM	+ Estelle Papania
		+Emily Rorex
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish
	5:00 PM	+Kaleel Salloum, Sr
Monday:	7:00 AM	Special intention Bill Norton
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	+Emily Webber
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	+John Mc Waters
Thursday:	7:00 AM	+Special intention Bill Norton
Friday:	7:00 AM	+Sarah Hewes

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Following Mass at 7:00 AM each Friday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration until 8:30 AM.

Adoration on the First Friday of each month begins at the conclusion of 7:00 AM Mass and continues until 5:00 PM.

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These guides go along with the Sunday readings. If you have children, please see an usher to obtain a copy, or contact the Parish Office.

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Your support is graciously appreciated!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or*

Mark 16:1-7 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

During the first three or four centuries of Christianity, if you asked a Christian to name the feast days of the church, your answer would have been a puzzled stare, for there was only one feast: the Resurrection of the Lord. Every Sunday was a feast celebrating the one great feast. Even though our calendar now has many beautiful and holy feasts, we must continually be called back to the fact that all these other feasts exist because of the feast of Christ's passover from death to life. The psalm today proclaims this message well: "This is the day." It is not one of many days, but it is the day of all days, the one that gives all the others their origin, purpose, meaning, and destiny. Listen carefully to Peter's speech in Acts with its recollection of the Passion, to the words of the apostle Paul, and to the account of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter finding the empty tomb, and you will hear the many wonderful works that God has done for us through Christ. Rejoice and be glad!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18

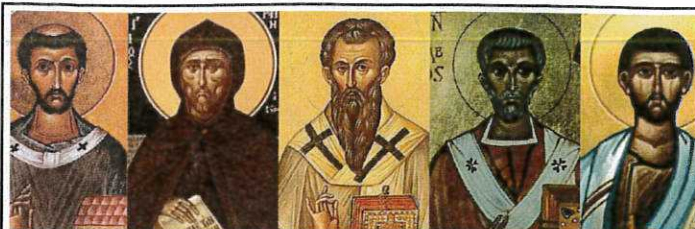
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21;
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



Theological Writings by the Church Fathers on the Holy Eucharist

"The Blood of the Lord, indeed, is twofold. There is His corporeal Blood, by which we are redeemed from corruption; and His spiritual Blood, that with which we are anointed. That is to say, to drink the Blood of Jesus is to share in His immortality. The strength of the Word is the Spirit just as the blood is the strength of the body. Similarly, as wine is blended with water, so is the Spirit with man. The one, the Watered Wine, nourishes in faith, while the other, the Spirit, leads us on to immortality. The union of both, however, - of the drink and of the Word, - is called the Eucharist, a praiseworthy and excellent gift. Those who partake of it in faith are sanctified in body and in soul. By the will of the Father, the divine mixture, man, is mystically united to the Spirit and to the Word." "The Instructor of the Children". [2,2,19,4] ante 202 A.D.,

FEAST OF FAITH

The Eucharist: Food for Resurrection

How do we celebrate Easter, the greatest of our Christian feasts? By doing what we do every Sunday and every day: celebrating the Mass. On the first Easter, as the heartbroken disciples walked the road to Emmaus, the Lord was with them but they did not realize it. They only recognized him "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 22:35).

It is the same for us. In the Mass—the breaking of the bread—we meet the risen Lord together. We meet him in each other—for by our baptism into his death and resurrection, we have become members of one body, the Body of Christ. We meet him in his word—in the liturgy the scriptures are proclaimed to us, that they might take root and grow in us. And we meet him in a special way in the Eucharist, the sacrament of his Body and Blood, which is food for resurrection: "whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51). The Lord is risen indeed, and it is the Risen One who truly presides at this and every Eucharist.

