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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:30 AM (English)
12 PM (Tiếng Việt)
Tue, Thur, Saturday: 9:00 AM
Mon, Wed, 1st Friay: 6:00 PM

HOLY HOUR / HOLY ROSARY

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM
Monday; Wednesday; **1st Friday:**
4:00 PM - 5:45 PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Saturday: 8:30 AM
Sunday: 8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Thursday: After Mass
Saturday: 9:45 AM; 4:00 PM
Or: by appointment



St Mary Catholic Church

*Our time is now
Let's grow together*

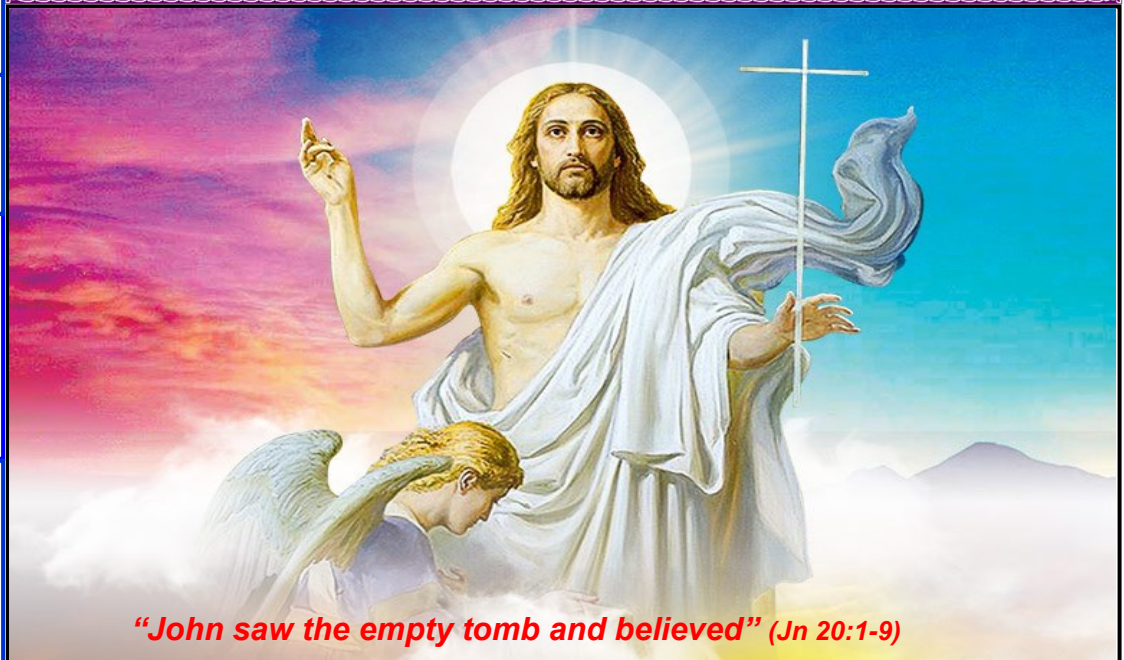
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"John saw the empty tomb and believed" (Jn 20:1-9)

- **First Reading:** Isiah 50:4-7; - **Psalm:** 22
- **Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11; - **Gospel:** Matthew: 27:11-54

Easter Sunday TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Lenten journey is now complete, its mission of renewal and preparation to receive new life fulfilled. The call to worship the Risen Lord has been received, and we gather to experience together the consoling presence of Christ in word and sacrament. We are at our best today, crowded and cramped to be sure, but the fullest sign of who we are meant to be. Christ has claimed us in the waters of baptism, we have acquired wonderful companions, and together we can accomplish great things.

This is the day for rekindling the old flames of baptismal commitment, so we light the paschal candle, and by its light we make yet again the ancient promises to reject evil's grip and empty promises. Today we do not recite the Creed, but respond with one voice to age-old questions. New life has to be nurtured, both the life of the newly baptized and the renewed life of those who have passed through Lent's refining prayer, fasting, and giving alms. At any Mass during the next fifty days, you may be surprised by grace and splashed by water!

