

St. Matthew Catholic Church

April 9, 2023



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SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." - Mt 28:5b-6

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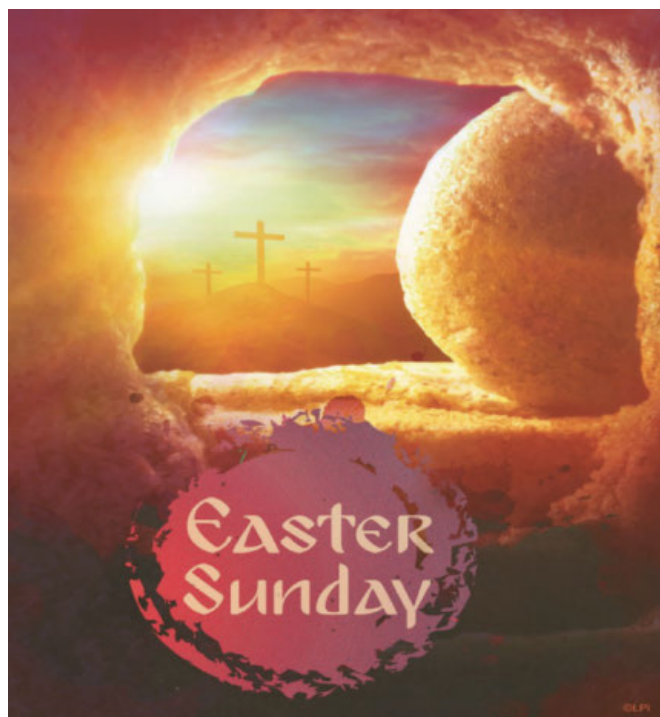
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AN EASTER PROCLAMATION

The hosts of heaven exult and sing aloud in mighty triumph!
Let the earth be glad as glory alights and night reigns no more.
Let the Church rejoice at the victory of her Lord and Master,
Who paid the debt of Adam,
Who frees those doomed to die,
Who heals the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds,
Who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly,
Who destroys death forever,
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.
God our Father, eternal is your love for us!
Christ the Son, in victory you reign!
Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts.
Together you live and reign and ransom your people,
one God forever and ever.
Amen.



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Parish Information

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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, & 5:00 pm (while college in session)

Sunday 10:30 am livestream on YouTube, and Facebook

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Spanish)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 12:10pm

Wednesday: 5:30pm

Holy Hour

Tuesday 7:00pm- 8:00pm (while college is in session)

Confessions

Wednesday: 5:00-5:25 pm & Saturday: 4:00 -4:45 pm

Adoration Chapel

Visit office for more information

Staff Directory

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Feel free to contact your council.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Easter Sunday

"When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons." (Mark 16:9)

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it's simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, **"out of whom he had driven seven demons."**

Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavory detail of Mary's past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavory and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn't seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified.

Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don't. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Volunteer Retired Parish Nurse

Mary Anderson is a retired registered nurse who shares her knowledge of the local medical community and resources with parishioners that seek or need a medical advocate for themselves or their loved ones. She also conducts blood pressure checks on Hospitality Sundays. Reach her at 912-682-1147.

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<https://diosav.org/how-do-i/register-for-virtus-training>



The St. Matthew Consolation Ministry

Our Purpose: To console those who grieve, to support Masses for the deceased through the ministry's designated contributions, to pray for and with those who suffer loss, and to pray for comfort and healing for the sick.
Our Mandate: "Bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2)
Contact: Joyce Bergin at 912-489-5714 or at bergjoy@yahoo.com

Communion Ministry to the Sick/Homebound

If someone needs to be added to the list for Communion Ministry to the Sick/Homebound, please contact us at 912-681-6726.



Mass Intention



Sunday 4/9 + Milena Novak and + Jerome Nicklay

Tuesday 4/11 +Harry Graham

Weekly Collection

Weekly Offertory: April 2, 2023	\$5,145.00
Online Giving	\$4,590.00
Total:	\$9,735.00

Upcoming Events

- 4/11 Adoration/Confession 7pm
- 4/15 Korean Mass 6:30pm
- 4/16 Hospitality Sunday (after morning masses)
- 4/16 Religious Ed. Restarts 9am
- 4/16 VIRTUS training 2-5pm
- 4/17 Knights of Columbus 7pm
- 4/18 Sewing Group 9am–3pm
- 4/21-4/23 Youth Group (DYC)
- 4/24 Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) 7pm
- 4/25 Confirmation Mass at 6pm
- 4/30 Last 5pm Sunday University Mass (until August 13)
- 5/13 First Communion Mass at 10am



Please prayerfully consider your pledge to support our Diocese and the ministries that include the education of our future priest and deacons, support for rural parishes, youth ministry, and campus ministry programs that change lives for the better. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others. **Our parish goal for 2023 is \$41,900.** Pledge envelopes are available in the pews. Visit diosav.org/baa to give electronically.



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