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Basilica of ST. MICHAEL *the Archangel*

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

April 20, 2025



FROM FR. JOE

My dear friends Happy Easter!

May the life-giving waters of grace refresh and empower you during this wonderful time of God's blessing. What a joy it is to be a Christian. Jesus Christ shares his life with us to the full. He heals our wounds, he restores our spirits, he raises us up in glory. What joy should fill our hearts in the light of these amazing gifts.

I pray especially during these 50 days throughout which we celebrate the Easter miracle of Christ's resurrection that your lives and your hearts, your spirits and your souls will be filled to overflowing with the abundance of love, mercy, power, and life that our savior and our God showers upon you. From all of us at the Basilica of Saint Michael The Archangel in Pensacola, Florida. Happy Easter.

God bless you all.

Fr. Joe Fowler
Rector & Pastor

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 4/21: Tamela Herczeg, Lindsay Crawford
Claudia Morffi
4/22: Mercedes See
4/23: Ted Sosnowski, Pablo Xolo,
Joseph Crossfield, Emma Hunter
4/24: Debra Bunch
4/25: Wendy Holmes, Andrew Sahawneh

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offertory for April 13, 2025

In-Church Offering: \$7,554.58

Online Offering: \$3,099.85

Total Offertory: **\$10,654.43**

CSA Participation as of April 13, 2025

Pledged: \$118,219

Given: \$84,773

Families Participating: **116**

"May the Lord reward your generosity with abundant blessings."

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ, not only validates His deity, but it also validates the Old Testament prophecies that foretold of Jesus' suffering and resurrection (see Acts 17:2-3). Christ's resurrection authenticated His own claims that He would be raised on the third day (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:34). If Jesus is not resurrected, then we have no hope that we will be, either. In fact, apart from Christ's resurrection, we have no Savior, no salvation, and no hope of eternal life. As Paul said, our faith would be "useless," the gospel would be altogether powerless, and our sins would remain unforgiven (1 Corinthians 15:14-19).

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25), and in that statement claimed to be the source of both. There is no resurrection apart from Christ, no eternal life. Jesus does more than give life; He is life, and that's why death has no power over Him. Jesus confers His life on those who trust in Him, so that we can share His triumph over death (1 John 5:11-12). We who believe in Jesus Christ will personally experience resurrection because, having the life Jesus gives, we have overcome death. It is impossible for death to win.

(1 Corinthians 15:53-57).

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors and are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel in Northwest Florida. The Coordinator for the program in the Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area is Dr. Louis Makarowski; he may be reached at 850-477-7181.



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DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH???

Please visit the Basilica's website at (stmichaelbasilica.com) There you will find "Becoming Catholic" under the "Membership" menu for additional information about Catholicism, or to sign-up for classes.

Freed from Hell

The resurrection confirms that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and the one who conquered death. It is the cornerstone of Christianity. Without the resurrection, the Christian message would be false and our faith would crumble.



But what happened the night before is one of the most important examples of Jesus' salvation for the world. During the time between dying on the cross and rising from the dead Jesus descended into hell to free all of those who had come before him. Adam and Eve, Moses and Elijah, David and Solomon alike. Descending into this hell, Christ frees those whom He redeems with a simple command: "Rise." In this "Holy Saturday" act, we find affirmation of "our" salvation to come.

PARISH PICNIC SET

Sunday, May 4 @ 1:00 pm

St. Brendan Center

(PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE ON THE WEBSITE)



THE BASILICA BULLETIN

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Liturgies & Mass Intentions for
the **Week of April 20, 2025**

EASTER SUNDAY

(9 AM)

Mercedes See

(11 AM)

For the People of the Basilica

MONDAY

Audrey & Michele Benoit †

TUESDAY

Geneva Peklo †

WEDNESDAY

Joe † & Tootie Wanek

THURSDAY

Jennifer Brantz †

FRIDAY

Ken McDonald †



Please consider donating **Basilica Altar Flowers** in honor of, or in memory of, loved ones.

Contact Louise Seitz: lseitz@panhandle.rr.com or call 850-780-0410 (no texts).

Flowers can be paid online using the QR code.



OPEN DATES FOR EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

April 27th, May 18th & 25th, June 1st

Contact **Louise Seitz**: 850-780-0410

Online Giving

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