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Mass schedule & Intentions Apr 08—15 , 2023

APRIL - THE HOLY SPIRIT

SAT: 04/08	(Vigil) THE RESURECTION OF THE LORD. THE MASS OF EASTER Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
5:00 PM	St. Mary's Families by <i>Fr. Henry</i>
SUN: 04/09	THE RESURECTION OF THE LORD. THE MASS OF EASTER
8:30 AM	St. Mary's Families by <i>Fr. Henry</i>
12:00 PM	St. Mary's Families by <i>Fr. Henry</i>
MON: 04/10	within the Octave of Easter
6:00 PM	Nancy Cash White (D) <i>Jeffre White</i>
TUE: 04/11	within the Octave of Easter
9:00 AM	Gloria Quarrells (D) <i>Fr. Henry</i>
WED: 04/12	within the Octave of Easter
6:00 PM	Don Cook (D) <i>Sharon Cook</i>
THUR: 04/13	within the Octave of Easter
9:00 AM	Nancy Cash White (D) <i>Jeffrey White</i>
FRI: 04/14	Friday within the Octave of Easter Julian Calendar Good Friday
SAT: 04/15	within the Octave of Easter
9:00 AM	Phêrô (D) <i>Lê Kim Vân</i>
5:00 PM	Vonnely C. Smith (D) <i>Ladies of St. Mary</i>
SUN: 04/16:	THE RESURECTION OF THE LORD. THE MASS OF EASTER
8:30 AM	Thanksgiving (L) <i>Tien & Chant</i>
12:00 PM	Thanksgiving (L) <i>Mrs. Van Tran</i>

Name and Titles of the Holy Spirit

1/ The Proper Name of the Holy Spirit:

"Holy Spirit" is the proper name of the one whom we adore and glorify with the Father and the Son. The Church has received this name from the Lord and professes it in the Baptism of her new children.



The term "Spirit" translates the Hebrew word *ruah*, which in its primary sense, means breath, air, wind. Jesus indeed uses the sensory image of the wind to suggest to Nicodemus the transcendent newness of him who is personally God's breath, the divine Spirit. On the other hand, "Spirit" and "Holy" are divine attributes common to the three divine persons. By joining the two terms, Scripture, liturgy, and theological language designate the inexpressible person of the Holy Spirit, without any possible equivocation with other uses of the terms "spirit" and "holy."

2/ Titles of the Holy Spirit:

When he proclaims and promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, Jesus calls him the "Paraclete," literally, "he who is called to one's side," *ad-vocatus*. "Paraclete" is commonly translated by "consoler," and Jesus is the first consoler. The Lord also called the Holy Spirit "the Spirit of truth."

Besides the proper name of "Holy Spirit," which is most frequently used in the Acts of the Apostles and in the Epistles, we also find in St. Paul the titles: the Spirit of the promise, the Spirit of adoption, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of the Lord, and the Spirit of God and, in St. Peter, the Spirit of glory.

(Excerpted from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 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 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

DANCING FOR JOY

The people say that the sun dances on this day in joy for a risen Savior.

—Alexander Carmichael

THE RESURECTION OF THE LORD.

MEDITATION: 04/09/2023

“John saw the empty tomb and *believed*”
(Jn 20:1-9)

What was it like for the disciple who had stood at the cross of Jesus and then laid him in a tomb on Good Friday, to come back three days later and discover that the sealed tomb was now empty? John, along with Peter, was the first apostle to reach the tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning. Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, John was not ready to see an empty tomb and to hear the angel's message, Why do you seek the living among the dead (Luke 24:5)?

What did John see in the tomb that led him to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? It was certainly not a dead body. The dead body of Jesus would have disproven the resurrection and made his death a tragic conclusion to a glorious career as a great teacher and miracle worker. When John saw the empty tomb he must have recalled Jesus' prophecy that he would rise again after three days. Through the gift of faith John realized that no tomb on earth could contain the Lord and giver of life. John saw and believed (John 20:8).

John had to first deal with the empty tomb before he could meet the risen Lord later that evening along with the other apostles who had locked themselves in the upper room out of fear of the Jewish authorities (John 20:19-23). John testified as an eye-witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ: What we have seen, heard, and touched we proclaim as the eternal word of life which existed from the beginning (1 John 1:1-4). John bears witness to what has existed from all eternity. This “word of life” is Jesus the word incarnate, but also Jesus as the word announced by the prophets and Jesus the word now preached throughout the Christian church for all ages to come.

