

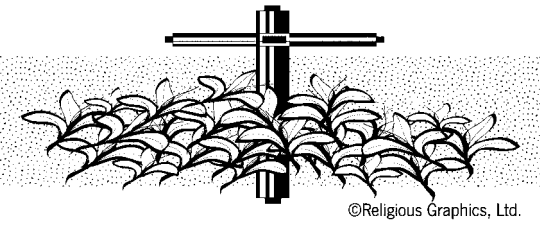
Easter Sunday the Resurrection of the Lord
March 31, 2024

Today’s Readings:

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Today’s Theme: On this day of days, we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.





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The Resurrection of the Body

As we celebrate the great Solemnity of Easter, reflect, today, upon the fact that God’s plan for your life is perfect. It’s a plan that God wants to unfold for you one step at a time. The end result is the glory of the Resurrection! It’s a life of perfection with Him in Heaven when every tear will be wiped away. It’s a plan that removes every sin, sorrow and suffering, and leads you to the fullness of joy. The way to embrace that plan is to take one step at a time as God leads. Little by little, God wants to change you, free you, forgive you, strengthen you and set you on the path to glory. Believe in the most awe-inspiring glory that you could ever share in. Believe in the promise of the Resurrection. Make sharing in it your one and only goal in life, and let God lead you down that path, one step at a time.

My resurrected Lord, the glory that we celebrate today, the glory of Your Resurrection, is far above anything I can imagine. The new life given to all who surrender their lives to You is glorious and awe-inspiring. Please help me to keep my mind and heart fixated upon this glorious promise and to always allow You to lead me toward it, one step at a time. Jesus, I trust in You.



Saint Stephen of Mar Saba - March 31 (725-794)

A “do not disturb” sign helped today’s saint find holiness and peace.

Stephen of Mar Saba was the nephew of Saint John Damascene, who introduced the young boy to monastic life beginning at age 10. When he reached 24, Stephen served the community in a variety of ways, including guest master. After some time, he asked permission to live a hermit’s life. The answer from the abbot was yes and no: Stephen could follow his preferred lifestyle during the week, but on weekends he was to offer his skills as a counselor. Stephen placed a note on the door of his cell: “Forgive me, Fathers, in the name of the Lord, but please do not disturb me except on Saturdays and Sundays.”

Despite his calling to prayer and quiet, Stephen displayed uncanny skills with people and was a valued spiritual guide.

His biographer and disciple wrote about Stephen: “Whatever help, spiritual or material, he was asked to give, he gave. He received and honored all with the same kindness. He possessed nothing and lacked nothing. In total poverty he possessed all things.”

Stephen died in 794.

Reflection - Saint Stephen of Mar Saba knew the value of solitude. Even though he was generous and served whoever came to him, he relished his time alone. Maybe we can learn from him the value of solitude and seek it out a little more in our lives. (Franciscan Media)

March 30 – April 7
Eucharistic Celebrations:

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. SCHROEDER FAMILY (Mom & Dad)
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. +JIM & +TOM GILLETTE (Paula Gillette)
& +ABEL MARTINEZ (Sylvia Rodriguez)
11:00 a.m. +JEAN SULLIVAN (Jeannie Peiser)

Monday: CLOSED

Tuesday: CLOSED

Wednesday: CLOSED

Thursday: CLOSED

Friday: CLOSED

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. +BENNY CHAVEZ (Rosie Chavez)

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy
9:00 a.m. +ROSE MCCONNELL (Chris & Bernie McConnell)
11:00 a.m. +BENNY RINCON (Linda Rincon)




NEXT WEEK!

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31



Parish Announcements

Please note there will be no RE classes April 3rd. **Classes resume Wednesday, April 10th, at 6pm at the St. Joseph Family Center.**




Happy Blessed Easter! May today be filled with God’s blessings and may His presence be with you always.

The Church and Parish Office will be closed Monday, April 1st, through Friday, April 5th. We will resume normal business hours on Monday, April 8th, at 8am.

**AA – call hotline 928-537-7800 for meeting information.



Alleluia, Alleluia



The Lord is risen!

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Madonna Guild

Prayer Shawl if you know anyone who is ill or suffering in any way and could use comfort afforded by one of these lovely shawls, please contact the Parish Office. Shawls & Pocket Shawls are also available in the Church before and after all weekend Masses. Please note there will be no Prayer Shawl meeting in April.

Madonna Guild Spiritual Book Study - The Rocking Chair Prophet by Dynamic Catholic, will be our next novel to be discussed, beginning April 10th through May 1st. We meet on Wednesdays from 9:30am to 10:45am in the Church’s Overflow Hall.


All are invited to join us on an exploration of Life, Listening and the Human condition. This book study is free, and books are provided and available now! If interested in joining us, or if you don’t want to wait till the first session to start reading, please contact Bernie at 703.508.1573 either by text or phone. The class openings and books are limited.

Upcoming Madonna Guild meeting on Wednesday, April 10th, at 11:30am.

Upcoming Craft Show on May 11th at the St. Joseph Family Center. We are looking for craft vendors! Vendor spaces are \$30 with a raffle donation of at least \$25. Space is limited so reserve early Contact Terry Linn at 734-259-9826 or teresa.linn04@comcast.net.

Throughout the year the Madonna Guild collects individually wrapped (travel size) shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, dental floss, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and Kleenex for Christmas stockings. Please drop off your donations at any of the Masses or in the Parish Office.





The Knights of Columbus **2024 Annual Drawing** to support local charities will be held Saturday, May 18th. Tickets may be purchased after all Masses on the weekends of April 6th & 7th and April 20th & 21st. For membership information contact Jim Giger at 928-242-9604.

Upcoming Knights of Columbus meeting on Tuesday, April 9th, at 7pm.

The choir has an opening for a piano player. If you are interested, please contact Choir Director, Chris McConnell at 703-881-2825.



Community Information
Tillman Honor Run on Saturday, April 6th at 9am at Woodland Lake Park. For additional information contact Tony Alba at talba1962@gmail.com. Proceeds benefit Pat Tillman Foundation and ASU Alumni Association.



Church Support... THANK YOU!
Last Week: Offering: \$4,292.75 Building Fund: \$439.00
Contribution envelopes are available for full or part-time parishioners.
Stop by the Parish Office to register!



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