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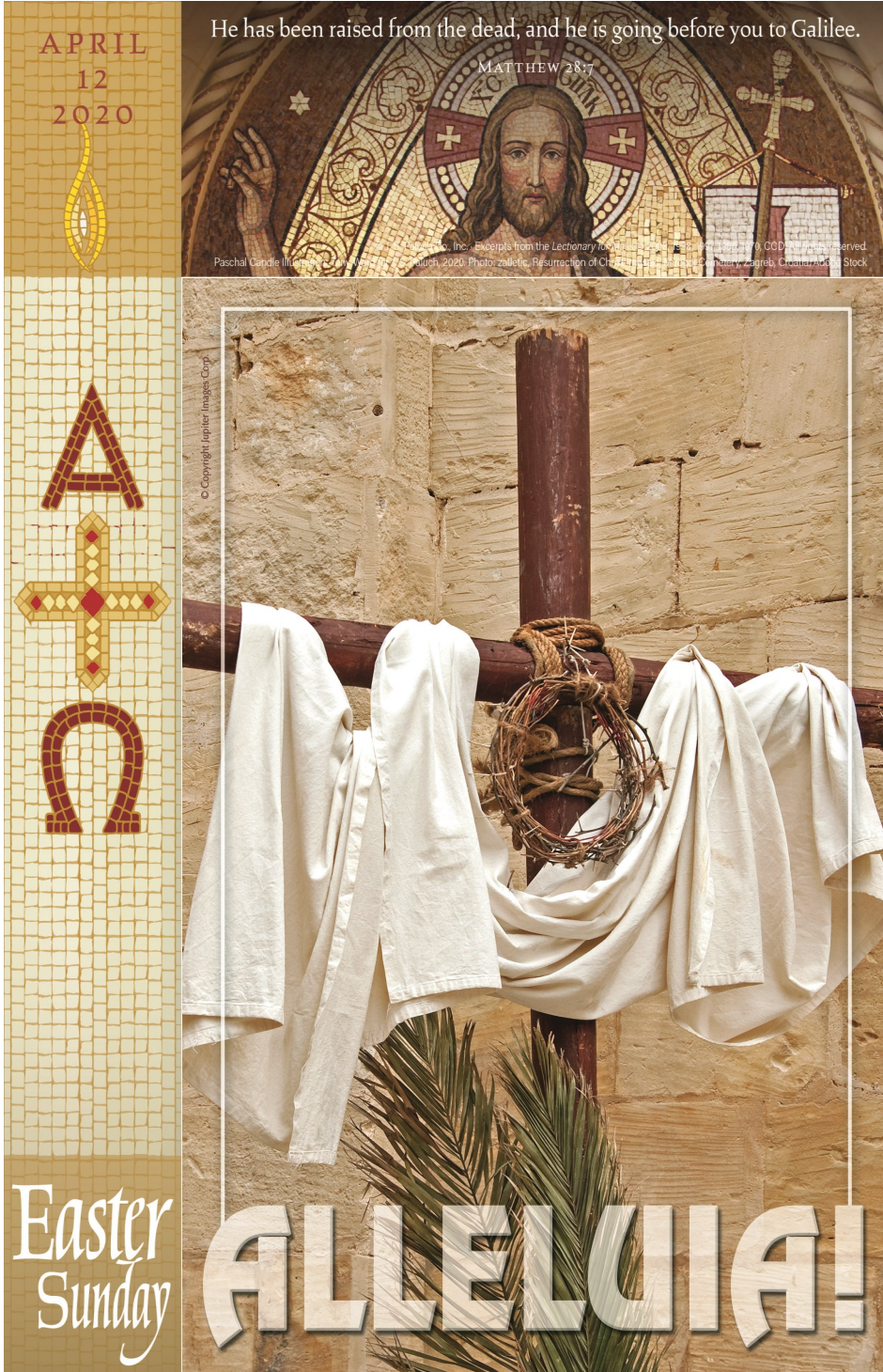
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Mass Schedule

Live Masses on our FB page
Saturday: 9:00 AM
Sunday: 10:00AM

Monday-Friday: 6:00 PM

Parish Webpage

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"They have taken the Lord from the tomb."
John 20:2

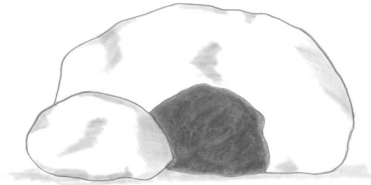
CATHOLIC CORNER

TRULY RISEN!

