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## APRIL 17, 2022 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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**Saturdays:** Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM (Rosary at 4:20PM)

**Sundays:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM

8:00 AM at St. Joseph's Monastery (Carmel)

#### DAILY MASSES:

**Monday thru Friday** - 12:00 Noon

7:15 AM at St. Joseph's Monastery (Carmel)

**Wednesday** - 7:00 PM

**Saturday** - 8:00 AM (Carmel), 9:00 AM (Sacred Heart)

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- **First Fridays:** 6:00 - 7:00 PM

- **Wednesdays:** 6:30 - 8:00 PM

- **Saturdays:** 4:00 - 4:45 PM

- **By appointment**

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

7:30-8:30 PM each Wednesday in the Main Church

#### FIRST FRIDAY: Confessions 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Mass & Devotions to the Sacred Heart at 7:00 PM

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** For children (children younger than 7), parents should fill out the online Request for Baptism form and then **contact Concetta Schmitz** at 301.934.2261 at least one month in advance to schedule a date and attend a preparation class.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact a priest or deacon at least 6 months before the anticipated date. The bride or groom must be a parishioner of Sacred Heart. Marriage preparation program is required.

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Please call Mr. William Wannall in the parish office to arrange for the instructions about our faith. Classes are held on Tuesdays (September thru May) from 7:00-8:30 PM

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:** We are an affiliate parish of the St. John Paul II Regional Faith Formation Program. K thru Grade 8, meets Sundays, 10:20 - 11:30 AM at ANS, September thru May.

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK:** To arrange for a home "Communion" call please contact Julie Ferrero at 301-752-2377 or call the parish office.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** To arrange for the Sacrament, please contact the parish office.

**MARIAN DEVOTIONS:** Weekly during May & October.

Miraculous Medal Novena/Rosary after 9 AM Sat. Mass. Rosary on Saturday at 4:30 PM before 5:00 PM Vigil Mass.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Meets September through May.

**YOUTH GROUP:** For students in grades 6-12, see website for calendar events.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** Welcome new members to our parish family. Please register as soon as possible. The registration form can be found on our website. To be eligible for admission to our Religious Education program, reception of the Sacraments or to receive testimonial letters for sponsorship outside the Parish, an individual must be a registered participating member of the parish, known to the pastor, attend the sacraments and supporting the ministries of the church.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING BULLETIN DUE TO PARISH OFFICE BY 12 NOON MONDAY

## SACRED HEART CHURCH, LA PLATA

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 17, EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

- 7:00AM Intentions of Sue Murphy  
9:00AM Intentions of Venessa Rubio Reyes  
10:00AM Nuns of Port Tobacco Carmel  
12:00PM Repose of the soul of Deborah Woods

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 18, MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**

- 7:15AM Repose of the soul of Josephine Dalton Triska  
10:00AM Intentions of Neftali Dubon, Jr.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 19, TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**

- 7:15AM Repose of the soul of Gordon Jackson  
12:00PM Intentions of Jan Bond

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**

- 7:15AM Intentions of George Jackson  
12:00PM Intentions of Sandy Woodward  
7:00PM Intentions of Karen Grooms

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 21, THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**

- 7:15AM Intentions of Ray Penland  
12:00PM Repose of the souls of Lloyd, Loel & Christopher Chamberlain

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 22, FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**

- 7:15AM Repose of the soul of Betty Rae Coleman  
12:00PM Repose of the soul of Dennis Phelps

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

- 8:00AM Intentions of Ray Penland  
9:00AM Repose of the soul of Michael Maslowski  
5:00PM Repose of the soul of Leonard Clements

Please note that the 8AM Saturday and Sunday Masses, and the 7:15AM daily Mass take place at Mt. Carmel Monastery. All other Masses are celebrated at Sacred Heart.

### April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live. ©LPi

### **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA**

The Chaplet began on Friday, April 15. Please join fellow parishioners as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena. *Here is following schedule:*

**Sunday, April 17—8:30 AM**  
**Monday, April 18—Friday, April 22—11:30 AM in the church**  
**Saturday, April 23—Following 9:00 AM morning Mass**

**Sunday, April 24, Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**1:00-3:00—Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**  
**Confessions**  
**3:00PM—Divine Mercy Chaplet Sung**

**Parishioners are also encouraged to pray the Novena at home as well.**

**HAPPY EASTER to all parishioners and visitors who have gathered here at Sacred Heart to celebrate the resurrection of our LORD! HE IS RISEN!** We extend our sincere appreciation to all who contributed to the Easter Memorial Flower Fund. Thank you to those who so generously shared their time and talent to decorate the church for Easter.

**The Parish office is closed on Easter Monday, April 18, 2022, and Mass will be held at 10:00AM. If you have a sacramental emergency, please call 301-648-8783.**

**NO CCD CLASSES TODAY—APRIL 17 in observance of the Easter Holiday.** Classes will resume on Sunday, April 24, 2022.



# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

## Priest's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When I was a child Easter was one of the most exciting and fun holidays of my year. After all, you went to sleep and woke up with a basket full of jellybeans, chocolate bunnies, Peeps – and I was always hoping for an actual bunny (but never got one). Then we would go to church with my grandparents and after that come home to relax until the first of two family dinners, my mom's family and then my dad's. Often there was an Easter egg hunt and then more candy after the dinner. As soon as we got home Easter was effectively over and now, I had a week off to spend in the woods hiking up the creek or building a tree house with my friends. The only thing left to look forward to after that was summer vacation, which always then seemed so much closer.

