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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 AM & 12 PM

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 AM - 5 PM

Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

First Saturday Devotion:

8:00 AM—9:30 AM

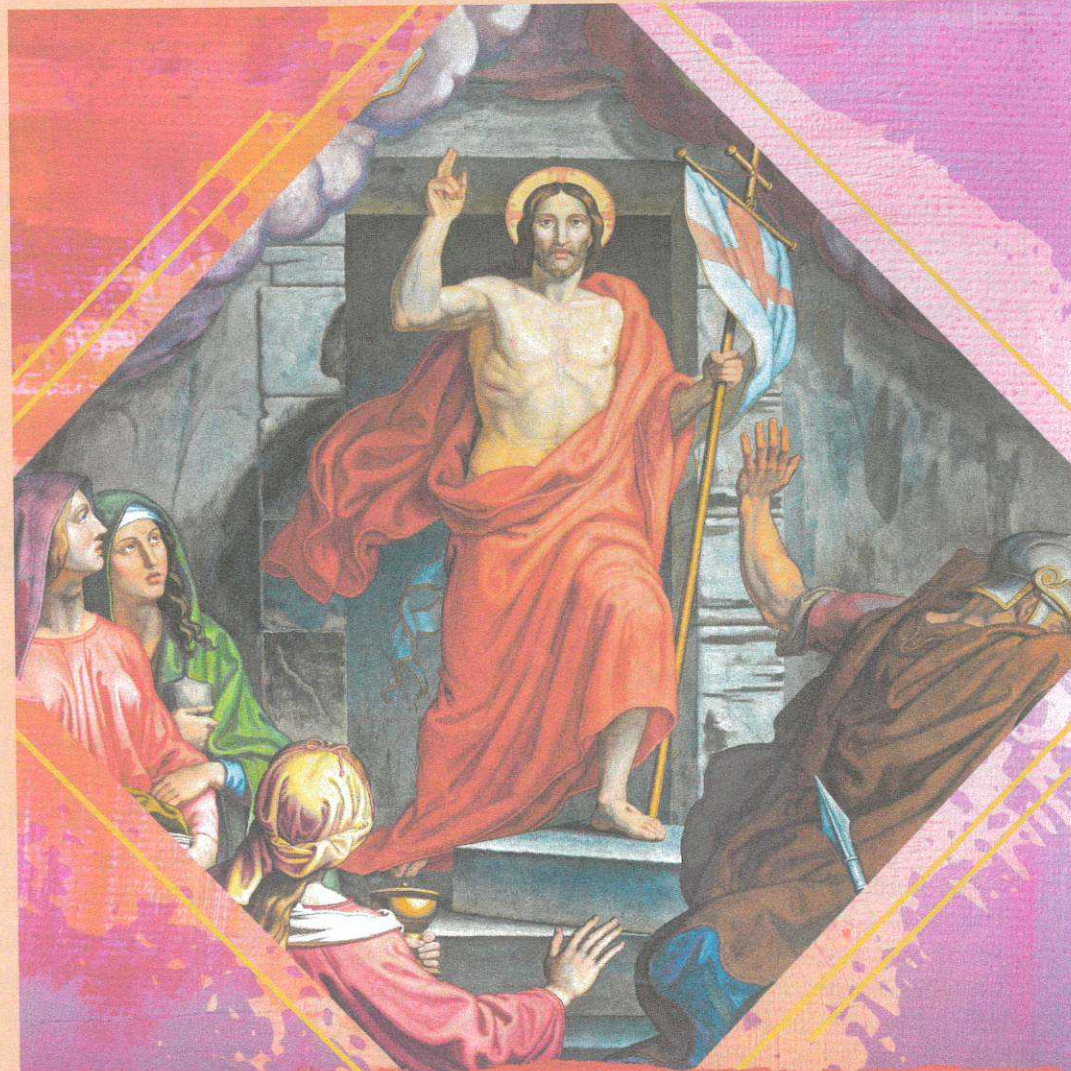
Confession, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation and Benediction

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April 09, 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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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

Whether you're just visiting for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we are happy you're here! To learn more about St. John, please visit stjohngulfport.org.

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



Parish Office Hours

Office will be closed on Monday, April 10th.

Office hours are Monday thru Friday: 9 am to 3 pm. In the event of an emergency or if you need to reach Fr. Satish, you may call or text him at 228-297-7774.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST EVENTS

Knights of Columbus: 1st & 3rd Wednesday - 6:30 PM
Grief & Loss Support Group 1st Tuesday (Apr 4) 4 PM
K C Ladies Auxiliary: 3rd Tuesday (Apr 17 - 6:30 PM)
Young at Heart: Apr 20 in Presentation Hall at 12 pm
Legion of Mary: Every Thursday - 10:30 AM
Feed Your Body, Feed Your Soul: Monday Apr 17 at 11 am
Couples Date Night: April 27, 6-8 pm

Couples Date Night

Married and engaged couples are welcome to join St. John's Couples Ministry. We have moved to a format of every other month. The next gathering is on Thursday, April 27th from 6pm to 8pm in Presentation Hall. We will have a "Kentucky Derby" celebration with a delicious meal, devotion, and fellowship. Everyone is encouraged to wear hats as is the tradition at the Derby.

RSVP! So that the Facilitators will know how much food to order, please sign up on the sheet provided in the church, through the St. John Couples Ministry Group Me app, or text or call Debbie Masterson at (404) 660-9859.

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Meisha Ray, Apr 10,
 Catherine Ha, Kimberly Papania, Apr 11
 Lisa Younghouse, Apr 11
 Edward Fisher III, Nyoka Myer, Apr 13
 Nancy Ha, Susie Mamaril, Phillip LeMere, Apr 14

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

Congratulations

to Our Parishioners

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Lonnie & Nyoka Myer 27yrs, Apr 12

May God bless them with many more

happy years together!