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia!
(Easter entrance antiphon)

All during Lent the first readings of the liturgy were drawn from the Old Testament and told stories of the family of those who came before Jesus. When Jesus rose on Easter the people who loved and followed him in his life became part of the new family known as Christians. On the Sundays of Easter we will read about their stories from the New Testament book called the Acts of the Apostles. You are one of these Christians. Each Easter, we have the chance to imagine ourselves standing at the empty tomb with the apostles. Together we believe that Jesus is not among the dead but is "truly risen" and with us today.

Draw a picture of yourself next to the tomb. Write a message about how you feel when you know Jesus is with you.



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SEEDS OF FAITH

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter's speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul's letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information "bullet points." Scripture scholars call them kerygmata, or "kernels" of our faith. Actually, "kernels" or "seeds" are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul, and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection exactly how these kerygmata began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter "seeds" of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES


- Sunday:** Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord;
Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter;
Income Tax Day
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter;
Julian Calendar Good Friday
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter

REJOICE!

CHRIST HAS RISEN

Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen, and you are overthrown. Christ has risen, and the demons have fallen. Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen, and life reigns. Christ has risen, and not one dead rests in the grave. For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept. To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen. 

Dear Padre,

What's the origin of the word Easter? It's not mentioned in the Bible. Wouldn't a better name be Resurrection Sunday?

Experts trace Easter back to Old-English meanings associated with Eostre, the goddess of spring and fertility. Others point to the German word for east, which is derived from the Latin word for dawn. Regardless, Christianity found new meaning in the ancient celebration of nature's rebirth during the spring equinox. This resurrection of new life over the dead of winter also pointed to Christ's resurrection from the dead at dawn.

Likewise, early Christians gave new meaning to ancient symbols of fertility, such as rabbits and eggs. For example, a hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb, and the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo* ("All life comes from an egg") symbolized the resurrection. Eggs, prohibited during the Lenten fast, were reintroduced at the Easter meal and shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg, "that it may become a wholesome sustenance to thy faithful servants, eating it in thankfulness to thee, on account of the resurrection of the Lord."

"Each week, on the day called the Lord's Day, [the Church] commemorates the Resurrection of the Lord, which she also celebrates once a year in the great Paschal Solemnity" (The Roman Missal, "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar," 1). Thus, every Sunday—even those in Lent—is a Resurrection Sunday in celebration of Christ's triumph over death, which will include our own!

Mass Schedule

Saturday.....April 11

5:00 P.M. For the Elect

SUNDAY April 12

9:00 A.M..... Corinne Hundley

.....by Rose Yeager

11:00A.M.....The Parishioners of St John's

MONDAY..... April 13

8:00 A.M. All the sick

TUESDAY April 14

8:00 A.M. Melanie Gerdes

Ezelle by Gerdes Family

WEDNESDAY April 15

8:00 AM..... Janie & Mark Gerdes

.....by Gerdes Family

THURSDAY April 16

8:00 AM..... Allyse and Husband

.....by Gerdes Family

FRIDAY April 17

8:00 AM..... Peter Johnson Family

.....by Gerdes Family

SATURDAY April 18

5:00 PM † Edward Florence & William

McKay

.....by Larry McKay

SUNDAY..... April 19

9:00 A.M..... 1st Communion Candidates

11:00 A.M.....The Parishioners of St John's



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Matthew 28:1-10 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).



ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Your Journey of Faith Begins Here!

Are you seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith or where to begin your journey? Our team will help you explore and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and help you uncover the great treasury of spiritual wisdom that is contained in the Catholic Church.

If you or your loved ones have questions about the Catholic faith, its beliefs, its practices, or if you or someone you know is thinking about becoming Catholic, come and explore the Catholic faith with us!

Our R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team has many resources to help you.

Please contact us at the parish office (246-6014).



PARKING REMINDER

Please remember that there should be **NO PARKING** or **IDLING** in the yellow-striped no-parking zones around the buildings. These are fire zones and are reserved for emergency vehicles only.

NEW ONLINE GIVING SYSTEM

Thank you to all who have signed up on the new diocesan-wide system known as ParishSOFT!

If you have a recurring gift on the old system, you must call 1-800-348-2886 to deactivate it. There are three ways to sign up with ParishSoft: use the *Giving* link on our parish app (Text APP to 88202), use the *Online Giving* link on our website (<https://saintjohnsatlanticbeach.org>), or go directly to <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/mayport> and sign up. You will be able to GIVE NOW (to give once or as a recurring gift). Choose from a list of funds you wish to give to, or you can set up an account, again, either to give once or to set up a Recurring Gift to the fund(s) of your choice.

