



**Saint John the Baptist
Catholic Church**
4200 Delor St.
St. Louis, MO 63116

Sunday, April 4, 2021



LET US

rejoice

AND BE

glad.

PSALM 118

We come together to worship God, serve our neighbors, and make disciples.



From Fr. Mitch

ALLELUIA!

ALLELUIA! He is risen as he said! We stand today in

the threshold of the empty tomb; we are now living witnesses to Jesus' victory over the grave in the power of the Holy Spirit by the Grace of God Most High. Our hearts are filled with hope in this moment; our joy is real in this moment; our love for one another is strong in this moment...and our grief has not yet touched the very depths of our soul; our anxiety is not yet healed; our fear yet prevents us from letting go completely. Even as we stand in the threshold of

the empty tomb, our feet remember and remain standing at the foot of the Cross. In this most honest moment, in this most holy place, with one foot standing in the truth of resurrection life and one foot standing in the face of death's claimed victory on Calvary, we summon the courage to love. We love deeply; we love passionately; we love knowing our life depends on it; we become the Risen Christ, fully participating in the death and the resurrection of Jesus the Christ, truly us and truly God. We can do it because our Easter joy is not fleeting, it is not pious, it is not fanciful; our Easter joy is born of the suffering of love, purified in the pain of loss, grounded in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, truly us and truly God.

What has happened in these three days? We have remembered Jesus' death and resurrection. Yet it is not a memory. We have participated fully in Jesus' death and resurrection. Yet it is not over. We have surrendered to the truth of Jesus' ongoing, eternal suffering, death and resurrection. On Good Friday we died to ourselves; on Holy Saturday all of creation waited in agony, hoping against hope that love is really more powerful than death. In every moment of every day of every year the Eucharist is being offered in this world, connecting heaven and earth, except on Holy Saturday. From 3:00 am on Good Friday here, when they concluded the Mass of the Lord's Supper in Pago Pago American Samoa, until 1:00 am on Holy Saturday here, when they began the Solemn Easter Vigil in Kiritimati Kiribati, the Eucharist was not offered...the eternal sacrifice was not placed on any altar...all creation held its breath for nearly 23 hours, just as we did when we waited for Mary's yes. In that most holy moment, in that glorious unfolding of God's love poured out in Christ Jesus we placed everything on the Cross; Mary has carried all of it, along with her son, to the tomb, to be buried, surrendered, and offered up.

Now we claim our victory over that grave; all our sin, all our fear, all our memory, our understanding, our entire will, is gathered up into the resurrection of Christ. In this moment we have been transformed into the very body of the Risen Christ. Let us chose love in this moment. Let us put all our weight on the foot which is ready to lean into the empty tomb and declare faith in resurrection life.

Let us always, behold the Risen Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

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Bulletin Notices

Must be presented in writing or email before 3:00 pm on Friday.

Mass Schedule

Weekend 4:00 pm Saturday

7:00 & 10:00 am Sunday

Weekday 6:30 am

(Monday ~ Friday)

Saturday 8:00 am

Holy Day As announced in bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 pm

At other times upon request

Sacrament of Baptism

Pre-registration necessary.

Call the rectory for info packet.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the rectory at

least 6 months in advance.

Call the rectory for info packet.

New Parishioners

Please register as soon as possible

after any of the Masses or

contact the rectory.

Devotions in Honor of the

Sacred Heart of Jesus

First Friday after the 6:30 am

Mass

First Friday Rosary and

Benediction 6:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Perpetual Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesday after the 6:30 am Mass

Rosary

After 8:00 am Mass Saturday

9:40 am Sunday



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 3

8 am Morning Prayer
7:30 pm John McGrath †

Sunday, April 4

7 am Parishioners of SJB
10 am Laura Krentz †

Monday, April 5

6:30 am Mary Hegger †

Tuesday, April 6

6:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory †

Wednesday, April 7

6:30 am Angela Duda †

Thursday, April 8

6:30 am Intentions of the Holy Father

Friday, April 9

6:30 am Tony & Ralph Michaels †

Saturday, April 10

8 am Cecelia Hawkins †
4 pm Parishioners of SJB

Sunday, April 11

7 am Steve Mann †
10 am Jane & Alan Roth, Walter Christ, Dakota Roth †

Observances for the week of April 4, 2021

Sunday: Easter Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
or Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/
Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/
Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/
Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/
Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/
Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21
[21a]/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/
1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3



Saturday, April 10

4 pm J. Reehten

Sunday, April 11

7 am R. Rauscher
10 am C. Engelhardt



Lectors



This Week at SJB

Tuesday: Elections, Parish Center, 6am - 7pm
Men's Club Exec. Mtg., Cafeteria, 7pm
Thursday: Quilters, Cafeteria, 8am
33 Days of Prayer, Parish Center, 7pm
Saturday: Confessions 3-3:45 pm
Mass 4 pm
Sunday: Mass 7am and 10am



Consecration to St. Joseph emulates the tried-and-true preparation method employed by St. Louis de Montfort in his Marian consecration, highlighting many of St. Joseph's titles, privileges, and heroic virtues. We'll be using "*Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father*", by Fr. Donald Calloway. Our first group meeting will be Tuesday March 30 at 7:00 pm. We will meet weekly on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning on April 8th looking forward to May 1st, when we celebrate and consecrate ourselves to St. Joseph the Worker.

Contact Deacon Dana Engelhardt at 314-477-6635 or Mario Ruggeri at 314- 608-9373 if you would like join us for these 33 days of prayer and reflection.



Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!*
**Easter Sunday: Resurrection and
the Real Presence**

Surrexit Dominus Vere, Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen! Share this great news. Not only has the Lord risen, but He also remains present to us in every Catholic church throughout the world. As Pope Paul VI taught, "The Catholic Church has always displayed and still displays this latria that ought to be paid to the Sacrament of the Eucharist, both during Mass and outside of it, by taking the greatest possible care of consecrated Hosts, by exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and by carrying them about in processions to the joy of great numbers of the people" (*Mysterium Fidei* 56). We derive great strength from the Risen Christ who is truly present in the Eucharist each Sunday. How privileged we are to receive His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity and also to adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Each tabernacle is a throne for the Risen King. We must take advantage of the opportunity to adore our Lord and to pray in His powerful presence. He has given us new life and has raised us to the status of adopted sons and daughters. Embrace this new life!

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Mothers day quilt raffle

The quilters are having a quilt raffle!



Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. This quilt also comes with a bonus matching pillow. The quilt will be on display in the back of church April 24-25 & May 1-2. You can purchase tickets then, contact any quilter or call Cathy Stephens (314)313-4817. The winning ticket will be pulled Thursday, May 6th.

In your charity, please pray for the soul of



Cynthia Martin
Parishioner

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her, O Lord.....

Please bring one food item (can/box) to Mass each week to support our local food pantry.

Needed items include: Pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned or boxed 'ready' meals, and soup.

Drop donations in the boxes at the entrances of church.

Thank you!!

SAVE THE DATE!



**The Run for Life and Learning,
benefiting Birthright STL
June 5, 2021**

Join us for the in-person, socially-distanced event at Creve Coeur Lake on June 5. Or participate on your own anywhere, any time from June 1 through June 6. To register or donate, visit runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. Please contact us at run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com for sponsorship opportunities. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education.

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