

“We adore You, O Christ, and we praise you, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.”

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Weekly Masses:

Sunday, 10:30 am
Wed & Fri, 6:00 pm

Office Hours:

Mon/Wed/Fri, 9 am - 12 noon

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Reconciliation (Confession):
By appointment / Upon request

Baptism: By appointment
Marriage: Six months in advance

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Week of April 16, 2017

April 19 Bill & Theresa Kainer

April 21 Greg Melton, Denise Speer

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

April 16 †Robert Woodson

April 23 †Linda Sheldon McDaniel

April 30 †K.J. Devaraj

SANCTUARY LAMP

April 2-15 †John Sheldon

April 16-22 †Robert Woodson

April 23- May 6 †John Sheldon

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
4/15 7:00pm	Korey Hardeman	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos
4/16 10:30am	Terri Longoria	Athena Tilley Roderick Tilley Emily Witherspoon	Armando Ortiz Norma Ortiz
4/23 10:30am	Josie Ramirez	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Carla Sheldon	Fern Carter Erika Ramos
4/30 10:30am	Angel Emrich	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos

GREETERS & USHERS

4/16 Elijah Ramos, Margaret Jeter, Ann Woodson, William Tilley

4/23 Korey Hardeman, Ann Woodson, Roland Woodson, Stephanie Woodson

4/30 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Cynthia Shaw, Stephanie Woodson

5/6 Elijah Ramos, Korey Hardeman, Eunice Sharkey, William Tilley

If you will be absent on your assigned day, please arrange a substitute. Arrive to prepare fifteen minutes before Mass. Thank you for your service to God and his people!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14-33; Ps 16:1-11; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-22; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-9; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2-9; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-27; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:14-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



**News & Upcoming Events
in our Parish & Diocese**

**FABULOUS FRIDAY FISH FRY:
FUNDRAISER FRUITFULNESS**

As of Monday, April 10, the **gross proceeds** (including donations and ticket sales) for our Lenten Fish Fry total **\$5363**. This does not include the donation of the fish by Paul Tisdale (over \$1000 contribution) or in-kind food donations by parishioners and H-E-B. Thanks to this generosity, the expenses for the fundraiser were minimal so that the **net proceeds were over \$5000**. Many thanks to all who gave their time, talent, and treasure to make this event fruitful!

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

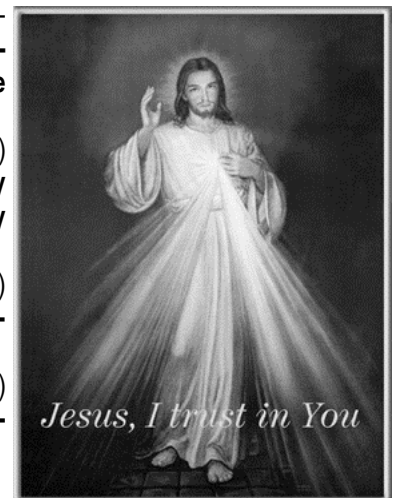
That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: April 14-22, 2017

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: "On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

The different souls prayed for on each day of the novena are:

- DAY 1** (Good Friday) **All mankind, especially sinners**
- DAY 2** (Holy Saturday) **Souls of priests and religious**
- DAY 3** (Easter Sunday) **All devout and faithful souls**
- DAY 4** (Easter Monday) **Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him**
- DAY 5** (Easter Tuesday) **Souls of separated brethren**
- DAY 6** (Easter Wednesday) **Meek and humble souls and the souls of children**
- DAY 7** (Easter Thursday) **Souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy**
- DAY 8** (Easter Friday) **Souls who are detained in purgatory**
- DAY 9** (Easter Saturday) **Souls who have become lukewarm**



JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!

One of the Best-Evidenced Events of Human History

St. Paul alerts us that our faith hinges on the resurrection of Jesus Christ: " If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. **But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead...** (1 Corinthians 15:17, 20). Let us consider some historical evidence that supports our faith.