It sounds more complicated than it really is, but if you need help, please call Kathryn in the church office (246-6014).



TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. To report abuse call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 262-3200 extension 129 or the Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96ABUSE.

To the Faithful of the Diocese of St. Augustine,

Just a few weeks ago - more than 500 people gathered with me at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine for the Rites of Election. These catechumens and candidates accompanied by many of their pastors and deacons have been preparing for the final leg of their journey of faith when they will receive the sacraments of initiation.

On Holy Saturday, at the Easter Vigil, men, women and children are initiated into the Church celebrating their baptism, confirmation, and the first reception of the Holy Eucharist with us. And celebrating with them that evening, and throughout the day on Easter Sunday, all of us renew our baptismal promises.

This year because of the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the corona virus pandemic, we will not be able to gather in our churches. Nevertheless, there is a reason for hope. When God chose Moses and directed him to go to the Pharaoh- he paused and asked God - who am I to do this? God assures Moses - to not fear: I will be with you.

When Gabriel visits Mary to tell her she will have the child Jesus - the message from God is the same: Do not be afraid - you have found favor with God. And when the disciples seemed doomed by a terrible storm - they hear Jesus speak these words: Do not be afraid, it is I.

In the liturgy for the Easter Vigil, there is a powerful prayer: "May this day inflame us with new hope. May the Light of Christ dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds." Indeed, this year we need to hear the words: "May the Light of Christ dispel darkness. Do not be afraid."

The scripture readings for the Easter Vigil are remarkable - they trace the entire sacred story of salvation - from the moment of creation through the birth of Christ and the marvel of God's beloved Son's passion, death and resurrection. We learn in the history of our salvation, the delight that God takes in us, that he rescues and saves us, that we can call upon him, that he remains near to us, and that he continually creates anew our hearts:

This Easter is so different for all of us - affecting all generations. But the message is the same: Do not be afraid.

On Easter morning, one of the beautiful Gospels is when Mary of Magdalen discovers the empty tomb - and Peter and the beloved disciple, John, rush to find him. May we continue our search for him in our lives - indeed, rush to find him in new and unique ways.

Download our Parish App:
Text **APP** to **88202**

ALTAR FLOWERS:

If you would like to offer Altar Flowers for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please call the office. Cost is \$40.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Kindergarten through High School
Religious Education Director: Samantha Matthews 246-6014

CHOIRS:

5:00 p.m. Mass Choir Practice

Practice is after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

11:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Youth Choir Practice

Seasonally, on Wednesdays 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

INFANTS and CHILDREN:

Parents, please help us to worship with attention and prayer by responsibly caring for your young one during Mass. A crying infant could be beseeching God for a walk outside. Please take your child to the gathering area if your child becomes disruptive during Mass and needs calming.

HALL RENTAL:

The Parish Hall is available for rent to St. John's parishioners for their own use, such as wedding receptions, anniversaries or birthdays. It may not be rented by a parishioner for someone else. If strangers are found to be holding an event in the hall, they'll be asked to leave as they are not covered by our insurance, voiding the contract. Since the hall is used on Sunday mornings, our custodian must be hired to do the clean-up to the standard we require.

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG CHURCH:

Membership is open to high school-aged youth, and new members are always welcome. The St. John's Young Church is dedicated to exploring their Christianity through service in their community. Contact Paul Trinidad (246-0592) or call the parish office at (904) 246-6014.

ST. JOHN'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY:

Members meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. They are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach. New members are needed and welcome. Food is also distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00.

THE LADIES' GUILD:

Members meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #14866 welcomes all Catholic men over 18 years of age to join our Brotherhood team. For further information about us, please call Grand Knight Jimmy Hundley at (904) 246-6014. Council Officers meet on the second Tuesday of each month. All members meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held at the Parish Hall Library at 7:00 PM.

ROSARY: A weekly rosary is held each Wednesday night at 7:00 in the Marian Chapel. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:

New members always welcome, You don't have to be a medical professional to join. Meetings correspond to the monthly Memory Café dates. (See announcement in bulletin.)

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bulletin announcements must be received prior to Friday, a week before the bulletin date, at 4:00 p.m. You may call Ellen at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to ewiley@outlook.com or fax to 246-1219. Prayer list changes and/or sympathy announcements have reserved space and are accepted up to transmission time.

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY—RESPECT LIFE:

Join us each First Friday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass for the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please help us pray for the protection and safety of the unborn.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

Contact Dennis Stone (dennisjstone@comcast.net), certified by Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida.