



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## Mass Schedule

**Saturday** 5pm

**Sunday** 7am, 9am & 11am

## Communion Service

Sunday 12:30PM

## Facebook Online Mass

Sunday: 10:00AM

Tue-Fri: 6:00PM

## Parish Webpage

<https://saintjohnsatlanticbeach.org>

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StJohntheBaptistAB@gmail.com

## Confession

30 Minutes prior to each Mass or by appointment.

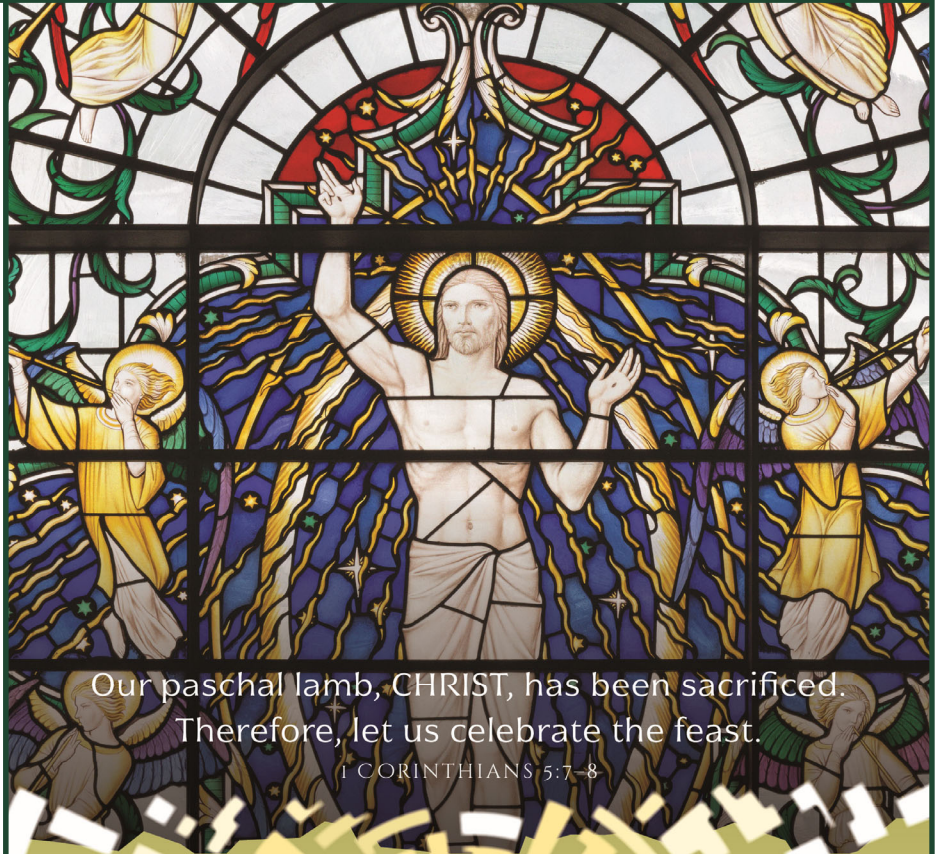


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Our paschal lamb, CHRIST, has been sacrificed.  
Therefore, let us celebrate the feast.

I CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

# EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2021

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## April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### REJOICE AND BE GLAD

*During the first three or four centuries of Christianity, if you asked a Christian to name the feast days of the church, your answer would have been a puzzled stare, for there was only one feast: the Resurrection of the Lord. Every Sunday was a feast celebrating the one great feast. Even though our calendar now has many beautiful and holy feasts, we must continually be called back to the fact that all these other feasts exist because of the feast of Christ's passover from death to life. The psalm today proclaims this message well: "This is the day." It is not one of many days, but it is the day of all days, the one that gives all the others their origin, purpose, meaning, and destiny. Listen carefully to Peter's speech in Acts with its recollection of the Passion, to the words of the apostle Paul, and to the account of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter finding the empty tomb, and you will hear the many wonderful works that God has done for us through Christ. Rejoice and be glad!*

## 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, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15  
**Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** Acts 10:34a, 37-43.— Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen.  
**Psalm 118**— This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.  
**(1) Second Reading** Col 3:1-4— All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven, or  
**(2) Second Reading** 1 Cor 5:6b-8— Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate.  
**Gospel** Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (or, afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

### Easter Sunday

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Imagine the flood of emotions that Mary of Magdala must have experienced on that first Easter morning. Grieving and yet determined to visit the place where Jesus' body had been laid, Mary would have been stunned to find the tomb empty. Imagine Simon Peter and the other disciple who, upon hearing Mary's announcement, ran to see for themselves. On Easter, we hear the story of Jesus' resurrection as though for the first time, through the account of Mary's discovery and the testimony of Peter who powerfully shared Christ's Paschal Mystery. We, too, have come to believe through their faithful witness. We are called to seek what is above, turn away from sin, and live as people who are forever transformed by the Good News of Jesus' resurrection.

