

**The Reality of the Resurrection**

The true basis of our Christian faith is the resurrection of Christ. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, "we are of all men to be pitied" just as St. Paul said. (1 Cor. 15:19). To strengthen our sometimes wavering faith, God has provided strong reasons to believe in the reality of the resurrection. Many people saw Jesus and had fellowship with Him after the resurrection. They boldly, courageously proclaimed the fact of it. They were willing to die for the truth of it. They saw lives changed by the reality of it. The Church was born on the basis of it and continues to exist because of it. And our own hope of victory over the tragedies in life and death at the end is ours only because of the resurrection. We have been given so many reasons to believe, why then are so many of us still in doubt?

**Answers to What's Your Catholic IQ?**

1. (a) This feast was changed from the third Wednesday after Easter to May 1 to counteract the influence of communist celebrations of May 1, and to advance the dignity of human work.
2. (d) Luke is the author of both his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, which can be found following the Gospel of John in the New Testament. It is generally accepted that the book was written after the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple (80-90 A.D.), and it gives an account of the how the Holy Spirit led the early Church.
3. (c) Pentecost comes from the Greek word for "fifty." Pentecost occurs 50 days after Easter (Acts 2:1-41). Pentecost is often referred to as the "birthday of the Church," because this is when the Apostles began preaching and teaching and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.
4. (a) The word "cardinal" comes from the Latin cardo, which means "hinge." The cardinal virtues serve as hinges for other lesser virtues. The list can found in the Book of Wisdom (8:7).
5. (c) Fired upon at close range by Mehmet Ali Agca, the pope was critically injured. He later visited his would be assassin in prison to for-give him

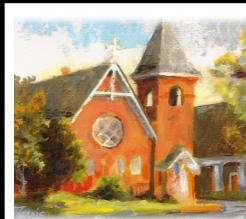
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"Every Catholic an Apostle"

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**OFFICE HOURS AND STAFF:**  
 Monday thru Friday from 9a.m. to 3p.m.  
**Parish Secretary**  
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**MASS SCHEDULE (EST)**  
 Monday: **NO MASS**  
 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9am  
 Wed: 12:05pm Followed by Adoration  
**WEEKEND MASSES (EST)**  
 Saturday: 5:30 p.m. English  
 Sunday: 8:30, 11:30 a.m., and 5p.m.  
 7:00 p.m. En Español  
**Holy Days—as announced**

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Second Monday of the month in the Parish Hall, 5:30 pm.  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Every other month on the Third Monday of in the Parish Hall, at 5:30 pm

**OUTREACH SCHEDULE:** Wed. & Fridays 9 to 11:30am **THE THRIFT STORE** open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10a.m.—2p.m.

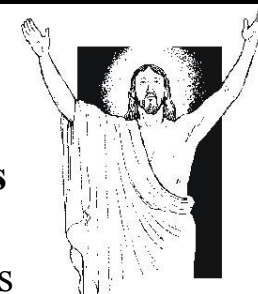
**SACRAMENTS:** For preparation and available dates for the sacraments: Baptisms, Matrimony, or a special Mass, please speak directly with Fr. David or call the office.

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<http://stpatsphenixcity.org>  
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**Helpful Numbers**  
 Parish Council Co-Chair:  
 William Flatt: (334) 540 5300  
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 Alan Ruegemer(404) 295-4505  
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**Easter Sunday  
 April 21, 2019**

**The Transformation of Emptiness**



When Jesus enters our picture, God enters our picture. God loves all of the world's people and is open to hear the prayers of everyone, regardless of their faith. However, the followers of Christ have a special way of understanding what God is like, and that makes it all easier. Through Jesus we see God as one who comes near to us and who is aware of our human needs, even when they involve suffering. Jesus becomes both Savior and friend.

Jesus lived the life we know, both joys and sorrows. He felt frustration, when people were slow to grasp the full meaning of his message. For example, his own disciples saw Jesus as a potential earthly ruler, rather than one who pointed to the rule of God. Jesus, like all human beings, got tired and had to take time out to rest and nurture his own vision. He demonstrated God's love in action, as he forgave a sinner, enabled the blind to see and empowered people to become free of the demonic forces that afflicted them.

