

# SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH AND CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

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## Parish Info

#### MASS TIMES

Saturday Sunday

9 a.m.,

Mon.-Fri.

12:00 p.m.,

#### RECONCILIATION

Mon.-Fri.

4:30 p.m. 5:20 p.m.

#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon.-Fri

4:30 p.m. -5:20 p.m.

#### Office Hours

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Friday

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Find out more on pg. 5!

### RCIA WELCOME RECEPTION

Find out more on page 5.

#### PERPETUAL **PROFESSION**

Find out more on page 7!



"CHRIST INDEED FROM DEATH IS RISEN, OUR NEW LIFE OBTAINING. HAVE MERCY, VICTOR KING, EVER REIGNING!"

"REY VENCEDOR, APIÁDATE DE LA MISERIA HUMANA Y DA A TUS FIELES PARTE EN TU VICTORIA SANTA."

- EASTER SEQUENCE -

April 17, 2022 | 17 de Abril de 2022 Easter Sunday | Domingo de Pascua | Year C

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This week's Masses					
Date	Intentions	Reading			
SUNDAY, APRIL 17 Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord The Mass of Easter Day	9 a.m. For the Parish 11:30 a.m. Conversion of Russia 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. + Joseph I. Coffey by Judy Russell	Acts 10:34, 37-43 Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14-23:56			
MONDAY, APRIL 18 Monday in the Octave of Easter	12 p.m. +Marco Antonio Cepe- da by Nidia Carreno NO 5:30 p.m. MASS	Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11			
TUESDAY, APRIL 19 Tuesday in the Octave of Easter	12 p.m. +Cesar Lenis by Nidia Carreno 5:30 p.m.	Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38			
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 Wednesday in the Octave of Easter	12 p.m. Birthdays and anniversaries for staff, clergy, and friends 5:30 p.m. +Flaminio Carreno by Nidia Carreno	Is 50:4-9 Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25			
THURSDAY, APRIL 21 Thursday in the Octave of Easter	12 p.m. +Alfonso Carreno by Nidia Carreno 5:30 p.m.	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15			
FRIDAY, APRIL 22 Friday in the Octave of Easter	12 p.m. +Delores Bebej 5:30 p.m. Sr. Kathryne of the Holy Trinity Cornista Lopez, HMSS and Sr. Katherine Marie Chiara McCloskey, HMSS	Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42			
SATURDAY, APRIL 23 Saturday in the Octave of Easter	5:30 p.m. (Vigil)	See the misallette			

#### OFFERTORY FOR APRIL 9-10, 2022

Offertory	\$ 5,474.64
Electronic Giving	\$ 9,010.14
2nd Collection	N/A
TOTAL	\$ 14,484.78

# THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Classes are the third Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. in English in the Parish Library and 11 a.m. in Spanish in Room 3, Hurley Hall. The registration and sponsor/godparent forms are available at catholicgators.org. Please contact Gail (gail@catholicgators.org) with questions.

# THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should meet with a priest 8 months prior to the wedding. The wedding date should not be scheduled prior to speaking with a priest. To schedule a preliminary meeting, contact Gail Fitzsimmons (gail@catholicgators.org).

# SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Call the office (352.372.3533) for information on First Reconciliation, First Communion, High School Confirmation, & Adult Confirmation preparation.

# THIS WEEK AT St. Augustine Church & CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

#### **EVENT COLOR KEY:**

Teal: Liturgical celebrations Black: Event for All Parishioners Blue: Catholic Gators/Student Event

Gray: Youth Event Orange: Latino Community Event (Spanish) Green: Young Adult Event

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 17

**Easter Sunday Mass** Church | 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. en Español, 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Lounge | 9:30 a.m., 12 p.m.

Cafécito

Lounge | 2:30 p.m.

**RCIA** 

Lounge | 4 p.m.

LifeTeen

Hurley Hall | 6:30 p.m.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 18

Mass Church | 12 p.m., NO 5:30 p.m. **MASS** 

Communion and Liberation Library | 6:30 p.m.

