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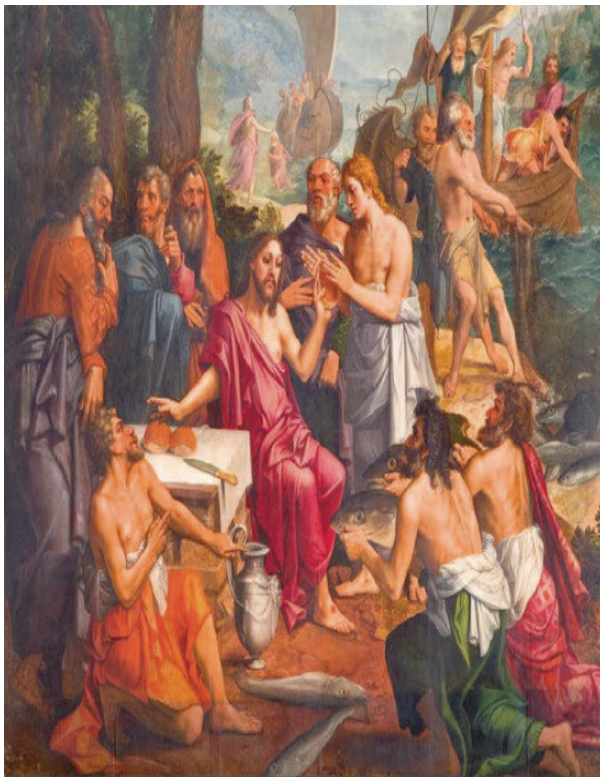
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Third Sunday of Easter - May 1, 2022



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The Lord Jesus wants to personally draw near to each one of us and he knocks every day on the door of our hearts and he waits for our response (Revelation 3:20). Do you recognize the Lord's presence with you and do you listen for his voice as he speaks to you in your heart and through the word of God in the Sacred Scriptures? The Lord is ever ready to help us grow in the knowledge of his great love for us and in the exceeding richness of his mercies and goodness towards us. Ask the Lord Jesus to rekindle your love for him and to transform your life through the power and action of the Holy Spirit who dwells within you.

Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your merciful love and remove everything that is unkind, ungrateful, unloving and unholy, and that is not in accord with your will. May I always seek to love you above all else and follow you wherever you wish to lead me.

Excerpt from: Daily Scripture Readings & Meditations

Learning, Living and Sharing the Good News

Meditation
Perseverance in God's Service
(from "My Daily Bread")

Christ:

My child, only he who perseveres to the end will be saved. Good resolutions will not help you unless they are followed right to the end of your life.

With the help of My grace, be determined to follow My Will in your daily life. Follow it regardless of feelings. Moods and feelings will change with the changing hour of the day, but your will must stand firm in loyalty to Me.

Sometimes you will enjoy what I send you and sometimes you will dislike it. At times you will be eager to obey Me, and at other times you will be sluggish. Yet your will can rise, with the help of My grace, above these changing feelings. Your true worth is proved by a determined effort to follow your good resolutions.

The Fathers of the desert learned this heavenly wisdom long ago. Never were they fooled by the devil's temptations nor by the self-deception of their human nature. By prayer, fasting, penance and work, they overcame the enemies within them and outside them. With eyes fixed on Me, they saw Heaven as their goal, and they made their daily life a journey toward eternal happiness.

You too will be tempted to abandon your good resolutions. You will fear for your health, worry about your friends, be disturbed by human opinions and become troubled about imagined dangers.

Follow My advice. Keep yourself busy with prayer, self-denial and good works. I will soon send you greater graces, and you will find yourself closer to Me than before.

For the present, walk in faith, hope and obedient charity. Later you will realize that the trials which troubled you were actually good for you. They helped you to see which virtues you really possess and which are still needed in your daily life.

Readings for the Week of May 1, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/
Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-5/Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a/
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/
Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/
Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Weekend Readings are at (727) 372-8600

Mass Intentions
(for the week ahead)

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Kim Dela Fuente
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Julie Alfano
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Vocations
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Judith Leriger
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Julie Alfano
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	The Brooks Family
	6:00 p.m.	Anthony Tallotta, Jr.
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Parish Family
	8:30 a.m.	John T. Andriano
	10:30 a.m.	Elizabeth, David and George Nelson
	5:00 p.m.	Josephine Serpico

Mass and Devotions Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm and 6 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am (*Contemporary*),
and 5:00 pm (*LifeTeen™*)

Daily Mass: 8:00 am Monday-Friday

Prayer Group: The 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month starting Sept. 13th and ending May 23rd.