One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us “eyes of faith” to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Christ and to know him personally as our Lord and Savior. Do you accept the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection with skeptical doubt and disbelief or with trusting faith and joyful wonderment?

“Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won for us new life and resurrection power. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love for us and your great victory over sin and death.”

CHÚA NHẬT LỄ CHÚA PHỤC SINH

SUY NIỆM: 04/09/2023

Gioan nhìn ngôi mộ trống và ông đã tin (Ga 20,1-9)

Người môn đệ sẽ ra sao, người đã đứng dưới chân thập giá của Đức Giêsu và rồi chôn cất Người trong mộ vào ngày thứ Sáu tuần thánh, sau ba ngày sau trở lại và khám phá ra rằng ngôi mộ đóng kín bấy giờ trống không? Gioan, cùng với Phêrô, là môn đệ đầu tiên đến ngôi mộ của Đức Giêsu vào sáng ngày Chúa Nhật phục sinh. Giống như Maria Mađalêna và các môn đệ khác, Gioan chưa sẵn sàng nhìn thấy ngôi mộ trống và nghe sứ điệp của thiên thần “Tại sao các người tìm kiếm người sống giữa kẻ chết?” (Lc 24,5).

Gioan đã nhìn thấy gì trong ngôi mộ đã khiến ông tin vào sự phục sinh của Đức Giêsu? Chắc chắn đó không phải là một cái xác chết. Xác chết của Chúa Giêsu chắc hẳn đã không chứng minh được sự sống lại và làm cho cái chết của Ngài thành một kết thúc thê thảm cho một quá trình vinh quang, với tư cách là một thầy dạy và người làm phép lạ nổi tiếng. Khi Gioan nhìn thấy ngôi mộ trống, ông phải nhớ lại lời tiên báo của Chúa Giêsu rằng Ngài sẽ sống lại sau ba ngày. Ngang qua ân huệ đức tin, Gioan đã nhận ra rằng không một ngôi mộ nào trên thế giới có thể chứa đựng được Thiên Chúa và là Đấng ban sự sống. Gioan thấy và tin (Ga 20,8).

Trước hết, Gioan phải xử lý với ngôi mộ trống trước khi ông có thể gặp gỡ Chúa phục sinh sau buổi tối hôm đó cùng với các tông đồ khác, đã ẩn trốn ở phòng tiệc ly vì sợ nhà cầm quyền Do Thái (Ga 20,19-23). Gioan xác nhận với tư cách là một nhân chứng đối với cuộc đời, cái chết, và sự sống lại của Đức Giêsu Kitô: Những gì chúng tôi đã thấy, đã nghe, và đã chạm tới, chúng tôi rao truyền là lời sự sống, đã hiện hữu từ lúc khởi đầu (1Ga 1,1-4). Gioan làm chứng về những gì đã hiện hữu từ thuở đời đời. “Lời sự sống” này chính là Đức Giêsu, Ngôi Lời nhập thể, những Đức Giêsu cũng là Lời đã được tiên báo bởi các ngôn sứ và giờ đây, Đức Giêsu, là lời được rao giảng ngang qua Giáo hội Công giáo cho tất cả mọi thời đại về sau.

Một điều rất chắc chắn, nếu Đức Giêsu đã không sống lại từ cõi chết và hiện ra với các môn đệ, chúng ta sẽ không bao giờ nghe biết về Người. Không có gì có thể thay đổi những người buồn sầu và thất vọng trở thành người rạng rỡ với niềm vui và can đảm. Thực tại phục sinh là biến cố trung tâm của đức tin Công giáo. Ngang qua hồng ân Chúa Thánh Thần, Thiên Chúa ban cho chúng ta “cặp mắt đức tin” để nhận biết Người và sức mạnh của sự phục sinh của Người. Niềm vui lớn nhất chúng ta có thể nhận được là gặp gỡ Thiên Chúa sống động và nhận biết chính Người là Đấng cứu chuộc và Thiên Chúa của chúng ta. Bạn đón nhận Tin mừng sự chết và phục sinh của Đức Giêsu với sự nghi ngờ và vô tín hay với niềm tin cậy và sự kinh ngạc phấn khởi?

