

**Answers:**

- (b)** The rosary is the best known Catholic private devotion.
- (c)** "Grace is favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life. Grace is a participation in the life of God"
- (a)** St. Cyril (827-869), with his brother St. Methodius (815-884), translated many works for the Bulgarians, Russians, Serbs, and Ukrainians. They are known as "Apostles of the Slavs" and patron saints of Europe.
- (d)** As a result of inspiration, the Bible teaches us the truths necessary for our salvation.
- (a)** The Angelus comes from Angelus Domini, which means "Angel of the Lord," the phrase that begins the prayer: "The angel of the Lord declared to Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Spirit."

**Show Me**

In many areas of life, we indulge our natural cynicism, pessimism and doubt. It's easy to be a skeptic because there is so little we can be absolutely certain of. Whether we're talking about history, science, love or even our faith, doubt is always there. Thomas the Apostle, the center of attention in today's gospel passage, gives a classic example of uncertainty, about the most fundamental fact of his faith: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this instant, Thomas, truly earns that nickname of "twin," to us. We can relate with his reaction to the stories of Christ's Resurrection, because we, too, are a mixture of fear and doubt, of cynicism and trust, of belief and unbelief. We have all been swamped by the same deadly doubt. But joyously as well, we can be twinned with Thomas as his faith is made new. As he kneels before Jesus proclaiming "my Lord and my God" may we too find that the doubt which first shakes our faith, can be the very stuff which strengthens it as well.



**POTLUCK DINNER AND A MOVIE:  
In St. Patrick's Parish Hall  
6:00p.m. Friday, May 20, 2022**

**Father Stu**

Based on a true story, Father Stu is an unflinching honest, funny and ultimately uplifting drama about a lost soul who finds his purpose in a most unexpected place. When an injury ends his amateur boxing career, Stuart Long (Mark Wahlberg) moves to L.A. dreaming of stardom. While scraping by as a supermarket clerk, he meets Carmen (Teresa Ruiz), a Catholic Sunday school teacher who seems immune to his bad-boy charm. Determined to win her over, the longtime agnostic starts going to church to impress her. But surviving a terrible motorcycle accident leaves him wondering if he can use his second chance to help others find their way, leading to the surprising realization that he is meant to be a Catholic priest. Despite a devastating health crisis and the skepticism of Church officials and his estranged parents (Mel Gibson and Jacki Weaver), Stu pursues his vocation with courage and compassion, inspiring not only those closest to him but countless others along the way.

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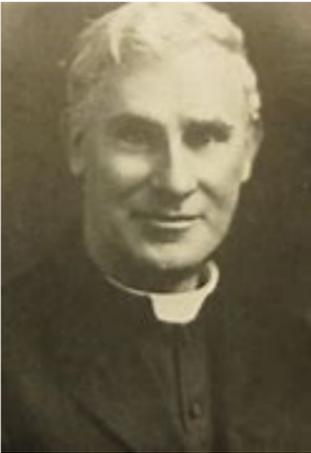


"Every Catholic an Apostle"

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

April 24, 2022

**The Meaning Of Easter To One Who Has Faith**



Easter Sunday. These words may mean much or they may mean little. They may throw one's entire spiritual being into ecstatic joy, or they can be just a commonplace statement of a time-marker. If Easter Sunday is to give us celestial joy and realize our spiritual hopes, then faith must introduce it.

Our faith is a virtue, a theological virtue, and a believing spirit is of the Holy Spirit. ... That means that one who possesses it has the light that enables one to see spiritually. To such a one there is a world known as the supernatural, and in that supernatural world Easter is a great day. "This is the day which the Lord hath made: let us be glad and rejoice therein." (Ps. 117:24.)

To this spiritually sighted being Easter brings a commemorative feast of an astounding mystery, the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, with all its attendant mysteries of consolation and justified hope. Nor does history turn away its philosophy from this miraculous resurrection. It bears testimony of it. A wonderful thing! A human branch of knowledge gives irrefragable evidence of the miraculous resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after His death. The faithful and believing then, cry out with great joy: "Christ is risen from the dead and our faith is not in vain."

How much is lost to those who have no faith! To them human existence is an enigma, and man's wanderings on this planet are a delirium. One without faith cannot understand one's self. Within, one detects the urge for happiness, a great happiness, a happiness that no creature servants, animate or inanimate, can satisfy. One becomes a burden to one's self, mocked by a desire for a happiness that the natural cannot achieve. Dejection and despair taunt us into the belief it were better if we had never been born, and that self-destruction is the only way to end our misery.

How different is the thought of those with faith! To them Jesus Christ is God, Redeemer, a reward exceeding great. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is our surety of our own happy resurrection from the dead; and a believing in this Saviour, and a faithful following of His precepts, gives to the one who has faith a call to share with our Redeemer the joys of a paradise that will be everlasting.

It is only faith in Jesus Christ that can satisfy the aspiration to goodness and the craving for happiness within us. How favored is the one with faith who possesses this priceless treasure!