Holy Rosary after 8:00 am Mass, Mon-Fri,
in Church

Marian Novena after 8:00 am Mass on Tuesdays

Benediction & Adoration: Thursdays at 3:00 pm
until 6:45 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm or by appt.

Parish Calendar

Mon. 05/02
 Tues. 05/03 9AM Rosary Makers;
 6:30PM Life Teen Core Team Mtg;
 6:45PM Boy Scouts
 Wed. 05/04 9:15AM Legion of Mary;
 10AM SVDP Meeting;
 4PM Traditional Choir;
 5:15PM FF K-5;
 5:15PM Edge 6-8
 Thur. 05/05 10AM Prayer Shawl Ministry;
 3PM Benediction/Adoration;
 6PM K of C Meeting;
 6PM Life Teen Core Team Meeting;
 7PM Contemporary Choir;
 7PM Bible Study
 Fri. 05/06 9AM Spiritual Motherhood of Priests
 Apostolate;
 6PM Easter Season Dinner-Dance
 Sat. 05/07
 Sun. 05/08 **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

CONGRATULATIONS!

We would just like to once again congratulate our Parish Catechumens, Candidate and Confirmandi who received Sacraments at the Easter Vigil!

Catechumens: Nils Beckmann, Jessica Gagliardo, Joseph Mascia, Franklin Lewis and Kyle Ruen. Candidate: David Vollmer. Catholics completing Sacraments of Initiation: Yasmine Anderson, Sara Benoit, Angela Cloutier, Shauna Lewis and Edward Malave.

We very much affirm all of these dear people who spent so many months in preparation for the Easter Vigil, and we affirm them for their commitment to the RCIA process and their love for the Lord -- He must be very pleased!

We would also like to thank Cala Meyers, the coordinator of the RCIA program, as well as her volunteers, Nora Blankenship, Collette O'Connor and Kevin Welsh for all of the support they provided over the past year.

Parish Information

Office hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.
 Call for information.
 Phone: (727) 372-8600
 Website: www.stanpr.org
Prayer Line: (727) 372-8600
Emergency Number for Anointing of the Sick:
 Nights and Weekends (727) 836-3211

Administration

Business Office Fax: (727) 376-7204
 Asst. to Pastor/Staff Coordinator:
 Cheralyn Quevedo - Ext. 111
 Adm. Asst./Reception: Meghan Snyder - Ext. 110
 Parish Bookkeeper: Cherise Amundson - Ext. 115
 Bulletin Editor: Kate - Ext. 113

Parish Ministry

Faith Formation K-5: Jessica McIlveen - Ext. 132
 Middle School (Edge) and High School (Life Teen):
 Beth DeBella and Cliff Stodden – Ext. 131
 Adult Formation: Michaela Meyers - Ext. 133
 Music: Dan O'Hara - Ext. 128
 Parish Nurse, Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:
 Betty West - Ext. 116
 Sacristan: Elizabeth Sheridan - Ext. 129
 St. Vincent de Paul Society: Ext. 142
 Ambassador: Mary Ellen Taylor
 Coordinator of Ushers: Ada DeFina
STA Early Childhood Center
 Alicia Mumma, Director – (727) 376-2330
www.staecc.org

Food Pantry: Monday *and* Thursday
 9:30am until 11:00am *and* 1:30pm until 3:00pm

Gift Store: *Open before and after Sat. 4pm and Sun. 10:30am Masses*

Parish Library: Open during office hours.

Offertory: April 23/24, 2022

Offertory:	\$13,007.07
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 3,593.00</u>
Total:	\$16,600.07

*Thank you to our Parishioners
 and Visitors
 for your generous support!*



EASTER SEASON DINNER-DANCE PARTY!

I'm happy to announce that we will have an Easter Season dinner-dance on Friday, May 6th in our parish center. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, catered by Arlisa's Events and with music provided by my band, it promises to be a lovely evening, and I do hope you will make plans now to join us!

It's interesting to notice how often in scripture that God tells His people to celebrate and "make merry before the Lord!" (e.g. Deuteronomy 12:12), and in Ecclesiastes, we're told, "there's a time to weep, and a time to *laugh*, a time to mourn and a time to *dance*," and the Easter season is as good a time as any to laugh and to dance as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with this dinner-dance party! Please see next page for more details.