Why Marry in a Church?

Question:

Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

Answer:

Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place.

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✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

Ed Martin	Amy Elizabeth	Roberta Hill
Peggy Ryland	Wheeler	Paul Fair
Werner Huber	Harvey Young	Sue Papania
Betty Martin	Suzanne Bowles	John Cuevas
Suzanne King	Shirley Caston	David McGuffie
Buddy Cospelich	Ernie Brown	Wendel Johnson
Bennie Roy	Dean Bowles	Beau McCaskill
Easterling	Beverly Crawford	Cathy Bond
Ray Perego	Diane Riel	Dr Thomas Graves
Kathy Dufrene	Jordan Hoang	
Jolene Wilson	Kim Hoang	
Brett Cooper	George Balhofs	
Brileigh Dunn	Ronnie Wade	Parishioners of
Camela Fant	Vicky Tiner	St. John the

Blessing of Catechists

Jesus, on the road to Emmaus, your followers were frightened and alone; you had just been put to death on a cross. They met a man on the road leading away from Jerusalem who told them all about you and what your presence among them meant. They did not realize that the man speaking and walking with them was you, raised from the dead. When their eyes were opened and they received the gift of faith, they turned around to spread the word.

We ask you to bless all your disciples who now work as catechists in our parishes. Bless them and give encouragement to their work, that it will have an impact upon the world. We ask all this in your name, Jesus, our companion on the road from Emmaus. Amen.



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parish Collection: \$994.00

Total: \$9652.20

Church Renovation: \$3680.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: Holy Saturday

Sunday 8:00 AM Easter Sunday
 ✠ Carolyn & Mackie Fayard
 ✠ Mary Ann Bishop
 ✠ Kris Allen
 ✠ Anastasia Bercade

10:30 AM People of the Parish
 Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries

Monday: 7:00 AM ✠ Mackie & Carolyn Fayard
Tuesday 7:00 AM ✠ Charlie Underwood
Wednesday: 7:00 AM ✠ Anna Schiffner
Thursday: 7:00 AM ✠ Cecil & Margaret Dubuisson
Friday: 7:00 AM ✠ (Happy Birthday Susie Mamaril)

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday April 9
Acts 10:34a,37-43
Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9

Monday April 10
Acts 2:14,22-33
Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11
Matthew 28:8-15

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

Wednesday April 12
Acts 3:1-10
Ps 105:1-4,6-9
Luke 24:13-35

Thursday April 13
Acts 3:11-26
Ps 8:2ab,5-9
Luke 24:35-48

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

Saturday April 15
Acts 4:13-21
Ps 118:1,14-15b,16-21
Mark 16:9-15

Are you ready to proclaim the Good News about how Jesus has helped you? What holds you back? Do you hesitate because you don't yet understand how the deaths in your life (the sacrifices, the lost hope, the broken relationships, etc.) have been resurrected into new life?

Such hesitation was the mental state of the disciples on the first Easter morning, as depicted in the Gospel of John.

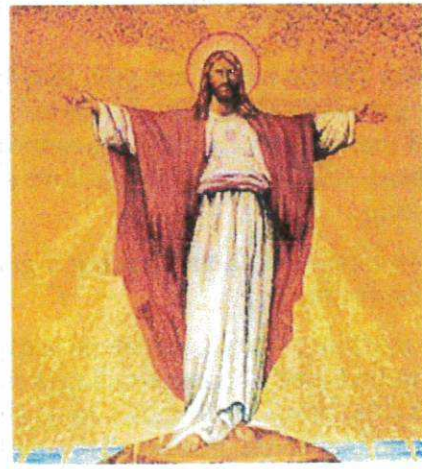
The attitude of Peter in the reading from Acts is quite a contrast! The disciples now know their calling: They were empowered and commissioned to testify that Jesus is the Savior, and they fully embraced this vocation.

Do you understand how Jesus is turning your tragedies and other difficulties into triumphs and great blessings?

To "testify" means to share the truth based on your own experiences. Peter specifically proclaimed that everyone who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness of sins. Of course he did! Peter knew first-hand what it's like to need and then receive Christ's forgiveness.

We will not understand much about how our sufferings have led us to a new and blessed life until we start talking about it. The first inklings of insight awaken when we discuss it within our close, holy friendships, like Mary of Magdala did when she ran to Peter and John after discovering the empty tomb. They, in turn, told the other disciples.

It was while they were together – in community – that Jesus appeared and revealed his resurrection to them. Later, after having lots of time to talk about it with friends, the Holy Spirit



empowered them to go out and evangelize the world by sharing their experiences with anyone willing to listen.

Reflect & Discuss:

† The empty tomb doesn't immediately make sense. What has been confusing to you during your faith journey? What has caused you to feel empty and frightened? Where might Jesus be in this?

† How have your own experiences of being forgiven enabled you to feel more compassionate toward others? Does that change the way you talk to them about God and church and other spiritual or moral issues?

† What is the biggest change that Jesus has brought into your life? What were you like before this change? How did God intervene? What were the results? This is your testimony. Practice sharing it by telling the story to your community of friends.

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. —

CHAPTER THREE

ARTICLE 1 I BELIEVE

III. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FAITH Faith and understanding

Faith is *certain*. It is more certain than all human knowledge because it is founded on the very word of God who cannot lie. To be sure, revealed truths can seem obscure to human reason and experience, but "the certainty that the divine light gives is greater than that which the light of natural reason gives." "Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt." #157 CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Easter Sunday

"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 ©LPi