**PARISH OFFICE: Open from 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday.**

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Face Mask—Social Distance**

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- **Sanitize your hands at entering and exiting the Church.**
- **The use of Face Mask its HIGHLY RECOMENDED!**

**Thank you for your cooperation. Keep safe.**

**Mass Schedule**

English Masses: Sat: 5:30pm

Sun: 8:00am

11:30am

Wed: 12:05pm

followed with adoration till 2pm

Spanish Masses: Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 9:30am

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# Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24, 2022

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From 10am to 2pm

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## St. Patrick's Lazarus Outreach Center

Please call 706-315-7689 to make an appointment.

### Readings from April 24 - May 01, 2022

04/24: Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

04/25: Feast of Saint Mark, evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

04/26: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

04/27: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

04/28: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

04/29: Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

04/30: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

05/01: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rev 5:11-14;

Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

April 24, 2022

Jn 20:19-31



### What are we locking out?

So often in our lives, we put our faith in a strong door and a trusty bolt. The feeling of being safe and secure is based on those physical or emotional walls we can build for ourselves, like children creating blanket forts under the dining room table. We pile up barricades against the things we fear, and believe in their protection, forgetting the power and the presence of God. Just as Jesus appeared in the upper room to His disciples, while they huddled behind locked doors in fear, he appears in each of our lives, behind our false walls and defenses. He is suddenly in our midst, aying "peace" to fearful hearts. He reveals his risen self to us, as he did to the disciples that day, reminding us that we are never alone, and that He is the only true security. The power of the resurrected Christ means we have nothing to fear once we stop hiding behind locked doors, and open our hearts to Him.

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### Happy Birthday!

- April 27: Laura Eley
  - May 16: Barney Herrera
  - May 18: Urbano Benitez Cruz
  - May 19: Ralph Green
  - May 24: Fr David Ord. Ann.
  - May 25: Melinda Sellers
  - Gary Nearhoof
  - Chase Guermonprez
- Congratulations on your Anniversary!
- May 19: Matt & Julia Eley
  - May 28: Betty & Will Alexander
  - May 31: Fr. Tom Weise Ordination Anniversary!



**FUN AT THE PARK FOR CANCER VICTIMS**  
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Please help to Provide a day of joy for those who have cancer.  
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## Marriage Minute

After forty days of fasting and penance, celebrate the Easter season with your family!

Fix a favorite dinner, eat a special dessert, or have a date night.

And remember: Easter lasts for fifty days!



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Jim Kehoe, Wyatt Gordon, Yvonne Brumbelee, Jim Eberharth, Harry Sellers, Stephanie Ayinde, Annabelle Mougimben, Maria O'Malley.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** We want to help you storm heaven with special requests. Call Irene at (706) 888-1684.

### Easter Flowers are dedicated to those listed below:

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## Greetings to the BEST RE parents ever!

We are back!!! April 24 fourth grade – eighth grade, and parent class.

It is getting close to the end of the RE year! We meet on the following dates: (1 May 9-12 grade), 15 May (Sacrament Classes 1/2nd year Confirmation, and Communion), 22 May (Pre K – 3 grade), 29 May (4-8 grade), 5 June (Sacrament Classes 1/2nd year Communion, and Confirmation).

Second year Confirmation candidates are expected to: Turn in their Saint Projects by 22 May 2022, volunteer to work at one of the summer programs, (13-17 June, or 18-22 July), attend classes once a month during the summer: 19 June, 10 July, 21 August, attend the Confirmation Retreat on 30 July, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm at Saint Joseph, in Fort Mitchell. 1st Communion Retreat – 14 May 2022 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (Mandatory Child/Parent (s) 1st Holy Communion – 4 June 2022 Catholic VBS – 13-17 June 2022 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Cooking With Jesus – 18 -22 July 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Confirmation Retreat – 30 July 2022 (Holy Trinity – Saint Joseph 10:00 am – 7:00 pm) Confirmation - 10 September 2022

We have WINNERS for our Road to Easter!

- Jesus Magallon
  - Joshua Louque
  - Jason Sellers
  - Lissette Gonzalez
- See Mrs Lisa Flatt to pick up your prize! Congratulations!!

### WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ

- Spread of devotion to the rosary is traditionally associated with (a) St. Augustine and the Augustinians; (b) St. Dominic and the Dominicans; (c) St. Ignatius and the Jesuits; (d) St. Thomas Aquinas
- Grace is (a) the same as free will; (b) one of the corporal works of mercy; (c) the help God gives us to respond to his call; (d) the name of the angel who appeared to Joseph in a dream
- On February 14, the Church celebrates the feast day of (a) St. Cyril and his brother St. Methodius; (b) St. Benedict and his sister St. Scholastica; (c) St. Peter and St. Paul; (d) St. Valentine
- Regarding the Bible, the word "inspiration" describes (a) canon laws that pertain to the Old Testament; (b) canon laws that pertain to the New Testament; (c) diverse types of literature contained in Scripture; (d) the influence of the Holy Spirit on the people who wrote the books of the Bible
- The Angelus is a devotion honoring (a) the Incarnation; (b) the Resurrection; (c) the angels; (d) creation

Answers are in the back!