If we want the season of Lent to be a time when God enters our own life picture more fully, getting to know and understand the nature of Jesus is a major help. What does Jesus mean, when he speaks of blessings for the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart and the peacemakers? These qualities draw us nearer to God, for God is merciful and pure and a giver of peace. Jesus helps us to know God and to see how we can reflect God's Spirit. We can become healers, enablers and examples of God's love, as he did. In the process, God comes near and lives within us.

**St. Patrick Catholic Church  
 Holy Week Schedule April 14—21, 2019**

*Easter Greetings and Blessings to our Parish Family!*

Holy Saturday, April 20, 2019:  
 Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m.  
 (No 5:30pm Mass)

Sunday, April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday  
 8:30 am Mass (English)  
 11:30 Mass (English)  
 1:00p.m. (Spanish)

**EASTER EGG HUNT: Calling All Kids! Bring your baskets or bags on Easter Sunday after the 11:30 Mass to make sure you can collect as many eggs as possible during the Easter Egg Hunt! Mr. Johnny Rodriguez is looking for support to make over 100 Easter candy bags but will also need any monetary donations to buy candy. There will be a special collection on Palm Sunday.**

**THOMAS F. WORTHY**



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**PRO-LIFE ROSARY, Every Saturday 5p.m.**  
**Mass Intentions for this week**  
**Holy Saturday, April 20, 2019: Easter Vigil Mass 8p.m.**  
 (No 5:30pm Mass)

**Sunday, April 21, 2019: Easter Sunday**  
 8:30 am Mass (English)  
 11:30 Mass (English)  
 12:30 Easter Egg Hunt!  
 1:00p.m. (Spanish)

**Tuesday, April 23, 2019: 9am Mass** Michael Thomas (+)

**Wednesday, April 24, 2019: 12:05 Mass** Joe Liss (+)

**Thursday, April 25, 2019: 9am Mass** Delma C. Rodriguez (+)

**Friday, April 26, 2019: 9am**

**Scriptures for April 21—28, 2019**

**Apr 20: Holy Saturday- Easter Vigil:** Gn 1: 1 -- 2: 2, Ex 14: 15 -- 15: 1, Is 55:1-11, Rom 6: 3-11, Lk 24: 1-12

**April 21: EASTER SUNDAY. The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:** Acts 10: 34a. 37-43, Ps 118, Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6b-8, Jn 20: 1-9 or Mt 28: 1-10

**Apr 22 Easter Monday:** Acts 2: 14. 22-33, Ps 16, Mt 28: 8-15

**Apr 23 Easter Tuesday:** Acts 2: 36-41, Ps 33, Jn 20: 11-18

**Apr 24 Easter Wednesday:** Acts 3: 1-10, Ps 105, Lk 24: 13-35

**Apr 25 Easter Thursday:** Acts 3: 11-26, Ps 8, Lk 24: 35-48

**Apr 26 Easter Friday:** Acts 4: 1-12, Ps 118, Jn 21: 1-14

**Apr 27 Easter Saturday:** Acts 4: 13-21, Ps 118, Mk 16: 9-15

**Next Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-13,17-19; John 20:19-31

**EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS:**

Father David: (229) 205-8520

Father Marco: (334) 540-1445

Father Raul: (229) 276-5481

**For all other inquires please call parish office during regular office hours.**



**DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Class:** "The Secret of the Mary" on Sunday April 28th after the 11:30 Mass with potluck lunch in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome For questions: Steve Carrigee 706-593-4080.

**Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary!**

April 28: Ron & Joan Lowery

**Have a Birthday or Anniversary coming up?**



April 21, 2019

John 20:1-9

**Life's Fearsome Openings**

From the comfort of our living rooms, many of us have watched in vicarious fear while some fictional character plunges through a darkened, unknown door. Don't go in there, we call out, you don't know what's waiting for you! Yet we know they must go through the door or the story would end. How much less entertaining it is, when those gaping, dark openings occur in our own lives, and we are faced with the same choice: Go forward, and face the unknown? Run away to someplace safe and ignore the possibilities?

On Easter morning Mary entered the graveyard, prepared for a sorrowful sight. Instead, to Mary's horror, she found a gaping dark hole where the tomb's stone should be. Filled with fear, she ran, but only far enough to find help. Then she comes back strengthened ready to learn what wonders God had worked. May the message of Easter morning strengthen us as we encounter the fearsome openings in our lives. And though at first we may run, may we return just as Mary did, to witness God's marvelous resurrection power.

