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SUNDAY APRIL 20, 2025 ~ EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

From the Bishop's Pen...

"He is risen from the dead!"

He is RISEN, Alleluia! Alleluia! In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul says that if Christ had 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.

We now see that Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection bought for us eternal life with God. Long before His passion and crucifixion, Jesus rescued Mary Magdalene from her demons and gave her another chance at life as His disciple. He forgave Peter for his denial of Him during His passion and gave Peter another chance at life as His Apostle. It was Jesus' obedience to His Father's will, in His suffering, death and resurrection that gave all of mankind another chance at life with God.

Jesus' resurrection from the dead has changed everything! It has changed forever our relationship with God. A relationship with God that Adam and Eve lost for all of mankind by disobedience. A relationship with God that has gone from outcasts to His adopted children.

Mary Magdalene did not realize what had taken place three days after Jesus' burial in the tomb. When Peter and John arrived at the empty tomb, it was John who saw and believed. Why did John believe? He too, did not yet understand Jesus' rising from the dead. Yet, John knew that his faith in Jesus was true, that his faith in God's promise to send Israel a Savior was justified. John saw the burial cloth just as it was when Jesus had been wrapped in it, but Jesus was not there. He had truly risen!

The Father, out of love, gave us His only Son. His Son, out of love, gave His life for us. He sacrificed His Body and shed His Blood for our salvation, so that we could have life as adopted daughters and sons of the Father through our Baptisms.

In Christ and in His resurrection, a new hope dawns for mankind. The hope that if we stay united to Him in truth, through faith and grace, we will also rise in Him, from our tombs. Then, we will live with Him and in Him forever in the eternal peace of heaven.

No one else offers such a hope, because no one else has risen from the dead to be able to offer it, only Jesus. If Jesus had not risen from the dead, our faith is in vain. If Jesus had not risen from the dead, He would have no more authority over our lives than any other person from history.

But He did rise from the dead! Now, Easter has dawned, with the eternal 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 that led to His death 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.

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ALL Weekends

Federal Gov't Closings

Holidays and Holy Days

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MASS / ADORATION SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00 pm

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

Daily Mass 8:30 am

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday During Lent
After 8:30 am Mass
& 7:00 pm

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Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ N/A April 13, 2025

Our average weekly parish expenses for
March, 2025 \$ N/A

Our offertory last week was N/A %
of expenses

Faith Direct: March - \$N/A

Last Week's Attendance: N/A

N/A DUE TO BULLETIN EARLY SUBMISSION



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!**

PARISH TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Please use your offertory envelopes, and fill them out completely. Enclose your check or cash in your offertory envelope and write the amount on the envelope. As a reminder money/checks do not stay together with the envelopes so if there is no information or amount on the envelope you may not receive proper acknowledgment for your offering. If you choose to send in your Church envelopes by mail or drop them off at the Church, please do so. Your tax deductible offerings are based on the information on your envelopes. We have also set-up **Online Giving** through **Faith Direct**, which is an easy, simple, and secure way to continue supporting the ministry and mission of our parish. We had to make a number of decisions regarding our current Church staff because we are unable to collect our regular offertory. Please go to the link: <https://www.stjoseph-largo.org/online-giving> to sign-up for **Faith Direct**, make a contribution, and to view a video about enrollment and have your questions answered about online giving.

MASS SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are made in the Parish 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.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Late submissions will go into the next bulletin.

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 on 301-773-4838 to schedule a visit. The office is open Monday through Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

MASSES / OBSERVANCES



Monday April 21, 2025

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday April 22, 2025

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER; EARTH DAY

Daily Mass: 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration: 6:00 pm
Benediction: 6:45 pm
Evening Mass: 7:00 pm

Wednesday April 23, 2025

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER; ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY
Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Thursday April 24, 2025

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

Friday April 25, 2025

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER; ARBOR DAY

Daily Mass: 8:30 am
Exposition / Adoration after morning Mass
Benediction 10:00 am

Saturday April 26, 2025

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Confession / Reconciliation 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday April 20

- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am
- **SJCAF Choir Rehearsal** (CLR2) 10:00 am
- **KoC - Easter Egg Hunt** Rectory Lawn (After Noon Mass)

Monday April 21

- **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**
Virtual 7:00 pm **(No Class)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89944235053?pwd=bFYHqh48x0moVo76CexBSsZg2T31A6.1>
Meeting ID: 899 4423 5053 Passcode: 092357

Tuesday April 22

- **Funeral - Doris Hite** (CH) 10:00 am
- **Dr Clarke** - (CLR2) 5:00 pm

Wednesday April 23

- **Dr Clarke** (CLR2) 5:00 pm

Saturday April 26

- **Men's Ministry Meeting** (CL1) 7:30 am
- **Confirmation Retreat** (RR, CLR1&2, CH) 9:30 am
- Religious Ed / Faith Formation Classes - **(No Class)**

Thursday April 24

- **Beginning Line Dance** 12:30 pm (RR)
- **St. Joseph-Largo Sodality Rosary** - Virtual 5:00 pm
Call in number: 848.220.3100
Access code: 06241954#
- **Dr. Clark** (CLR2) 5:00 pm
- **Denese Clay - Cantor Rehearsal** (CH) 5:30 pm
- **SJCAF - Charismatic Prayer Group** (CLR1) 7:00 pm

Friday April 25

- **Funeral - Anna Ferdinand** (CH) 10:00 am

Daily Readings for the Week of April 20, 2025

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 Lk 24:1-12

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 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

DEVOTIONS EXPLAINED The Seven Sorrows of Mary

Mini Explanation — The Seven Sorrows of Mary helps us to unite our own sufferings with those of Jesus, following Mary's perfect example, as we meditate upon the great sufferings endured by Our Lord and his Blessed Mother.

