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Sunday Masses

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

12:30 PM Spanish Mass

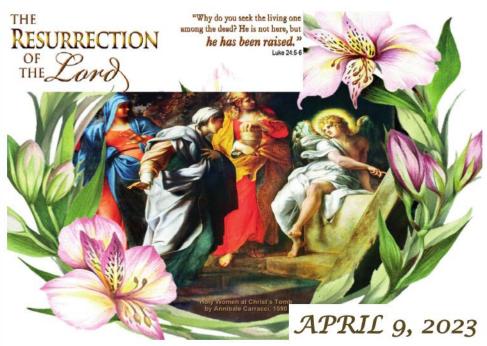
Weekday Masses 9:00 AM Monday to Friday

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

First Fridays 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays 2:30 to 3:15 PM



<u>Baptisms</u>: Registered parishioners should contact the office to make arrangements. If possible, this should be done at least three months before the birth of your baby. Baptisms will be celebrated in **April**, **August**, and **December**.

<u>Marriages</u>: Registered parishioners should contact the office at least one year in advance of making marriage arrangements.

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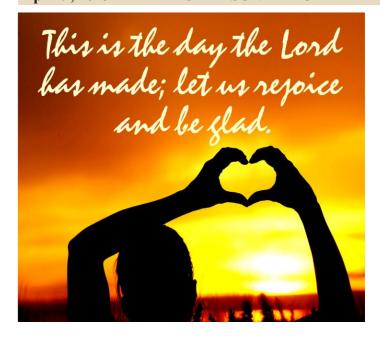
<u>Sacrament of the Sick</u>: Please contact the office if you need a priest to come to your home to anoint you, or to be anointed at a weekday Mass.

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#### Scripture Readings For the Week of April 9, 2023

**Sunday** The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-

35

**Monday Monday** in the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7

-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday** Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 &

22; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday Wednesday** in the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-

9; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday** Thursday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-

9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday Friday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24,

25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab,

16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-

24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



#### **HAPPY EASTER!**

Happy Easter! He is alive! We should feel unparalleled joy today because today is the day that Christ triumphed over evil.

Easter is only possible because of Good Friday. And every year on that day, I can't help but think of the hymn "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"

In addition to asking "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" subsequent verses ask "Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?" "Were you there when the sun refused to shine?" and "Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?"

Every year, in the parish I grew up in, we would sing this song, and every year it made me cry, for it forced me to really visualize Christ's crucifixion. After each question, the song laments: "Sometimes it causes me to tremble."

Christ died a horrible and violent death for me. He died a horrible and violent death for you.

No, we were not physically present there. But we were there in that very person who had existed and who would ever exist in Christ's mind during every second of His Passion. So, yes, we were there, because we are the reason that He allowed Himself to be tortured and killed.

There has never been a love so immense as the love God has for us. He proved that love on Good Friday so that we could have an Easter Sunday. What a gift! The blood He shed for our sins opened eternity with Him for us. So yes, we should tremble. We should tremble at the innocent blood that was spilled on Good Friday.

But we should also tremble with joy—at the empty tomb, at the promise fulfilled, and at the mercy of an all-loving and all-powerful God.

The two individuals on the road to Emmaus met Christ after the Resurrection, but they didn't recognize Him right away. It was only when He broke the bread and gave a blessing that they realized it was He.

Sometimes we are like those men. We don't recognize Christ in our lives, or we are so focused on our own lives that we just don't see Him. But when we hear His words, our hearts burn, too. Lent is over, but our journey to heaven is never ending.

So as we think about Christ's sacrifice today and as we sing joyful hymns and praise God for the gift of Himself, let us promise Him that we will work every day to not only achieve eternity with Him but to help others get there as well. Our faith demands that we evangelize. Let us begin by shouting our joy that He has risen.

And let us rejoice, for today we celebrate our salvation!

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#### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 10

9:00 AM ⊕ DECEASED MEMBERS OF TABOR **FAMILY** 

By Emy

TUESDAY, April 11

9:00 AM ₽ JAINE DODD By Melissa

WEDNESDAY, April 12

9:00 AM P KATHY ISASI

By Steve & Michele & family

**THURSDAY, April 13** 

9:00 AM P ROSE, JOE NARDI, MARIA & JOHN

FREGA

By niece, Victoria

FRIDAY, April 14

9:00 AM P ANNA VUGRINECZ

By family

SATURDAY, April 15

4:00 PM ⊕ BARBARA ORAM

By Pat & Steve Morgan

SUNDAY, April 16

8:00 AM ⊕ **DONNA TAYLOR** 

By Rob & Mylene Taylor

10:30 AM ₽ PAULINE BERTSCHLER

By daughter, Veronica & family PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

