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Saturday Vigil

4:00pm - English
6:30pm - Spanish

Sunday Masses

8:00am - English
9:15am - Spanish
11:00am - English
1:30pm - Spanish
7:00pm - Spanish

Daily Masses

Monday - Friday,
8:15am & 5:30pm
Saturday - 8:15am

Reconciliation

Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30pm
Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm

Adoration

Thursdays, 6:00 - 8:00pm

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil;
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about
the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday:
9:00am - 4:00pm
(closed 12:30-1:30pm)

Friday:
9:00am - 12:00pm



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"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from the Passion and death of the Lord, it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

"¿Hay un final feliz?"

Cuando mis hijos eran pequeños, nunca superamos la primera bocanada de tensión narrativa antes de que recibiera esta pregunta. Tan pronto como la princesa o el animal peludo del bosque que era el héroe de la historia se metía en un pequeño lío, querían esa tranquilidad: "¿Hay un final feliz?"

No puedo decir que los culpo. ¿No nos sentimos todos de esa manera a veces? Entramos en una relación con alguien o en alguna situación, y solo queremos protegernos. Queremos saber que no va a ir mal o, si es así, que podremos volver de ahí. Es un instinto humano, un reflejo. Nuestra inclinación para protegernos hace que, a veces, queramos avanzar rápidamente en las cosas malas y saltar directamente al final feliz.

La Pascua es el final feliz definitivo. Es el día de los milagros. El día en que todas las piedras se remueven y todos los pecados son perdonados. Es el día que arregla todo.

Pero si aprendimos algo de esta semana, de la Pasión y muerte del Señor, es que no podemos adelantarnos y saltar las dificultades de la vida. Esa tensión, esa pérdida, ese miedo, es crucial, ¿no es así? Como católicos, somos quienes somos gracias a la Pascua. Pero la Pascua no ocurre sin el Viernes Santo.

Entonces, ¿la historia de la salvación tiene un final feliz? Sabemos que sí. Pero también recordamos que no solo el final importa.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPi

Please take home a copy of the book Beautiful Eucharist as St. Michael's Easter gift to you in this Year of the Eucharist!



Easter Egg Hunt
and Easter Bunny Photos
Sunday March 31 after 11am Mass

Busqueda de Pascua
Huevitos de Pascua
y Fotos con el Conejito de Pascua

Domingo 31 de Marzo
despues de la misa de 9:15am

The poster features a green circular logo with a white cross and a green hill. It also includes illustrations of two bunnies on a grassy hill, one holding a colorful Easter egg. The text is in a mix of green and black fonts, with decorative flourishes.



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April 7 - St. Leo Hall

5:30pm - Officer Meeting

6:00pm - Council Meeting

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EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31, 2024



Saturday, March 30

Holy Saturday

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

- 8:00am People of St. Michael Church
- 9:15am People of St. Michael Church
- 11:00am People of St. Michael Church
- 1:30pm People of St. Michael Church
- 7:00pm People of St. Michael Church

Monday, April 1

- 8:15am +Denny McBride
- 5:30pm +Ambrosio Peralta Martin

Tuesday, April 2

- 8:15am +Ricardo Ponce
- 5:30pm *Communion Service*

Wednesday, April 3

- 8:15am +Gabriela Rosas
- 5:30pm Int/Martin Gonzalez

Thursday, April 4

- 8:15am +Thomas Agnew
- 5:30pm +Eugene Marciniak

Friday, April 5

- 8:15am Int/Eva Gonzalez
- 5:30pm +Joan Marciniak

Saturday, April 6

- 8:15am Int/Veronica Ruiz Hernandez
- 4:00pm +Karen Williams
- 6:30pm +Carmen Mendoza Molinar

STEWARDSHIP

MARCH 17

In Person

\$23,511.00

Online

\$9,461.22

Total

\$32,942.22

PRAYER LIST

ORAMOS POR

Abigail Aguilar	Dory Gaston	Juan Martin
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EXPECTANT MOTHERS - FUTURAS MAMÁS:

- Elle Murchison, due in April
- Cydney French, due in June
- Elizabeth Barzizza Hampton, due in July
- Courtney Durham, due in August
- Chandler Sexton, due in August

WHAT WOULD MARY DO?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes - but what else? Kiss his hands? Trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Give way to despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than be near to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers. She didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him.'"

