



St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday March 31, 2024 ~ Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

From the Bishop's Pen...

"He has been raised from the dead."

Mary Magdalene was crying as she rushed to the Tomb where they buried Jesus, in the early hours of First Day of the Week. She was shocked and bewildered when she saw that huge stone removed from the tomb. She ran to tell Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved (John), what she had found. Peter first, then John, went into the empty tomb, and John saw and believed. John knew that his faith in Jesus was true, that his faith in God's promise to send Israel a Savior, was justified.

Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection bought eternal life with God for us. Jesus rescued Mary Magdalene from her troubles and gave her another chance at life as His disciple. Jesus forgave Peter for his denial of Him during His passion and gave Peter another chance as His Apostle and the Rock on whom He would build His Church on earth. Through His obedience to His Father's will, in His suffering, death and resurrection, Jesus gave all of mankind another chance at life with God, by baptism into His Body. Jesus' resurrection from the dead has changed everything! It has changed our fundamental relationship with God. A relationship with God that Adam and Eve lost for all of mankind by disobedience.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul says that if Christ has not been raised from the dead, our faith is in vain. If Christ has not been raised from the dead, we are still separated from God. If Christ had not risen from the dead, He has no more authority over our lives than any other historical person. But He did rise from the dead!

Now, Easter Sunday has dawned, and with it, the absolute victory of the Resurrection. The tomb is empty. The stone is overturned. The shadow of the cross is replaced by the morning light of a new life in truth. Christ's apparent failure has risen in victory.

We have another chance at life with God.

– Bishop Roy Campbell

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The office is closed for business on:

ALL Weekends

Federal Gov't Closings

Holidays and Holy Days

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MASS / LENTEN SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Daily Mass 8:30 am

Weekly on Tuesday
Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm
Benediction 6:45 pm
Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Every Friday During Lent
Stations of the Cross
after 8:30 am Mass & 7:00 pm

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To The St Joseph Catholic Church Community

Our desire is that every member of our parish family encounters Jesus Christ in a very personal and life-changing way as they journey through life within our community. That now includes you and we welcome you to this very personal, communal journey of faith as part of our parish family. As you begin the next part of your faith journey with us, we encourage you to check in at the Welcome Table and complete the parish registration form. You may also get the form from a Hospitality minister. Stay connected with the St Joseph Community through our Website and Facebook God has given you gifts to share in helping the Church build the kingdom and accomplish her mission. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you discern where you are meant to serve. Please check out our Ministries and Organizations at the Welcome Table or our Website. Pray, discern, then take that leap of faith and get engaged in the life of the parish.

LET US KNOW YOU ARE HERE

SO WE CAN PROPERLY WELCOME YOU!

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MASS SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are made in the Church Office during regular business hours or may be given to Hospitality Minister after the Sunday Masses. You will be contacted if the date requested is not available. Bookings for one name for several days in succession will not be accepted. An offering is **\$10.00 CASH** per date / per envelope. Mass intentions are acknowledged at the Sunday and daily Masses. **Mass intentions must be received in the office by Monday 9:00 am** to be included in the bulletin for the next week.

Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ N/A March 24, 2024

Our average weekly parish expenses for
February 2024 - \$15,638.03

Our Offertory last week was N/A%
of Expenses

Faith Direct: February 2024 - \$21,304.57

Last Week's Attendance Total:
Sunday Masses - 1,112

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the **NEXT** bulletin are due in the Church Office on Monday by 12:00 noon. The bulletin is sent to the printer on Tuesday morning.

COMMUNION CALLS / HOME VISITS

The Eucharistic Ministry is available for communion calls and home visits. If you or someone you know is homebound but would like to receive communion on a regular basis, contact the parish office (301-773-4838) to schedule a visit. Monday through Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

MASSES / OBSERVANCES AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday March 31, 2024

easter
SUNDAY

Masses
6:30 am 8:00 am 10:00 am
12:00 pm

Monday April 1, 2024

**MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER;
APRIL FOOLS' DAY**
Mass - 8:30 am

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday April 2, 2024

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition / Adoration - 6:00 pm
Benediction - 6:30 pm
Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday April 3, 2024

**WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE
OCTAVE OF EASTER**
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday April 4, 2024

**THURSDAY WITHIN THE
OCTAVE OF EASTER**
Daily Mass - 8:30 am

First Friday April 5, 2024

**FRIDAY WITHIN THE
OCTAVE OF EASTER**
Daily Mass - 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS
Benediction 6:00 pm