“Lạy Chúa Giêsu Kitô, Chúa đã chiến thắng sự chết và Chúa đã đem lại sự sống mới và sức mạnh phục sinh cho chúng con. Xin ban cho con đôi mắt đức tin để nhìn thấy Chúa trong vinh quang. Xin giúp con đến gần Chúa và lớn lên trong sự hiểu biết về tình yêu cao cả của Chúa dành cho chúng con và sự chiến thắng oai hùng của Chúa trên tội lỗi và sự chết.”

(Tác giả: Don Schwager Nguồn: www.dailyscripture.net
Phó tế Phaolô Vũ Đức Thành, SDD. chuyển ngữ)

Pope Francis' prayer intention 04/2023

For a culture of peace and non-violence



We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Cầu cho nền văn hóa hòa bình và bất bạo lực

Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện cho hòa bình và bất bạo lực được lan tỏa khắp nơi, nhờ các quốc gia và người dân biết giảm bớt sử dụng vũ khí.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH EASTER SEASON

Our Easter celebration lasts fifty days, during which Resurrection joy should overflow the hearts of believers to refresh a parched and weary world with the revivifying waters of faith, hope, and charity. All season, at every Sunday Mass, we read Luke's Acts of the Apostles, charting the young church's Spirit-led journey, sometimes peaceful, sometimes persecuted, beset by enemies without and turmoil within. But this young church is always moving onward, from Jerusalem's familiarity to the strangeness of every place between there and Rome; and outward, from an inherited Judaism's comfortable uniformity to the Gentile world's challenging diversity. A week after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to renew our personal relationship with Jesus. On the Third Sunday of Easter, the disciples at Emmaus recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and return to share the Good News even as modern-day disciples should. On Good Shepherd Sunday, the church prays for priestly and religious vocations. All the while, Acts shows people drawn to the early Church because they had seen the Risen Jesus not in person, but in persons, in disciples who still form Christ's living Body, the Church. Each of us is likewise called to be the kind of disciple, personally and in communion with our brothers and sisters, in whom those who seek Jesus may at least glimpse his presence. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Chúc Mừng

**Cộng đoàn Giáo Xứ St. Mary's
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**Anh Giuse Henry Anh Nguyễn
Chị Têrêsa Chi Phương Nguyễn
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**Thứ Bảy ngày 15 tháng 04 năm 2023;
02 giờ 00 chiều.**

**Kính mời tất cả quý Ông Bà, Anh Chị Em
nếu có thể sắp xếp được, cùng đến tham dự
Thánh Lễ cầu nguyện cho anh chị. Nguyện
xin Thiên Chúa chúc lành và thánh hóa, để
anh chị được luôn sống hạnh phúc trong Tình
Yêu của Thiên Chúa và gia đình.**

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

If Christmas is the "most wonderful time of the year," then Easter is the most joyous, glorious, awesome time of the year! Really? Today's readings don't exactly brim over with the kind of holiday cheer we find at Christmas—except for the responsorial psalm, which admittedly rings with gleeful joy. But otherwise, not so much. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter gives a dry, condensed rendering of the story of Jesus to a group of Gentiles in Caesarea. The Colossians reading actually does have us looking forward to glory. Most underwhelming, though, is the Gospel proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we want to hear about angels and earthquakes and trumpets and glory, we hear about a dark, silent, empty tomb. This Easter Sunday story from John's Gospel is startling in its emptiness. Like Peter in the story, we must enter into this mystery.

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Please keep the following people in your prayers

Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb, Sharon Cook, Eddie Hallford, Jay McAtee, John Craton, Lucca Fiorillo, Melissa Grigg, James Meyn, Dan Dwyer, Calvin Isbell, Jerry Powell, Alice Marold, Kim Kellams, Danny Carter, Joachim Pham M.Tường, Tim McGlone Sr., Timothy McGlone Jr., Robert McGlone, Laura Meyh, Christen Cook, Lindsey McDonald, Helen Biester, Rebecca Gonzalez, Joy Powell, Nancy Barbour, Gordon Nash and for all others not mentioned here.