~John 20:2

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC
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**GOT QUESTIONS
ABOUT THE
MASS??**

**FR. BEN
ANSWERS
THEM!!**

**April 8, after 5:30pm Mass
In the Sanctuary
All are Welcome!**



LET US
rejoice
AND BE
glad.

PSALM 118

*¡Llévese a casa
una copia de
La Linda Eucaristía como
regalo de Pascua de la
Iglesia de San Miguel!*



¿QUÉ HARÍA MARÍA?

Esta mañana de Pascua pienso en María Magdalena.

Quiero saber su estado mental mientras se acercaba a la tumba en la oscuridad. ¿Tenía miedo? ¿Estaba pensando con claridad? ¿Estaba cansada? ¿El dolor y el trauma le habían robado el sueño las dos últimas noches? ¿Qué pretendía hacer? Ungir el cuerpo de Cristo, sí, pero ¿qué más? ¿Besar sus manos, trazar las marcas donde el látigo había caído sobre su piel? ¿Decir adiós? ¿Llorar? ¿Desesperarse?

¿Cuáles eran las palabras que planeaba susurrar en la fría y vacía oscuridad esa mañana, mientras lloraba sobre el cuerpo de Dios?

No sé nada sobre su estado mental esa mañana de Pascua, excepto que sé que quería estar con Cristo. Quizás eso también era todo lo que ella sabía. Quizás ella no tenía otro pensamiento, ningún otro deseo, que la cercanía a él. No necesitaba entenderlo todo y no esperaba respuestas; no se atrevía a esperar eso.

Pero todo y todos se habían desmoronado a su alrededor, y en la presencia de Jesús sabía que su corazón podría descansar.

Si alguna vez has estado en medio de una crisis en tu vida y te has encontrado paseando por los pisos de tu casa cuando nadie más está despierto, murmurando las palabras de una oración que te sabes de memoria, sabes lo que sintió María Magdalena. En esos momentos, no siempre sentimos la presencia de Dios. A veces, cuando lo buscamos, sólo vemos una tumba vacía.

Cuando lleguen estos momentos oscuros, oro para que recuerdes la fidelidad de esta gran santa. Sean como María Magdalena. Busquen a Jesús, siempre. Puede que no siempre lo encuentres, pero él siempre te encontrará a ti.

“Echó a correr, llegó a la casa donde estaban Simón Pedro y el otro discípulo, a quien Jesús amaba, y les dijo: “Se han llevado del sepulcro al Señor y no sabemos dónde lo habrán puesto.”

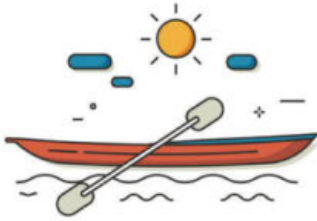
~ Juan 20:2

(PRACTICANDO) CATÓLICA
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Monday, April 8 at 7pm

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WOMEN'S MORNING OF SPIRITUALITY

Saturday, April 13 - Church of the Incarnation

7:15am - Breakfast

8:15am - Witness Speaker: Jeni McBride

Keynote Speaker: Mallory Smyth

12:15pm - Mass with Bishop David Talley

Register at womensmorning.com

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They did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead



Down

2. messenger of God
3. where someone is buried
4. holy word of God
8. rock

Across

1. sacrament of initiation that uses water
5. compassion or forgiveness
6. showing gratitude
7. follower of Jesus
9. early part of the day

AROUND THE DIOCESE

RESPECT LIFE BRUNCH

LIFE MATTERS: ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHANASIA

Saturday, April 20, 11am

Holy Rosary Church - 4851 Park Ave

Speakers:

David L. Archer
President, CBU

&

Robert P. N. Shearin, M.D.

Pre-register by emailing:
SanctityOfLife777@gmail.com



St. Paul Trivia Night

Saturday, April 13th

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Play begins 7PM

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