First Saturday April 6, 2024

**SATURDAY WITHIN THE
OCTAVE OF EASTER**
First Saturday Mass - 8:00 am
Confession / Reconciliation
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday March 31

- **SJCC Gospel Choir**
(CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **SJCAF - African and
Friends Choir Practice**
(CL2) 10:30 am

Tuesday April 2

- **Good Samaritan
Ministry Retreat
Meeting** (CL1) 5:00 pm

Wednesday April 3

- **Line Dancing** (RR)
11:00 am
- **Gospel Choir
Rehearsal** (CLR2)
7:00 pm

Thursday April 4

- **Beginners Line
Dancing** (RR)
12:30 pm
- **St Joseph Sodality
Pray the Rosary**
(Virtual) 5:00 pm Call in
number (848) 220-3100
Conference ID: 06241954#
- **Cantor Rehearsal**
(CH) 5:30 pm
- **SJCAF-Charismatic
Group** (CLR 1) 7:00 pm
- **K of C - Officers
Planning Meeting** (RR)
7:00 pm

Saturday April 6

- **Religious Ed Classes**
(CH, RR, All Classrooms)
10:00 am
- **Cantor Rehearsal for
Vigil Mass** (CLR2)
3:30 pm

Daily Readings for the Week

Week of March 31 2024

Sunday: Acts 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 Mk 16:1-7

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 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-
4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father,
we come before you on this Easter
Sunday with full and grateful
hearts for the gift of
the Paschal Mystery that you showed
us in the life, death,
and resurrection of your Son,
our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess belief
in your saving love.

Bless also those who have yet to profess
belief in you.

You are God for all.

We ask all this in Christ's name.

Amen.



Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

Gerry Anderson, Agnes Bell, Carla Amorim, Melody & Carl Atkinson, Randy Belt, Veronica Blakeney, Maxine Brown, Renee Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Angela & Wick Cartwright, Alberta Christian, Angela Clark, Connie Clark, Chuck Clay, Angella Coker, Herman Davis, James Doe, Gregory Eades, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Mary E. Fletcher, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, Gina Geron, Rita Gant, Regina Gary, Maureen Gramby, Agnes Grayson, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Lawrence Hill, Sheila Hinton, Doris Hite, Luis Howell, Mark Humphrey, Cathy Jackson, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Wendell John, Donald Johnson, Latashia Johnson, Lyell Johnson, Roland Joyner, Duke Kelly, Fr. Mike King, Mark Sr/ Mark Jr & Gabrielle Landry, Alton Ernest Lewis, Henrietta Long, Edwina Love, Karee Lucas, Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Leondre Massey, Anthony Mc Donald, Carlos Menefee, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, Fr. Ray Moore, Madga Nelson, Paul Newman, Ronald Nickens, Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Thomas W. Scott, Carolyn & William Scriber, Tyrone Sellers, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Madeline Stillwell, Gwen Sutton, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Carolyn Thrash, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn,

And the Recently Deceased:

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



Mass Intentions

Sunday

10:00 AM - J-MARIE TCHEFO †
12:00 THE ST JOSEPH FAMILY

Monday

8:30 AM KAMERON NEAL
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

Saturday

5:00 PM JOHN ADELEYE SR.
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

FIRST READING

In his speech, Peter places much emphasis on his personal witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. **To whom this week could you witness your faith in the resurrection of Jesus?**

SECOND READING

Paul taught the believers in Colossae to anticipate the return of the resurrected Jesus. **How does your family celebrate Easter Sunday?**

GOSPEL READING

Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple were the first to experience the joy and mystery of the empty tomb.

Do you recall when you first started believing in the resurrection of Jesus?

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Spiritual Communion

Question:

What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

Answer:

The practice of making a "spiritual communion" dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him." Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