Sp. Charismatic Prayer Group Conference Room | 7 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Mass Church | 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Holy Hour and Confessions Church | 4:30 p.m. Mass and Meal

Church & Lounge | 5:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 20

Mass Church | 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Holy Hour and Confessions Church | 4:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Mass Church | 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Holy Hour and Confessions Church | 4:30 p.m. Catholic Gators Got Talent

Lounge | 7 p.m. Upper Room Young Adult Group Hurley | 6:15 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Mass Church | 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Holy Hour and Confessions Church | 4:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Mass Church | 5:30 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)

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# **OUR PARISH**

# ST. AUGUSTINE REFLECTION

"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." (Jn 11:21;32) Although possibly true, Martha's and Mary's words to Jesus also contain an implicit accusation and express a loss of faith. They had asked Jesus to come to Bethany to heal Lazarus and in response he promised that Lazarus' infirmity would not end in death. (Jn 11:4) Then he deliberately allowed Lazarus to die. On a natural level, it's understandable that they feel Jesus abandoned them and they no longer know how to trust him. It's also natural that, to be able to trust him again, they need a sign of his love.

In the Greek, Jesus says Lazarus' astheneia, literally his "weakness" or "lack of strength," will not end in death. If humanity has a core natural weakness, it might be doubting that God loves us, that you and I are his beloved children, that he delights in us and will always care for us.

Every temptation attacks this weakness, undermining our trust in God's love. Satan's first words to us were, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" (Gn 3:1), the implication being that God is harsh and uncaring. Likewise, in the desert, the tempter's first words to Jesus are, "If you are the Son of God..." (Lk 4:3), a direct attack on the identity of Jesus' revealed by the Father, "You are my beloved Son..." (Lk 3:22)

If we still "believe in" God while doubting his love for us, we also harbor resentments against him and judge him, and believe (like Adam and Eve) that we have our own insight into what is truly good and evil. We know, better than God, what he ought to do for us.

Interestingly, everybody in the passage about Lazarus presumes to correct Jesus on what he should do. When Jesus finally says to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea," they argue with him about the danger of doing so until Thomas finally resigns in passive-aggressive despair: "Let us also go to die with him." (Jn 11:16) We can presume that, before he died, Lazarus joined Mary and Martha in expecting Jesus to come when they called. Finally, some of the Judeans who were with them in Bethany complain, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" (Jn 11:37)

Like everyone else, Martha's trust in Jesus has faltered, but there are embers of faith left: "even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." (Jn 11:22) As Abraham reasoned about God's ability to raise Isaac (Heb 11:9), Martha knows Jesus could raise Lazarus from the dead, but unlike Abraham, and despite Jesus' encouragement, she dare not hope he will. Even after Jesus assures her that Lazarus will rise, Martha assumes he means some general teaching: "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." But Jesus deepens her faith, taking her beyond merely true beliefs, to trusting in Him:

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." (Jn 11:25-27)

In professing these truths, Martha is at least admitting that Jesus did not abandon them, but she still does not trust that he will show his love for them here and now. At the tomb, just as Jesus is about to give her what she asked for, she warns him that Lazarus is too far gone.

If belief in Jesus is life, then loss of faith is death. 'Therefore, Lazarus' bodily death was not the most significant death in the passage; rather it was every-

one's loss of faith: Martha, Mary, Lazarus, the Judeans who were with them, and the disciples (including us) did not trust that God is greater than death or doubt, as Jesus makes clear in his prayer to the Father:

"Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

Jesus is not only raising Lazarus from death, but raising from doubt all who come by Lazarus' resurrection to believe in Jesus. In the visible, bodily resurrection of one man, he spiritually resurrects all, a prefigurement of what he would accomplish in his own bodily Resurrection.

In Luke, when the Judeans of Jesus' day demand a sign from him, he says that no sign will be given to this doubting generation "except the sign of Jonah" (Lk 11:30), Jonah's emergence from the belly of the whale being an implicit reference to the Resurrection. In John, the demand for a sign comes during the Bread of Life discourse: "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?" (Jn 6:30) He answers that he is the sign, the Bread of Life, and explicitly connects belief in him to the Resurrection: "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:39-40)

This is not at all to say that the Resurrection is a metaphor. Rather, it is a sign. In a beautiful concession to our weakness, God's gives us a concrete way to experience his love. Only in light of Lazarus' resurrection can we make sense of Jesus letting Lazarus die because he loved them (Jn 11:5-6) Likewise, only in light of the Resurrection of Jesus can we understand his passion and death on the Cross—as well as our own suffering and death—as signs of God's love.