If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Mrs. Ayen Camilli ((706) 886-2819 ext – 1 or Mrs. Gerrie Chalk at: 706 -963-0050 for a loved one who is sick. Our homebound Ministers are please to bring you the Holy Communion and Weekly Bulletin.



An Election for New Officers in May 2023

We will have a Ballot out for the Parish Council Officers and the Election in May. If you are interested to serve the Parish through the Parish Council. For more details, please contact: **Mr. Dave Sleizick at (412)736-7646** or you can talk to Fr. Henry, Pastor.

YOUTH'S ACTIVITIES HELP VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We need someone to organize and facilitate Vacation Bible School at St. Mary's this summer. We need someone to organize children's activities, both at St. Mary's and around the community this summer. If you can help with either of these volunteer opportunities, please contact: **Jessica Burger: 904-219 - 1129; jnburger4@gmail.com**

PARISH MINISTRIES

The list of ministries and contact information is available in the Narthex of the Church and published on our church website: www.stmarystoccoa.org

MONTHLY MEETING

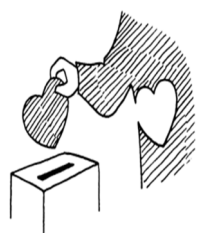
- 1/ The Parish Council meeting moved to Thursday of April 11 at 6 pm.
- 2/ Lady Guild monthly meeting: on the 2nd Wednesday of April 10 at 10 am.

Offertory/Contribution Weekend of April 01 & 02, 2023

Weekly Budget	\$3,100.00
Offertory	\$3,399.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 206.00
Holy Land	\$676.00

The counters for this week are:
Jan Ollick, William King & Connie Tirico

The second collection for this weekend is
for **Archdiocesan Seminarians**
Next week is Capital Campaign
Thank you for your generosity!



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES

Please remember to keep up with your Capital Campaign Pledge contribution. By doing this, it will help to keep us on track to make this a successful build. Please make your checks out to St. Mary's Building Fund. Thank you!

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Bulletin Submission are to be sent to:
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NO LATER THAN noon on Wednesday for the bulletin. Late submissions may not be able to be placed.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Queen of Heaven (Regina Caeli)
Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia.
has risen, as he foretold, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
for the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

O God, who gave joy to the world
by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
Grant, we beseech you,
that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary,
his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION ON APRIL 2023

Confirmation Sat: 6:00 PM—8:30 PM
Grades PK-9 Sun: 9:30 AM—11:30 AM



Class	Date
No Classes	APR 02 & 09
PSR	APR 16
PSR	APR 23
PSR	APR 30
Confirmation	APR 15

The Knights of Columbus

Joseph M. Malik
Council 9975



The Knights of Columbus is a worldwide organization of Catholic Men who are in communion with the Church and function under the four principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The members of Council 9975 are a hardy "Band of Brothers" to coin a phrase, that are dedicated to support our Pastor Fr. Henry Pham in his efforts as leader of our parish here at St. Mary's.

For more information please look for any parishioner that is wearing a Bright Yellow Name Tag for more information.

Meeting & Activities

Membership Meetings

the 4th Tuesday /1 month

Parish Breakfasts:

on the 1st or 2nd Sunday/1month

Ladies of St.Mary's

The Ladies of St. Mary serve to provide a community of fellowship and growth in faith, reaching out to serve and support our pastor, parish families and the community. We serve God through a commitment and uniting our members through prayer, work and service.



Meet: 2nd Wed/ month (Sept—May)
at 10 AM in Parish Hall

Co-Presidents:

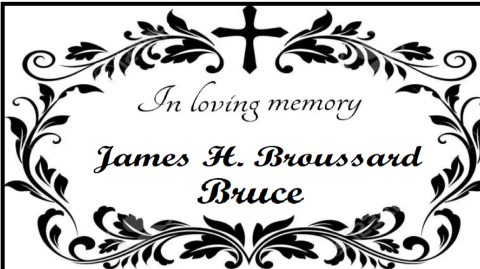
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