#### 12:30 PM Pray for our sick...

Vince Wojteczko, Mary Gruss, Alma Eberle, Shirley Pell, Ken Goss, Andrea Gumaskas, Joanie Hayward, Alberto Sitchon, James Smith, Ileen Jervis, Anna Palmer, John Rodgers, Eric Hoyer, Diego Bertagna, Gene Brizuela, Mary Iosso, Michael Alberts, Bonnie Johnson, Johnny Esteves, Ed Matos, Angelita Uy, Aline Castonguay, Enoc Moreno, Jr., Joe Carta, Remy Natividad, Mary Petersen, Johnny Rodriguez, Patricia Wescott, Odie Malave, Nilda Planas, Jaimie Farmer, Diane Citron Richard Cangelosi.

#### **APRIL 2023**



*In Memory of* EUGENE COSTĂLES & BELEN LOPEZ

By May & Grace Costales

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MR. & MRS. TED LAPOINTE, SR.

By Ted & Pat

**BREAD & WINE** 

In Memory of ROGER DeGRANDPRE & LISA ZIEGERT

By Janis DeGrandpre

## Discipleship through Stewardship and **Sacrificial Giving**

Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!





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#### ALTAR FLOWERS

April 9-15, 2023

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By wife, Ely & Family



# Easter message from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The good news that Easter proclaims is one that we should all be proud to claim as members of the Church preparing for the task ahead.

Easter is a reminder of all that we can do when we humbly submit ourselves to God. As Jesus rose from the dead, we too can be reborn if we repent and accept the power of the resurrection. We must not forget that the paschal mysteries of Jesus give us assurance that, even in moments of doubts and darkness, the love of God remains and forever.

Therefore, let us use this season of Easter as a time to come together, support each other in prayer, and remember the great gift of Salvation that Jesus gave us through His death and resurrection. Let us rejoice in the hope that Jesus brings to prepare us for the tasks he has set before us.

May you have a blessed and joyful Easter.

In Christ,

Fr. Erwin Belgica



Wishing you a Blessed Easter!
From: Fr. Erwin
and Our Lady of Grace staff.



## Hail, risen King!

Hail, purest Victim Heav'n could find the powers of Hell to overflow! Who did the bonds of Death unbind; Who does the prize of Life bestow.

Hail, victor Christ! Hail, risen King! To You alone belongs the crown; who has the heavenly gates unbarred, and cast the prince of darkness down.

O Jesus from the death of sin keep us, we pray; so You may be the everlasting Paschal joy. of every soul new-born in Thee.

Amen.





#### CPR/AED Class in the PLC

There is a plan to offer you a class in CPR/AED (defibrillator) techniques.

The instructor is AHA qualified as well as being a parishioner.

This is being offered especially to the Ministers of Hospitality however it is open to anyone interested. Time and date has not been decided. If interested call Rose Mary at 352-527-6459.



# Coping with DEMENTIA LLC

Annual Dementia Conference April 20, 2023, 9:30AM-3:00PM

Our church is hosting this conference again this year. There are many speakers expert in their field of "Coping With Dementia". Should you have a loved one, a neighbor, a friend etc. who is suffering with dementia of any kind this is a great opportunity for you to come and listen to these professionals speak. Light lunch is provided.

To reserve please call the parish office, 746-2144.



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#### Our Lady of Grace Parish K of C Council 6168

Blood Drive Notice April 15,-Sat., 8AM-1PM

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This Easter season drive presents an excellent opportunity to provide the gift of life to those in need. Once again, there will be a complimentary continental breakfast and tokens of appreciation including an Egift card for all donors. Please plan on participating in this life saving drive. For any questions call LifeSouth at 352-527-3061.

The 2/18/23 blood drive collected 20 units from 22 donors at the council hall, and 2 units from 2 donors at a LifeSouth Facility, for a total of 22 units of precious blood from 24 donors. The generosity of all donors is greatly appreciated, as were the Egift cards.



#### **Coffee and Conversation 2023**

9:15-10:15 AM

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

(during the Faith Formation Program season) Adults spending time together in fellowship and conversation about topics important to our faith.

Date	Topic
April 16	Biblical Roots of the Eucharist
May 7	Biblical Roots of the Eucharist
May 21	Real & True



St. Benedict Catholic Church, 455 S. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River, FL, will host the Divine Mercy Sunday Service this year on April 16th at 3:00 PM.

"Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of My mercy." (Our Lord Jesus Christ to Saint Faustina, Diary 1059)



Hispanic Ministry FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, April 23, 2023 @ 11:00 AM

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# RESURRECCIÓN DEL Serion

#### ¡Felices Pascuas!

¡Felices Pascuas! ¡Jesús está vivo! Debemos sentir un gozo sin igual hoy porque hoy es el día en que Cristo triunfó sobre el mal.

La Pascua solo es posible debido al Viernes Santo. Y todos los años en ese día, no puedo evitar pensar en el himno "¿Estabas allí cuando crucificaron a mi Señor?"

Además de preguntar "¿Estabas allí cuando crucificaron a mi Señor?" Los versículos siguientes preguntan: "¿Estabas allí cuando lo clavaron al madero?" "¿Estabas allí cuando el sol se negó a brillar?" y "¿Estabas allí cuando lo pusieron en el sepulcro?"

Todos los años, en la parroquia en la que me crié, cantábamos esta canción, y todos los años me hacía llorar, porque me obligaba a visualizar realmente la crucifixión de Cristo. Después de cada pregunta, la canción se lamenta: "A veces me hace temblar".

Cristo murió una muerte horrible y violenta por mí. Murió una muerte horrible y violenta por ti.

No, no estuvimos físicamente presentes allí. Pero estábamos allí en esa misma persona que había existido y que existiría en la mente de Cristo durante cada segundo de Su Pasión. Entonces, sí, estuvimos allí, porque somos la razón por la que permitió que lo torturaran y lo mataran.

Nunca ha habido un amor tan inmenso como el amor que Dios tiene por nosotros. Demostró ese amor el Viernes Santo para que pudiéramos tener un Domingo de Resurrección. ¡Qué regalo! La sangre que derramó por nuestros pecados abrió la eternidad con Él para nosotros. Así que sí, deberíamos temblar. Deberíamos temblar ante la sangre inocente que se derramó el Viernes Santo.

Pero también debemos temblar de alegría: ante la tumba vacía, ante la promesa cumplida y ante la misericordia de un Dios todopoderoso y todo amoroso.

Los dos individuos en el camino a Emaús se encontraron con Cristo después de la Resurrección, pero no lo reconocieron de inmediato. Fue solo cuando partió el pan y dio una bendición que se dieron cuenta de que era él.

A veces somos como esos hombres. No reconocemos a Cristo en nuestras vidas, o estamos tan concentrados en nuestras propias vidas que simplemente no lo vemos. Pero cuando escuchamos Sus palabras, nuestros corazones también arden. La Cuaresma ha terminado, pero nuestro camino al cielo nunca termina.

Entonces, mientras pensamos en el sacrificio de Cristo hoy y cantamos himnos gozosos y alabamos a Dios por el don de sí mismo, prometámosle que trabajaremos todos los días no solo para alcanzar la eternidad con Él, sino también para ayudar a otros a llegar allí. Nuestra fe exige que evangelicemos. Comencemos gritando nuestra alegría porque Él ha resucitado.

¡Y alegrémonos, porque hoy celebramos nuestra salvación!

Lecturas de las Escrituras Para la Semana del 9 de Abril de 2023		
Domingo	Domingo de Pascua, La Resurrección del Señor	
	Hch 10, 34a. 37-43; Sal 117, 1-2. 16ab-17. 22-23; Col 3, 1-4 o 1 Cor 5, 6b-8; Jn 20, 1-9 o Mt	
	28, 1-10 o Lc 24, 13-35	
Lunes	Hch 2, 14. 22-33; Sal 15, 1-2a y 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11; Mt 28, 8-15	
Martes	Hch 2, 36-41; Sal 32, 4-5. 18-19. 20 y 22; Jn 20, 11-18	
Miércoles	Hch 3, 1-10; Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9; Lc 24, 13-35	
Jueves	Hch 3, 11-26; Sal 8, 2a y 5. 6-7. 8-9; Lc 24, 35-48	
Viernes	Hch 4, 1-12; Sal 117, 1-2 y 4. 22-24. 25-27a; Jn 21, 1-14	
Sábado	Hch 4, 13-21; Sal 117, 1 y 14-15. 16ab-18. 19-21; Mc 16, 9-15	
Domingo	Segundo Domingo de Pascua, Domingo de Divina Misericordia	
	Hch 2, 42-47; Sal 117, 2-4. 13-15. 22-24; 1 Ped 1, 3-9; Jn 20, 19-31	

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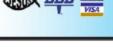
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