The Empty Tomb of Jesus: The Jews and Romans had no motive to steal the body. Christ's apostles were too cowardly and would have had to overcome the Roman guards and remove the massive stone to steal Jesus' body. Even the Jewish leaders who accused the disciples of stealing his body could not produce any evidence of their accusation.

The Holy Women Eyewitnesses: Scripture says the risen Christ first appeared to Mary Magdalene and other holy women. Even the apostles did not believe Mary when she told them the tomb was empty. Jesus, who always had special respect for these women, honored them as the first eyewitnesses to his resurrection. The male Gospel writers testified to the facticity of this act of God's favor.

New-Found Courage of Jesus' Apostles: After the crucifixion, Jesus' apostles hid behind locked doors, terrified they would be executed next. But the appearance of the risen Lord changed them from cowards to bold preachers. After seeing Jesus alive, Peter and the others left the locked room and fearlessly preached the risen Christ.

Eyewitnesses, including St. James and St. Thomas:

St. James, once skeptical that Jesus was the Messiah, later became the courageous bishop of the Church and was stoned to death for his faith. St. Thomas doubted the resurrection until he physically touched the wounds in the hands and side of the risen Lord. Once a crowd of more than 500 eyewitnesses saw the risen Christ (1 Corinthians 15:6). With such zealous eyewitnesses, the early church rapidly grew, spreading east to India and west to Spain by 70 A.D.

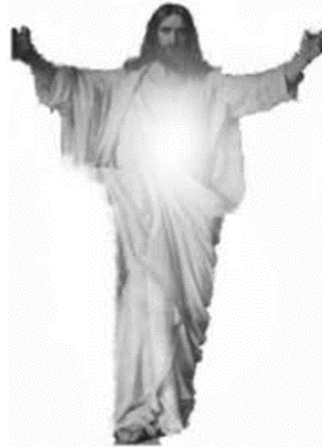
Conversion of St. Paul: Saul of Tarsus, he was an aggressive persecutor of the early church. When the risen Christ appeared to him on the Damascus Road, he became Christianity's most determined missionary. He endured five floggings, three beatings, three shipwrecks, a stoning, poverty, and years of ridicule. Finally the Roman emperor Nero had Paul beheaded because the apostle refused to deny his faith in Jesus.

A Multitude of Martyrs: Millions have died for Jesus, absolutely certain of Christ's resurrection. Ten of the original apostles died as martyrs, as did the Apostle Paul. Thousands of early Christians were martyred by the Romans. In the past 2000 years, 70 million have given their lives for their faith in the risen Lord, 45.5 million (65%) in the 20th century alone (*The New Persecuted* by Italian journalist Antonio Soggi).

As we celebrate our Lord's resurrection this Easter, let us also rejoice that our faith rests solidly on one of the best-evidenced events of human history!

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Marylou Areola, Marchant Bradford, Tony Canales, Fern Carter, Paul Carter, Gail Dement, Louise Gazin, Gloria Hamilton, Doug Hopkins, Otis Jackson, Rodessa Jones, Darell Johnson, Charlester Lewis, Nathan Lopez, Fr. Seamus McGowan, Martha Moore, Billie & Hector Munguia, Emily Petru, Josie Ramirez, Randy Ramirez, Rosanne Ramirez, Phillis Ridgels, Atanacio Sanchez, Renalda Sharkey, Lamont Taylor, Carolyn Satterwhite, Eula Shaw, Les Spear, Dolores Vesely, Patricia Whitfield, Henry G. Winn



Saints and Special Observances

Sun: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mon: Monday within the Octave of Easter

Tues: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wed: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thurs: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Fri: Friday within the Octave of Easter

Sat: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Sun: Easter Octave Concludes;

Divine Mercy Sunday



Birthdays for the week of April 16th

April 20th Andrew Duarte

April 21st Denise Bradford

"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
-2 Corinthians 9:7



Tithes and offerings

Weekly Contributions

(April 9, 2017)

Adult Envelopes (31).....\$ 857.00
Children's Envelopes (3).....\$ 9.00
Loose Currency.....\$ 131.50

TOTAL \$ 997.50

May God bless you for your generous support!