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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 20, 2025



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## MISSION STATEMENT

*We, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as expressed in the beliefs and traditions of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Through a passion for righteousness and consciousness of duty to God, we uphold the faithful worship of God in our mission to our church family and the Sunnyside Community.*

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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sun: 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Tue - Fri): 7:00 a.m.

First Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS

One (1) hour before Weekend Masses or by appointment

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First Friday: 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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### Adult Choirs

Wednesdays: 6:30p.m.

Thursdays: 7:00p.m.

### Youth Choir

4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays: 12:00 Noon

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<b>SAT.</b>	<b>04/19/2025</b>	<b>8:00PM</b>
	<i>Easter Vigil</i>	
	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>04/20/2025</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>
	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>04/20/2025</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>04/22/2025</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
	<i>Agnes Thompson (L) – Special Intention</i>	
<b>WED.</b>	<b>04/23/2025</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
	<i>Betty Goodwin (L)</i>	
	<i>The Goodwin Family</i>	
<b>THUR</b>	<b>04/24/2025</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
	<i>M/M Charles &amp; Bertha Lewis (L)</i>	
	<i>The Lewis Family</i>	
<b>FRI</b>	<b>04/25/2025</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
	<i>Patrick O. Nwokobia (D)</i>	
	<i>The Nwokobia Family</i>	
<b>SAT</b>	<b>04/26/2025</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
	<i>San Ngo (D) – Kieunhi Nguyen</i>	



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**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

On Easter Sunday, we hear some of Jesus' earliest disciples testify to the unprecedented event they had witnessed. Saint Peter addresses an assembly of Gentiles teaching them about Jesus and how God raised him from the dead. Saint Paul preaches about the effect Christ's resurrection has had on his life. In the Gospel, Saint Mary Magdalene, the first to see the empty tomb, frantically announces the news to two of Jesus' closest disciples. None of his disciples yet understood that Jesus had to rise from the dead, but the disciple whom Jesus loved believed at once. Let us consider how we ourselves testify to the Resurrection.

**READINGS****FOR THE WEEK**☐ **Sunday – April 20**

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4 or

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12

☐ **Monday – April 21**

Acts 2:14, 22-23

Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-11

Matthew 28:8-15

☐ **Tuesday – April 22**

Acts 2:36-41

Psalms 33:4-5, 18-20, 22

John 20:11-18

☐ **Wednesday – April 23**

Acts 3:1-10

Psalms 105:1-4, 6-9

Luke 24:13-35

☐ **Thursday – April 24**

Acts 3:11-26

Psalms 8:2, 5-9

Luke 24:35-48

☐ **Friday April 25**

Acts 4:1-12

Psalms 118:1-2, 4, 22-27

John 21:1-14

☐ **Saturday April 26**

Acts 4:13-21

Psalms 118:1, 14-15, 16-21

Mark 16:9-15



**The St. Francis Xavier Health Ministry**

**Health Forum and Medical Scholarship Luncheon**

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**Saturday, April 26, 2025**

**10am to 2pm**

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**ATTENDANCE**

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> was **651** and the 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received **44** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.

**Lord, we pray for all our current military service members who put their own lives on the line every day to protect our families and our country.**

**Army:** Barbara Baber, Sade Beck, Wadie Troy Butler, Patrick Clay Jr, Kalah A. Guidry, Angel Guillory, Geraldine Guillory, Kerry Hubbard, Kory Hubbard, LaTroy King, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel **Navy:** Alvin Balthazar, Debreanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Alexander Guillory Jr, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins-Camp, Xavier Henry, Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell **Air Force:** Samuel Houston, Roderick Jones, Joshua Creeks, Joffre Lander **Marines:** Reginald Ward





April 21

NO CCE Classes -Easter Break

April 26.....9:30am

PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> CCE Classes

April 28.....6:00pm

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> CCE Classes

May 3.....9:30am

PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> CCE Classes

May 5.....6:00pm

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> CCE Classes

May 12.....6:00pm

10<sup>th</sup> Grade Additional CCE Class

June 30.....6:00pm

10<sup>th</sup> Grade Additional CCE Class

**April 20 (Easter Sunday) – Easter Egg Hunt in the Prayer Garden 11:30am**

**April 26 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat 9:00am – 12:00pm**

**April 26 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Meeting 11:00am**

**April 28 – Sponsors' Letter Due**

**April 28 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Sponsor Meeting 7:30pm**

**April 28 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Meeting 7:30pm**

**May 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass 10:00am**

**May 12 – Parent/Sponsor Meeting for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Students 7:30pm**



The Youth Choir will rehearse on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 12:30pm

in the Harris Center Room 125.



As we end of these 40 days, let us reflect on what our Lenten journey has meant for us and how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving impact not only our lives but also the lives of our sisters and brothers in our local community and around the world. Your gifts to CRS Rice Bowl help communities in more than 120 countries overcome the challenges of hunger, malnutrition and food insecurity. Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) to learn more. Please return your Rice Bowl Donation Boxes no later than Sunday, April 27, 2025.