Then came the Easter of 1990, the greatest Easter of my life up until that time. I had asked to become Catholic many times my parents finally relented and I entered the RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) at Saint Gabriel's Catholic Church. That Lent was the most intense and best Lent I had ever experienced. I went to the Stations of the Cross most of the Sundays and walked with our Lord on His way to Calvary. I abstained from meat every Friday, and at a number of the Sunday Masses I left Mass after the homily to go and study more intensely the Word of the Lord. All of this then culminated in the Easter Triduum (the three most holy days of the year). The apex of this was the great Easter Vigil where I was confirmed as a Catholic and able to receive my First Holy Communion, truly one of the happiest and most life changing days of my life.

That Easter was the first one that no longer centered on the Easter basket (though I still got one all the way up to high school graduation), nor did it center on the family meals, or the Easter break to come. This time it centered on the reality that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

I had heard these words all my life, I had read them in religion class, I was taught them in Sunday school, and I was told them by my very devout Baptist grandma. But never before had they struck me like that Easter Sunday. This was not a fairy tale; this was just some children's story of an event that took place a long time ago in a land very far away and was now just remembered. It was the culminating event of history, it was the event that changed not only all of human history but affected everything and everyone past, present, and future. And the most important person to ever walk the earth (Jesus Christ), did this not just for them but for me personally. That He loved me personally and wanted me to be redeemed and saved by His death and Resurrection and by my cooperation with His grace. He was no longer a god who looked at me from a distance, but the God who loved me and you up close and personal every moment of every day of our lives, and He did all of this to give us the chance for eternal life with Him.

Easter Sunday did not end with night fall that year. As a Catholic it continued on for 50 days!!! Every day I wanted to read and meditate and think about the power of the resurrection narratives in Scripture, it seemed to me that all of creation was now "singing forth the glory of God," and as nature bloomed it was calling out for us to rejoice in the new life Jesus came to give us, both on earth through our continual conversion and in Heaven. Death no longer scared me, night was no longer so dark, and Easter joy was no longer dependent on the amount of sugar I could eat, or the meal I was to have, or the bunny I never got. Joy and love and peace was a person, Jesus Christ who was there awaiting me each day in the tabernacle at daily Mass and who was calling me to see Him not only in church but everywhere I went. This was my first real Easter, and it was the best Easter I had ever had back then.

Every Easter I try to really celebrate the entire season, meditating on our Lord's Resurrection, the joy of His apostles and disciples and the amazement of all He visited. That same Jesus Christ comes to us at each Mass in the Holy Eucharist. If only we could have that same Easter joy every day. The Lord is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Let us rejoice in all He has done, is doing, and will do unto eternity!

Your father and brother in Christ the Risen Lord,

Fr Scott

## Leave It in the Tomb

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

"I see you hiding in that tomb," he says. "I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice."

He says it a little more elegantly, I'll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you'd better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, "Great idea, Paul — but I'm pretty comfy here." Because sometimes, it's just easier to stay in the tomb. It's easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there's anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It's a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn't rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.

Step into the light. He is waiting for you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## Please pray for our sick

Joe Lawrence, Marlene Sprouse, Ruth Watson, David and Cathy Osborne, Susan Murphy, Michelle Goldsmith, Harry Fraunfelder, Rachael Weaver, Bob Turgeon, Mary Charlotte Yates, Teresa Shutters, Jim Isaac, Ralph Johnson, Calvin Ware, Wanda Woodland, Paul Wills, Louissette Lamoureux, Eleanor Hamilton, Rebecca Morris, Mary Barrasso, Janice Valdisera, Joan Johnson, Frances Franch, Brian Stack, Noel Edelen, Carol Humphrey, Mary Hammond, David Jones, Paula Miles, Monique Lamoureux, Pat Howell, Jeni Carrier, Jan Bond, Margie Simpson, William Jung, Brenda Carignan, Kass Harker, Toni Gallagher, John Bawner, Dave Forbes, Elroy Hemsley, Elva Yates, Julia White, George Jackson, Gianna Grace, Jamie Seith, Randy Martin, David & Kathryn Newman, Mary Krug, Marilyn Hoffmann, Carolyn Posey, and Mikey Raymond.

*Names will remain on the above prayer list for 60 days from the time they are requested. At the end of that time, you may renew your request.*



**"Come to Me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest" - Jesus**

Day of Prayer and Healing - April 23, 2022  
9 am to 5pm

Project Rachel - Archdiocese of Washington  
Having unresolved feelings about your abortion experience?

You just don't feel forgiven?

Feelings of guilt, shame, regret and sadness return?

Location and contacts are confidential due to the personal nature of this experience. Please call 301-982-2008.

## THE PASCHAL CANDLE



The Paschal candle represents Christ, the Light of the World. Throughout these 50 days, the paschal candle burns brightly in the church. The candle is a symbol of the risen body of Christ and the fire of the Spirit. During the rest of the year the candle is kept near the baptismal font. It is lit during baptisms. The newly baptized light their own candles from the paschal candle. During funerals the candle is put near the coffin. That way, throughout the year, the light of Easter shines on the dead.



Sacred Heart Catholic Church—Donations may be dropped off on Friday, May 13 from 4 to 7 PM. For earlier donations, please email Maria at

mcmaroti@gmail.com. Clothing accepted for the Knights of Columbus.. Rain or Shine—May 14 in the Friendship Room—8AM-1PM.

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## SACRED HEART SUMMER CAMP

Registration for Sacred Heart Summer Camp is now open! We will have 6 weeks of camp beginning June 20, with some new and exciting camps alongside some of our favorite from last year. All children ages 4-13 are welcome. For rates, camp options, registration, payment, and volunteering opportunities, visit our website: <https://www.sacredheartlaplata.org/summer-camp.html>

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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