There really are different kinds of life and different kinds of death, biological and spiritual, and the spiritual really is grater. This is shown in the passage when, bizarrely, John says, "The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth" (Jn 11:44). Somehow, Lazarus can walk while tied hand and foot, and even though he is now biologically alive, he is still called "the dead man." That is a perfect description of spiritual death. Martha, Mary, the Judeans, and the disciples, as well as of Adam and Eve and of each of us, might be biologically alive and moving about, but when we have doubted God's love, we surely die (see Gn 2:17).

Conversely, there is such a thing as being raised to new life, even before our physical death. When we receive God's love, we may not have yet biologically died, but we already somehow participate in the Resurrection, because we are no longer spiritually dead. Mysteriously, spiritual life can find expression in biological death. As Paul puts it, "life is Christ, and death is gain." (Phil 1:21)

Therefore Jesus says, "Untie him and let him go" (Jn 11:44). It's not enough that Lazarus be raised to mere biological life, but be left spiritually dead. Jesus has come "that (we) might have life and have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10). He wants each of us to be freed from the power of sin and death that binds us and even obscures our true identities as God's beloved children.

Jesus really bodily rose and we will, too, on the last day, but by seeing Jesus in the Eucharist and believing that he is the sign of God's love, we already live in the Resurrection now. We live by the Bread of Life and by the Spirit of Adoption, who gives us faith to cry out, "Abba, Father!" (Rom 8:15).

Vincent Herzog, RCIA and Young Adult Coordinator

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song!"

-Pope St. John Paul II

## Weekly Challenge

Figure out how you will con tinue to celebrate Easter for the next 50 days!

# FR. DAVID'S DAD JOKE OF THE WEEK Why was the Faster Bunny so

Why was the Easter Bunny so upset?

He was having a bad hare day!

# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LIFE TEEN HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

# MINISTERIO HISPANO

# **iFELIZ PASCUA!**





## EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Educación religiosa para niños desde Kinder hasta 5to grado todos los domingos a las 10:15 am en los salones de Hurley Hall. Inscripciones en el sitio web www.catholicgators.org



#### **CAFECITO**

Te invitamos a compartir "el Cafecito" en el lounge, despues de la misa. Tambien puedes colaborar trayendo algo para compartir.

MISA EN ESPAÑOL TODOS LOS DOMINGOS A LA 1:30 P.M.

# **NEWS & EVENTS**



Please note that we will not have 4:30 confessions and holy hour nor the 5:30 p.m. Mass tomorrow, Monday, April 18th.



On Friday, April 22nd, the 5:30 p.m. Mass will be the Perpetual Profession of Vows celebration for Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament: Sr. Katherine Marie Chiara McCloskey, HMSS and Sr. Kathryne of the Holy Trinity Cornista Lopez, HMSS. This Mass will be longer than usual and you are welcome to attend. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this joyous day.

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Place an Easter lily in the church this Easter to remember a loved one or in thanks for the Lord's blessings. They are \$12 each. Please bring this order form and cash or check to the front office. For more information, contact Sr. Trinity.

Number of lilies	Your name
Contact info (phone or email)	
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#### REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

ATTENTION The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all alegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call the police or the Department of Children and Families at (800) 962-2873. Or call the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 208-6979 or email inquiries@dosafl.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit www.reportbishopabuse.org

ATENCIÓN La Diócesis de San Agustín trata seriamente todas las acusaciones de conducta sexual inapropiada, de manera rápida, confidencial y minuciosa. Para reportar Abuso, llame a la policía o al Departamento de Niños y Familias al (904) 962-2873. O llame al Coordinador Diocesano de Asistencia a Víctimas (904) 208-6979 o envíe un correo electrónico a inquiries@dosafl.com. Para denunciar abuso por parte de un obispo, llame al (800) 276-1562 o visite www.reportbishopabuse.org