### FEAST OF FAITH

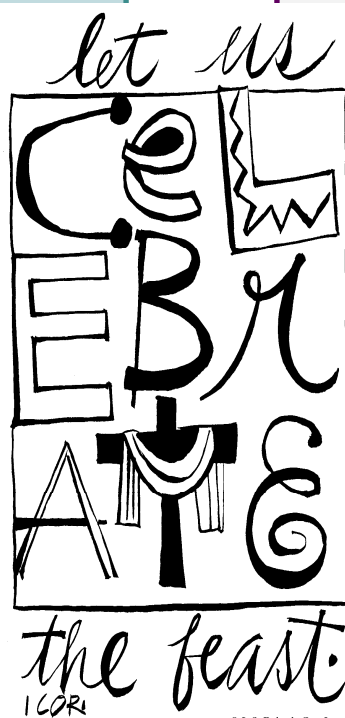
#### *The Eucharist: Food for Resurrection*

How do we celebrate Easter, the greatest of our Christian feasts? By doing what we do every Sunday and every day: celebrating the Mass. On the first Easter, as the heart-broken disciples walked the road to Emmaus, the Lord was with them but they did not realize it. They only recognized him "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 22:35).

It is the same for us. In the Mass—the breaking of the bread—we meet the risen Lord together. We meet him in each other—for by our baptism into his death and resurrection, we have become members of one body, the Body of Christ. We meet him in his word—in the liturgy the scriptures are proclaimed to us, that they might take root and grow in us. And we meet him in a special way in the Eucharist, the sacrament of his Body and Blood, which is food for resurrection: "whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51). The Lord is risen indeed, and it is the Risen One who truly presides at this and every Eucharist.

### BEAR WITNESS

We may not have opportunities to address crowds of people and share the gospel with them. Still, we are called to bear witness to our faith in the ways that we are able, in word and in deed. We cannot share what we have not fully embraced ourselves, however. The Easter season is the perfect time to reflect on Christ's Paschal Mystery, the unfathomable love of Jesus who shows and shares God's love perfectly. Our Lord gave his life so that we might have life, and have it to the full. Christ's victory over sin and death is our victory, our promise of eternal life with God in the fullness of time. See in Christ's life, passion, death, and resurrection the sign of God's mercy. Let this Easter day be a moment in which you allow yourself to be touched by Christ's incredible, undying love. Then, renewed in faith, look for ways to bear witness to the mercy, forgiveness, compassion, and love of the Lord with others.



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## STEP OUT IN FAITH

Mary ran to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple that the tomb was empty. No doubt confused and concerned, Peter and the other disciple set aside whatever fear might have occurred to them and ran to see the tomb for themselves. We do not always understand God's ways. We too are confused at times; our lives are marked by moments of uncertainty, and at times we are afraid. We can learn from Mary, Simon Peter, and the other disciple and step out in faith, trusting that we will find the Lord in the midst of the circumstances of our lives. When life gets complicated, as it often does, the best thing to do is step out, perhaps even run to the Lord!

## MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<p><b>Sat April 3</b>  <b>8:30pm Vigil</b>  <b>RCIA Candidates</b></p> <p><i>Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter</i></p>	<p><b>Sun April 4</b>  <b>7am:</b>                  St John's Parishioners  <b>9am</b>  <b>† Bill &amp; Bonita Bruce</b>                  By Bruce Family  <b>11am</b>  <b>† Julianne Marie Peterson "Tuttle"</b>                  By Sandra &amp; John Tuttle  <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i></p>	<p><b>Tues April 6</b>  <b>† Wanda Lopez</b>                  By Magaly Tola</p>	<p><b>Wed April 7</b>  <b>† Richard Oulette</b>                  By Mike &amp; Barbara Schuman</p> 
<p><b>Thu April 8</b>  <b>† Madeleine Nguyen Thị Đu'ọc</b>                  By Mike &amp; Barbara Schuman</p>	<p><b>Fri April 9</b>  <b>Prayers for Healing</b>  <b>Novalee Sanchez</b>                  By Mark &amp; Debbie Bunting  <i>Friday in the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday</i></p>	<p><b>Sat April 10</b>  <b>† Helen C. Ward</b>                  By Rick &amp; Denny Foster</p>	<p><b>Sun April 11</b>  <b>7am:</b>  <b>† Dora Hidalgo</b>                  By Hidalgo Family  <b>9am</b>  <b>1st Communion Candidates</b>  <b>11am</b>                  St John's Parishioners</p>