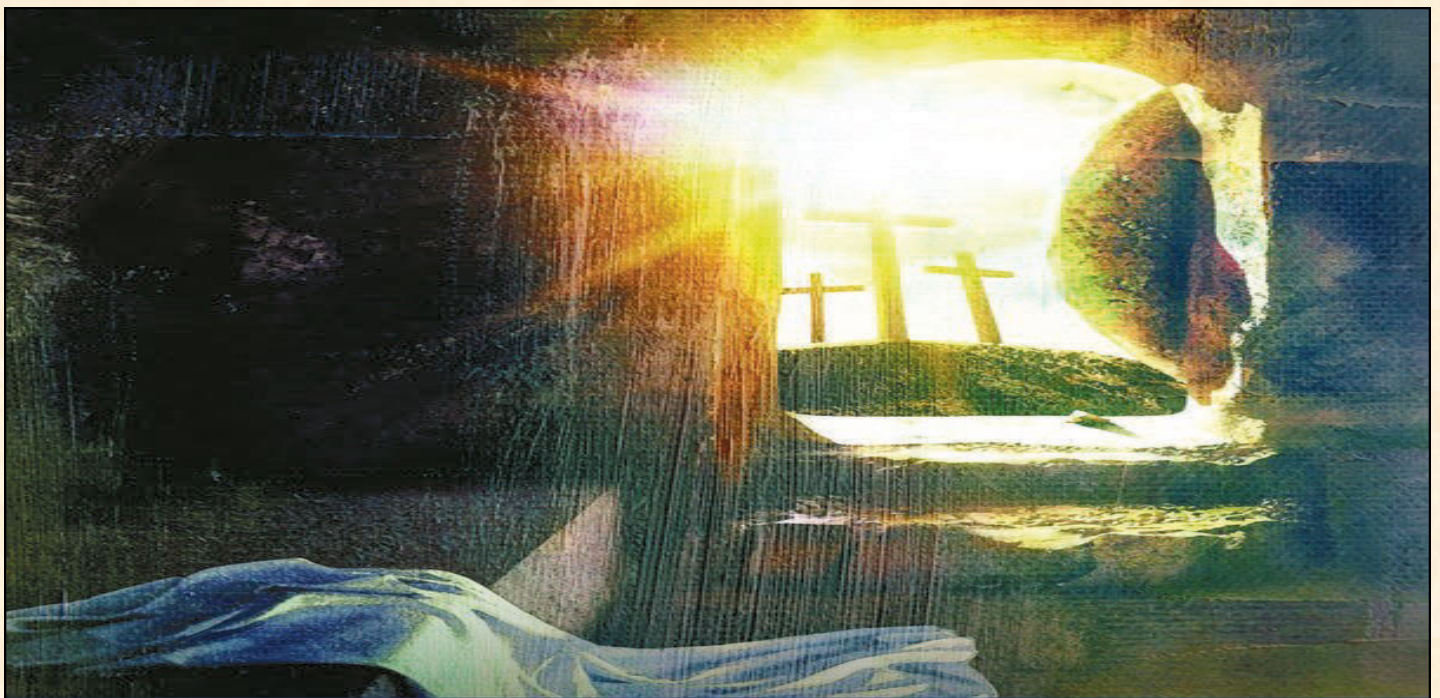
Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

Question: Which two items can be consumed without officially breaking the Eucharistic fast?

Answer: (a) Water and coffee (b) Juice and water
(c) Medicine and water.

ANSWER ON PAGE 5



EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. 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 20:5-7

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For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Mary Magdalene was surprised when she found the empty tomb of Jesus. She ran and told Peter and John that his body was gone. Peter and John ran to the tomb. They found no body, just strips of cloth. One piece was the cloth that covered the face of Jesus. Peter and John knew that Jesus was not in the grave, even though they did not understand what it meant to rise from the dead.

PRAYER

Jesus, you died and rose from the dead so I can share your life on earth and in heaven. Thank you.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw Mary, Peter, and John looking inside the empty tomb.

Mission for the Week

I will tell someone that Jesus is alive.

PRAYER FOR THOSE RECEIVING THE EASTER SACRAMENTS

Let us pray for our catechumens and candidates.
God of the Samaritan Women, the Man Born Blind and Lazarus, You show yourself in many ways.

Most often in ways we cannot see until we look with eyes of faith. Continue to bless these catechumens and candidates who will receive the Church's sacraments during the upcoming Season of Easter.

Fill their lives and hearts with your unending love and grace. Help us to continue to be models of living Christian lives and grant them the endurance to continue to race to the resurrection. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED AND RECEIVED MEMBERS!

During the Easter Vigil, a beautiful and sacred celebration, 33 individuals entered into the embrace of the Catholic Church.

Additionally, 22 children received First Communion.

These new members, now form part of the body of Christ.

Let's rejoice with them as they consecrate their lives to Jesus Christ and embark on this faith-filled journey.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered (c) Medicine and water

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