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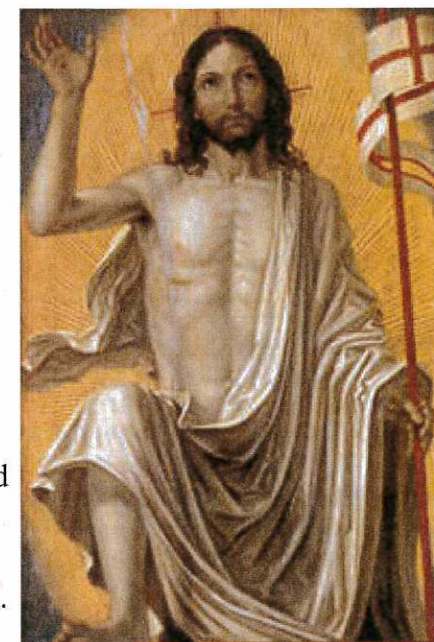
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Easter Overview

He is risen! Alleluia! We have reached our goal: Easter, the day we celebrate Christ's resurrection.

This is the single most important feast day of the Church. In the words of the Eastern church calendar this is "the sacred and great Sunday of the Pasch, on which we celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and God, the Savior Jesus Christ" (Francis X.

Weiser, S.J., The Easter Book). With Christ's death and resurrection, Christ has conquered sin and death, the gates of heaven are now open to man. This is the Feast of Feasts, the Solemnity of Solemnities, the highest Feast of the Church, the holiest day of the year. Like the churches, the household is decorated with numerous flowers, like lilies and hyacinths, and the table decorated with the finest linens and place settings.



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Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

— Psalm 118:17

Making The Sign of The Cross

Making the Sign of the Cross summarizes what God, in his love, has done for human beings. The cross remains the reminder of how far Jesus' love for us goes.

When I make the sign of the cross I recognize that everything in me, without exception, is touched by the love of God. In signing myself I assure myself in a very tangible way that God loves me – and I put my trust in him

I begin by making the sign of God's love on my forehead as if to ask God to bless my thinking, that it might not be selfish but filled with love. I next touch my stomach. The stomach symbolizes vitality and sexuality and I ask God to bless this dimension of my life as well.

No part of my life is excluded from God's care. In this gesture I express my hope that my living and loving will not be possessive or selfish but pure. I touch my left shoulder, - the left side symbolizing the unconscious, my feminine side, the heart, the seat of love and a person's centre. The right shoulder symbolizes my conscious side, my masculine side, the source of my "action man" dimension. By making the sign of the cross, I ask God to bless all the parts of my body and soul – my thinking, my sexuality, my unconscious and my conscious, my dark side as well as my bright side.

In making the sign of the cross I experience the blessing that has been given to me in creation, in my human nature and in the redemption won for me in Jesus Christ. I feel that I share in the life and love of God as Trinity. And as God is Trinity, and I am created in his image, there exists in me also three domains in which God wishes to be present: my spirit, my soul and my body. I experience God as the Father who created me and gave me a creative spirit so that I can participate myself in his continuing work of creating today. I experience the Son as the one who has come from Heaven but – as the episode of the washing of the feet in St John's Gospel shows – has humbled himself to the dust to heal me where I am most fragile. The sign of the cross pushes me to descend, with Christ himself, to the very bottom of my being where my desires and impulses are struggling for attention. I need Christ to purify them and help me channel them in the proper direction. And I experience the Holy Spirit as the One who brings together what is separated or disjointed in me, the One who helps me act with love, who unites the unconscious with the conscious, the masculine with the feminine, strength with weakness, success with failure. The Holy Spirit helps me accept myself as I am, without rejecting any part of myself.

At Mass we make the sign of the cross in another way. At the Gospel, I make the sign of the cross with my thumb on my forehead, my mouth and my heart. In doing this I express my desire that the Word of God may become a blessing for my thoughts, that it may inspire my own words and that it may penetrate the deepest recesses of my heart. Next time you make the sign of the cross, perhaps you might like to think about what you are really doing.....