In His love, Fr. Eric

DINNER-DANCE TICKETS!

The last chance to buy tickets for our parish dinner-dance on May 6th is this *Tuesday*, May 3rd by 4:00pm in the parish office (please note that tickets will *not* be sold at the *door* on the night of the event). This party will be catered by Arlisa's Events and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus with dance music provided by the Father Eric Band. Tickets are \$25 and can also be purchased in the narthex of the church after masses this weekend. Thank you, and we *hope* you can *join* us!

The Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Apostolate invite you to pray for the Priests and Seminarians of our Diocese. Please remember to pray for all of our Priests. Below are the names for the week.

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them.

Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body.

Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood.

Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion.

Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

5/1 Rev. Paul Pecchie

5/2 Rev. Victor Amorose

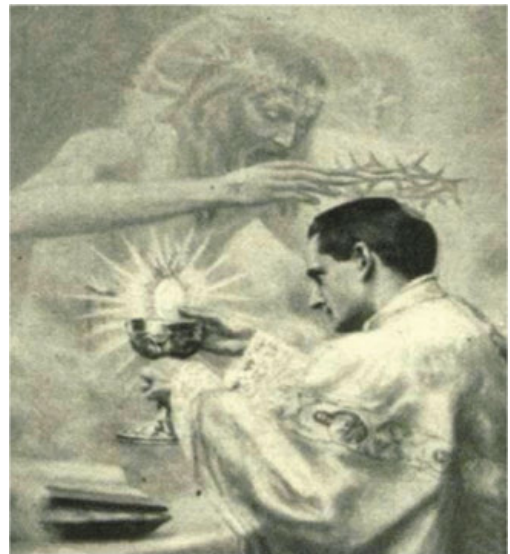
5/3 Rev. Jonathan Emery

5/4 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

5/5 Rev. Thomas Anastasia

5/6 For All the Priests in the World

5/7 Rev. Elixavier Castro



"You are a Priest forever,
in the line of Melchizedek."
-Psalm 110:4

You are cordially invited to join us for our

Easter Season DINNER- DANCE

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6:00pm - 9:30pm
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and can be purchased at the parish office on weekdays starting April 19th and in the narthex of the church on the weekends starting April 23rd with half of the proceeds going to our parish youth groups and the other half going to the special charities of the Knights.

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We want to thank all of our parishioners who have donated money toward the beautiful flowers that adorn our church and parish center during this Easter season. We are deeply grateful!

May God bless you!

Eucharist Ministers Needed for Nursing Homes, the Homebound, and Hospital We can schedule according to your availability.

If interested, contact Betty West, Parish Nurse. at 727-372-8600, ext. 116



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Ct. St.Vincent de Paul #2172 are holding a Baby Shower for their May meeting The meeting will be held on May 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm. All members are invited to bring items for SOLVE our charity. Items can be from infant to size 6X for both boys and girls. New or gently used items will be accepted.



If you need additional information, please contact Linda Bergeron at 727-203-3498.



Ephphetha ~ Be Opened!

Perhaps you have journeyed far on the path of salvation and union with God. Especially this Eastertide, as we approach Pentecost, listen to the voice of the Savior. Is He calling you to share this faith more deeply? Is He calling you to walk alongside someone just at the beginning of the road? It might be that you are being reminded of your own baptismal mission – Ephphetha! – hear the word of God and pass it on.

St. Thomas Aquinas RCIA invites you to consider being an RCIA sponsor. Learn more about how you can be a mentor and spiritual companion to a catechumen or candidate for full communion in the Catholic Church. Contact Michaela Meyers, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator for more information:
Michaela Meyers 727-372-8600 X133



SAVE the DATE

MAY 13, 2022

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

8:00AM-12:00PM

A Morning Retreat of MASS, ADORATION, and PRAYER

Saint Thomas Aquinas

8320 Old County Road 54

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Speaker: Joan Tarca Alix will share her unanticipated journey of faith that led to travels throughout dioceses in the United States, and a Conference at the United Nations Headquarters. Joan will give an overview surrounding Our Lady's visit in 1917 to three shepherd children, and how we can share Our Lady of Fatima's message today.

8:00 AM MASS

9:00 AM

10:00AM

11:00AM

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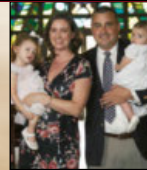
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