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

Cathrine Abrams, Theresa Agorel, Gerry Anderson, Carla Amorim, Anthony Akpan, Melody & Carl Atkinson, Shelia Bailey, Randy Belt, Agnes Bell, Veronica Blakeney, Maxine Brown, Renee Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Angela & Wick Cartwright, Angela Clark, Connie Clark, Chuck Clay, Angella Coker, Herman Davis, James Doe, James Dudley, Martin Ekeh, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, Adrienne, Fraser-Darling, Rita Gant, Regina Gary, Gina Geron, Maureen Gramby, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Lawrence Hill, Sheila Hinton, Luis Howell, Mark Humphrey, Cathy Jackson, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Wendell John, Donald Johnson, Latachia Johnson, Lyell Johnson, Roland Joyner, Duke Kelly, Fr. Mike King, Mark Sr/ Mark Jr & Gabrielle Landry, Alton Ernest Lewis, Henrietta Long, Gennie Huntley-Lopez, Edwina Love, Karee Lucas, Sadie Malveaux, Ebony Marble, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Leondre Massey, Anthony Mc Donald, Carlos Menefee, Solomon T. Miles, Jr. Thomasine M. Miles, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy & William Mooney, Fr. Ray Moore, Loraine Moses, Madga Nelson, Nolan McWilliams, Kameron Neal, Paul Newman, Ronald Nickens, Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, Earline Parks, James & Stephen Parks, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Clifton Rush, Sheryl Sanders, Marie Savoy, Johnnie Scott, Thomas W. Scott, Carolyn & William Scriber, Tyrone Sellers, Dorothy Seth, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Eunice Sparkman, Madeline Stillwell, Gwen Sutton, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Carolyn Thrash, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Eric Walker, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn, Michael Younger

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

6:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
8:00 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
10:00 AM JEAN-MARIE TCHEFFO †
12:00 PM JUDITH EYIYEMI JOHNSON

MONDAY

8:30 AM THE NDUKUM FAMILY (SI)

Tuesday

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY
7:00 PM 34TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
KOLAWOLE AND MARY OGUNSANYA

Wednesday

8:30 AM CHRISTINE OGUNSANYA
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

THURSDAY

8:30 AM ELIZABETH NKEADE
DAUGHTER JOY FOR SAFE DELIVERY

FRIDAY

8:30 AM OBIECHINA AGBIM

SATURDAY

5:00 PM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

There is an invitation in the empty tomb and the abandoned burial cloths. What great things could we accomplish, if we only believe that Christ has conquered death? Go forth this Easter season, boldly embracing the hope of the resurrection.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Discernment

Question:

How do I discern if a call to do something big is really from God?

Answer:

Each day we face plenty of decisions about following God: whether or not to pray, how to treat people, and how to prioritize our time. Sometimes there can be something much more significant we discern: a vocational call, a promotion at work that requires a move, or a new ministry position at church. In addition to a pro-con list or a cost-benefit analysis, here are a few things to prayerfully consider and to talk over with trusted individuals.

Does it conform to God's will revealed in the Church? God doesn't call us to do something that contradicts the moral law. Will it encourage spiritual growth? Sometimes we need to choose between multiple good options. Consider the personal impact on you and others you are responsible for, like family. Other times we might be invited to do good for others, but when we assess our other life commitments, we see that saying yes to this would actually impede our prior responsibilities in the long run. Does the call seem consistent? This isn't to say that God won't do something new. Even so, consider if the call is consistent with your gifts and abilities. Can you see a "through-line" so to speak, with how your experiences have led you to this point? Do others confirm it? Share your reflections with trusted, insightful confidantes. Have they seen the same things you have, or are they bringing up new points to consider? Humbly add their relevant points to your considerations. Don't forget your gut. After you've carefully considered everything in your mind, don't neglect your instincts. Does your heart say yes or no?

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

1st Reading Question:

In his speech, Peter emphasizes that he and the Apostles were chosen as "witnesses" to tell others of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. **Have you ever told anyone why you believe in Jesus?**

2nd Reading Question:

Paul urges the Corinthians to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection with sincerity and truth. **How does your family celebrate Easter Sunday?**

Gospel Question:

We hear how Mary of Magdala, Peter and the Beloved Disciple initially react to seeing Jesus' empty tomb. **How do you share startling news with others?**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Question: What does the word "deacon" mean?

Answer: (a) Servant (b) minister (c) messenger
(d) All of the above

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 5

Jubilee Year of Hope

HE IS RISEN!



PRAYER FOR EASTER

***Blessed be God who has triumphed
over the grave! Our Lord is
victorious! Alleluia, alleluia!***

***May the joy of Easter fill
every part of our lives!***

Amen.

Happy Easter

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

You are correct if you answered (d) All of the Above
"Servant, minister, and/or messenger"



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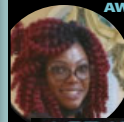
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