Thank you ❤️

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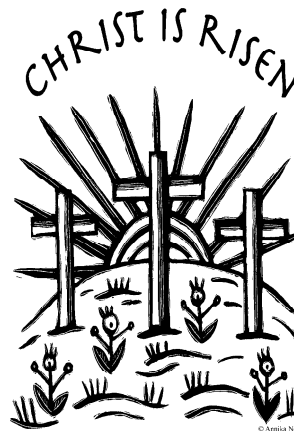
### Florida Eucharistic Congress

on June 4-5.

This year the Eucharistic Congress will kick-off at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Gainesville on Friday, June 4, beginning at 5 p.m.

On Saturday, June 5, participants will move to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jacksonville, where the day begins at 8 a.m. with a Eucharistic Procession.

For details, visit [FloridaEucharist.org](http://FloridaEucharist.org).



**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. Donation is \$40.00

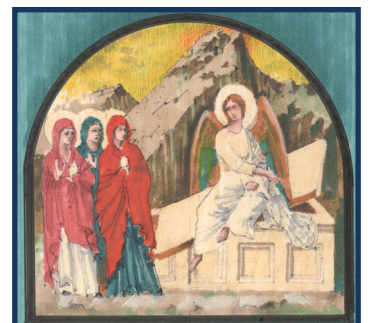
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**Alleluia!**



## PRAYER REQUEST

Donna Cappock  
 Novalee Sanchez  
 Lily Rodriguez  
 Delores Fox  
 Albert Wagner  
 Loretta Wagner  
 John Weitort  
 Nanette Franzuela  
 Bob Pote  
 Amor Guzman  
 Rina Hopkins  
 Glenn Young  
 Jim Driscoll  
 Ron Keese  
 Mario Amayo  
 Don Cozine  
 Ernesto Budang  
 Aurea Silang  
 Bernadette Maron  
 Denise Jones  
 Daniel Lerin  
 Christie Lerin  
 Sandy Barata  
 Sarah Faith Collins

# What's Going on at St John's



## Religious Education

**Wednesday Kinder-5th**  
6:15-7:30pm

April 14, 21 **Mass** 28th

**Sunday 6th-Confirmation**  
6:15-7:30pm

April 11 & 18 **Mass** 25th

**Sunday Sacramental prep**  
**Retreat April 10** 10am-2pm  
w/parents

Religious Education Director:  
**Samantha Matthews** 246-6014

### 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**  
(904) 923-8250 or call the parish office at (904) 246-6014.

### RCIA

**(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

**Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm**

**Holy Saturday April 3**

Easter Vigil 7:45pm

**April 4 Easter!**

**April 6**

**Conversion/A Lifelong Process M1**

**April 13**

**The Role of the Laity M2**

**April 20**

**Your Spiritual Gifts M3**

**April 27**

**Discernment M4**

**May 4**

**Our Call to Holiness M5**

**May 11**

**Living the Virtues M6**

**May 25**

**Evangelization M8**

If you are a parishioner interested in attending a RCIA meeting to refresh your faith please call the office for more information.  
James Ezelle (904) 412-6548  
Parish office (904) 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.

### THE LADIES' GUILD:

Members meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome! Ladies president is Barb Knauss, please call Parish office for more info.

#### Ladies meetings

@6:30PM April 6th

*The mission of the St. John's Ladies Guild is to render spiritual and social services within our parish and community and to lovingly nurture a spiritual and social life among our members.*

### THE MEN'S CLUB:

The Men's Club meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome!

Men's Club president is Jeff Marquardt, please call the Parish office for more info.

#### Men's Club meetings

@ 7PM  
April 15th

### WEEKLY ROSARY:

A weekly rosary is held each Wednesday night at 6:00pm in the Marian Chapel (If we need to spread out more we move to the main Sanctuary).

This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

#### CHOIRS:

**There is no practice as of now due to Covid restrictions**

## RESPECT LIFE

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The Respect life Committee is looking for donations of **diapers**, sizes newborn-size 5 as well as **baby wipes**. We will be passing them out to families in need of baby items that come on Tuesdays for the food distributions, sponsored by the EAM. Please put any donations in the Respect for Life basket located in the Narthex.

Thank you for your Support,  
The Respect for Life Committee

#### 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.

## Knights of Columbus

#14866

KofC Meetings Tuesdays  
@7PM

April 13th & 27th



### Mary, Queen of the Knights

Our Lady Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our order keep us true to the pledge, to extend the Kingship of your Divine Son on earth; through your intercession win for us your grace even to exemplify in our public and private

lives, the virtues which should characterize those, specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware, that as your Knights we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our order appreciated. Accept O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of your servants the Knights of Columbus.

### 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.

### St John's EAM

is collecting **UNEXPIRED** canned vegetables & fruit for our food Pantry. Please bring any items to the Parish, during office hours 9am-4pm Mon-Fri.

Any Monetary Donations are greatly appreciated as well.

### St John's EAM:

Are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach & surrounding area. New members are always needed and welcomed, call office for more info.

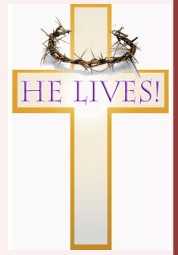
#### Food distributions:

**Every Tue.** 3-4pm (setup starts about 2pm in Parish Hall)  
**1st Sat. of the month** 8-10am  
**3rd Sat. of the month** 6-about 9am  
This is our big outside drive-thru distribution. Please call the parish office to sign up to volunteer.





## Easter Sunday: A Good Day to Die



Do you remember your own baptism? I wish I could; I was baptized as an infant, just a few days old. I envy the adults I have seen baptized at the Easter Vigil. Hopefully, they experience what St. Paul says in the epistle we hear at the Vigil. For Paul, Baptism is a sign of dying and rising to new life. Sounds like Easter to me. So when Jesus died, he rose from the dead. Is Paul telling us that we will rise from the dead, too?

Yes, but that is not his main point. If all we think about is our physical death, and hope we go to heaven afterwards, we're missing the point. The new life starts with our baptism, not just our physical death. That's why Paul says things like, "our old self was crucified" or "sinful body done away with. ..." (Rom 6:6) Baptism gives us a new life NOW. The water is both cleansing and a sign of dying (symbolic drowning) that help us see we are free from sin. We are dead to sin when we begin to live in Christ. The fictional Klingons have a saying "today is a good day to die" to express courage in battle. But real Christians might say that Easter is a good day to die: we have died to sin and begun a new life in Christ.

How do we experience this dying to sin? First, we identify the sinful areas of our life. Do I watch movies, video games, or TV shows that encourage promiscuity, lying, revenge, hatred or selfishness? What sins do I confess repeatedly and what can I do to avoid them?

Next we look for ways to act differently: Can I spend more time with friends/relatives who are examples of love? Can I spend less time entertaining myself and more time in prayer? Instead of complaining about what is wrong with the world, can I find ways to make it better? (If not the world, then my community or family.) These are a few of the ways we begin our new in Christ.

### 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.

### 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 a week prior to the bulletin date. You may call **Monica** at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to [mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com](mailto:mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com)

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Interested in exploring ways to get closer to the Lord through prayer, scripture and contemplation? Contact Dennis Stone ([dennisstone@comcast.net](mailto:dennisstone@comcast.net)) or Kathleen Patneau ([kpatneau@comcast.net](mailto:kpatneau@comcast.net)) both are certified by Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida. During the pandemic, sessions are conducted in person or virtually.

# Hallow

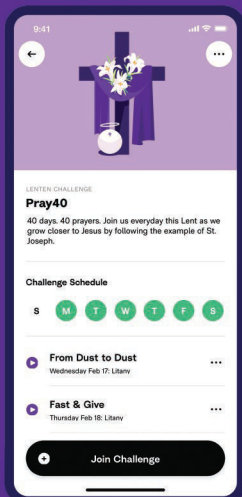
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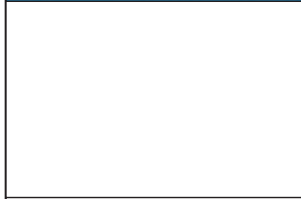
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