Michael Ray Thibodeaux, the Brother of Felecia Baul, passed away on March 29, 2025 at the age of 60yrs. A Funeral Service will be celebrated on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Bill Claire's Funeral Home. Eternal Rest Grant unto his soul.



Thank you to the *Sisters in Christ*, Bertha Lewis, Dorothy Auzenne, Dorothy Scott, Delores Archer and Marie White for making these beautiful Easter gift bags for our homebound parishioners. The bags were presented along with the palms blessed on Palm Sunday.



The Texas State House of Representatives designated April 16, 2025 as *St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church 55 Plus Club Day!*



The 55 Plus Club is hosting a Casino Bus Trip to Live Casino-Hotel in Bossier City, Louisiana on June 10-12, 2025. Two-night, Double Occupancy, and Roundtrip Bus Fare is included in the cost of \$300.00 per person. A deposit of \$100.00 is due No Later Than April 30, 2025. Contact Wanda Johnson, (832) 492-5088, or Julia Dean, (713) 530-4877, for additional information.



### Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## Did you know that Catholics can make an Act of Spiritual Communion?

When unable to receive Holy Communion, pray the prayer below:

### A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen**

### Stewardship Reflection

That we let our lives reflect God's love, mercy, and forgiveness. "...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10:38) We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!



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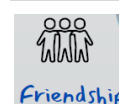
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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (C)

April 20, 2025

Many of us would say that the people who know us best are those who love us most. Those who have given themselves in love to each other over many years and who have remained faithful to each other know each other in a way that no one else knows them. Those we claim to know we often do not really know because we have no real connection with them.

In John's gospel one of Jesus' disciples is always referred to as the disciple that Jesus loved. The fourth evangelist believed that there was a special bond between Jesus and this disciple. Here was a disciple who was completely open to the presence of God's love in the person of Jesus and who responded fully to that love.

For the fourth evangelist, this disciple is the ideal disciple, the disciple we are all called to become. He is portrayed in the fourth gospel as someone who, because of his special bond of love with Jesus, knew Jesus better than any of the other disciples. Here was someone whose knowledge of Jesus was born of a greater love. He saw more clearly and more deeply than others.

In this morning's gospel reading, he alone saw the true significance of the empty tomb of Jesus that was first discovered by the women on that Easter morning. In the words of the gospel reading, 'he saw and believed.' Because of the empty tomb alone, he recognized that Jesus had been raised from the dead. The other disciples came to this realization only after the risen Lord had appeared to them.

What the beloved disciple recognized, what John believed, is what brings us together here on this Easter Sunday: God has raised his Son to new life. This is the heart of our Christian faith. As St Paul says in his first letter to the Corinthians, *'if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain, and your faith has been in vain.'* This statement was made by a man who a few years earlier persecuted Christians for believing in Jesus. If Jesus had not been raised from the dead, his life and work would have been a glorious, but nonetheless tragic, failure.

Without Jesus' resurrection from the dead, what he began would have petered out. The resurrection was God's resounding 'yes' to all that Jesus said and did, to all that he lived for and died for. In raising his Son from the dead, God raised up all that Jesus proclaimed by his words and deeds, by his life and death. Because of Jesus' resurrection, we can

recognize his life and death as the manifestation of God's love and the revelation of God's will for our lives.

Jesus' resurrection has been described as the keystone without which the entire archway would collapse. That is why Easter, and not Christmas, is the most important feast in the church's year. That is why the season of Easter is seven weeks long, running right up to the feast of Pentecost, while the feast of Christmas is only twelve days long.

As we celebrate this great feast of Easter with flowers and song and "alleluia" not only because it has to do with Jesus, but because it is a feast that has to do with all of us. Christ's triumph over death is also our triumph. We all share in Christ's triumph through baptism.

We too have been plunged into Christ's risen life. As Paul says in his letter to the Romans, 'the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.' The Spirit is the first fruit of that fullness of life that Jesus now lives and that we are all destined to inherit. Because Jesus has been raised from the dead, all of us who have been baptized and are united with him through faith are Easter people. We live in the light of Easter.

If you were to find an image of the Christian life in today's gospel reading, it would not be the sad journey of Mary Magdalene to the tomb in the darkness; it would be much more the excited running to the tomb of the beloved disciple and Peter in the early light or, even more so, the subsequent journey of Mary Magdalene who, having met the risen Lord, went to the disciples to announce, 'I have seen the Lord'.

Because of Easter, because of our conviction that, in the person of Christ, life has triumphed over death, we can approach with expectation whatever it might be in our life that seems to be a tomb, trusting that signs of new life are to be found there. Because of Easter we know that even our darkest moments, our Golgotha experiences, are bathed in the light of the risen Christ. Because of Easter we are also sent forth, like Mary Magdalene, as messengers of the risen Lord.

Easter commits us to resisting all forms of death and violence; it commissions us to be channels of God's vibrant life to all who are in darkness and the shadow of death. In renewing our baptism this morning, we renew our response to that Easter commission of discipleship.

*Fr. Michael*

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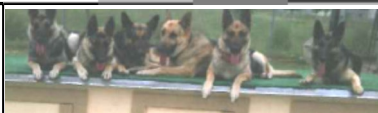
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