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**Marriage Minute**

When it comes time to apologize, try incorporating empathy, and acknowledge rules or promises that were broken. This leads to restoration of relationships.



**PARISHIONERS DEPLOYED OVERSEAS:** Jake Ryan, Jed Hardy and Greg Craig are deployed please keep them in your prayers.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Carmela Lugo, Roxana Navarro, Hannolore Davis, Harry Sellers, Jim Lowery, Gary Nearhoof, Emerson Horner, Roger Sigmon, Sr. Judy Jones, Mr. Ralph Green, Rob Wilburn, Tom Blythe, Thomas Walton, Donna Hershey, Maria Laura, Oscar & Betty Horton, Eugenie Konde-Ayinde. Your love one's name will appear on our list for at least four consecutive Sundays. If a longer period of time is needed, please renew your request by calling the office. Thank you.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** We want to help you storm heaven with special requests. Call Irene at (706) 888-1684.

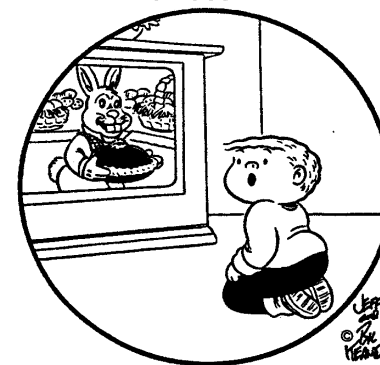
**Easter Prayer**

*Christ, being risen from the dead,  
 one who will die no more,  
 grant that sin, which is death,  
 may have no mastery over us  
 for whom you died.*

*Release all from the tyranny of sin  
 even as you set all free from death.  
 Enrich their minds with your truth,  
 their souls with your grace,  
 their hearts with your own love.*

*O Christ, with whom we lay buried in death,  
 with whom we have been raised up,  
 we are your servants! We are yours!*

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



"Does the Easter Bunny know who's been naughty and nice?"

from The Joyful Noiseletter  
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**Religious Education:** No RE on 14 or 21 April, in observance to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We'll return April 28. If your child is receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, or Confirmation, you have received a letter telling you what paperwork is still needed. Make sure that you check to see if the RE office has everything so your child does not miss their special day.

Confirmation is being held on 13 July 2019. The RE school year ends in May, therefore; we have added addition dates for your confirmation student to attend. They are: 26 May, 9 June, and 7 July @ 4:00 pm, lasting until 6:00 pm. If you have any questions please let me know. God is Good!

27 April 2019 – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm - 1st Holy Communion Retreat-Mandatory for child and at least one parent.

11 May 2019 – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation Retreat – Mandatory.

18 May 2019 – 12:00 pm (noon) – 1st Holy Communion Arrive 1 hour early for pictures.

25 May 2019 – Confirmation Interviews.

17 – 21 June 2019 – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon) Catholic VBS – ROAR

13 July 2019 – 11:30 am – Confirmation – Must arrive 1 hour early.

14 -19 July 2019 – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon) Kids Cooking Class.

\*\*\*Get your outstanding paperwork turned in! God is Good! All the time!

**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)! Its for anyone that would like to learn more about our Faith. Adult Formation meets every Thursday from 6:45 pm, until 8:00 pm. All are welcome!

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:** Begins Friday, April 19 @ 3:pm and will continue every day till Saturday, April 27. There is a plenary indulgence attached to Divine Mercy Sunday given by Pope John Paul II in perpetuity.

**WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?**

1. On May 1 Catholics observe the feast of (a) Joseph the Worker; (b) All Saints; (c) the Assumption; (d) the Annunciation
2. The book of the Bible that could be called Book Two of Luke's Gospel is (a) Revelation; (b) Galatians; (c) Romans; (d) Acts of the Apostles
3. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the upper room is called (a) Ordinary Time; (b) Advent; (c) Pentecost; (d) Christ the King
4. The qualities of prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude are traditionally known as the (a) cardinal virtues; (b) gifts of the Holy Spirit; (c) corporal works of mercy; (d) spiritual works of mercy
5. On May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II (a) received the Nobel Prize; (b) became a priest; (c) narrowly escaped assassination; (d) released his first CD

Answers are in the back!