



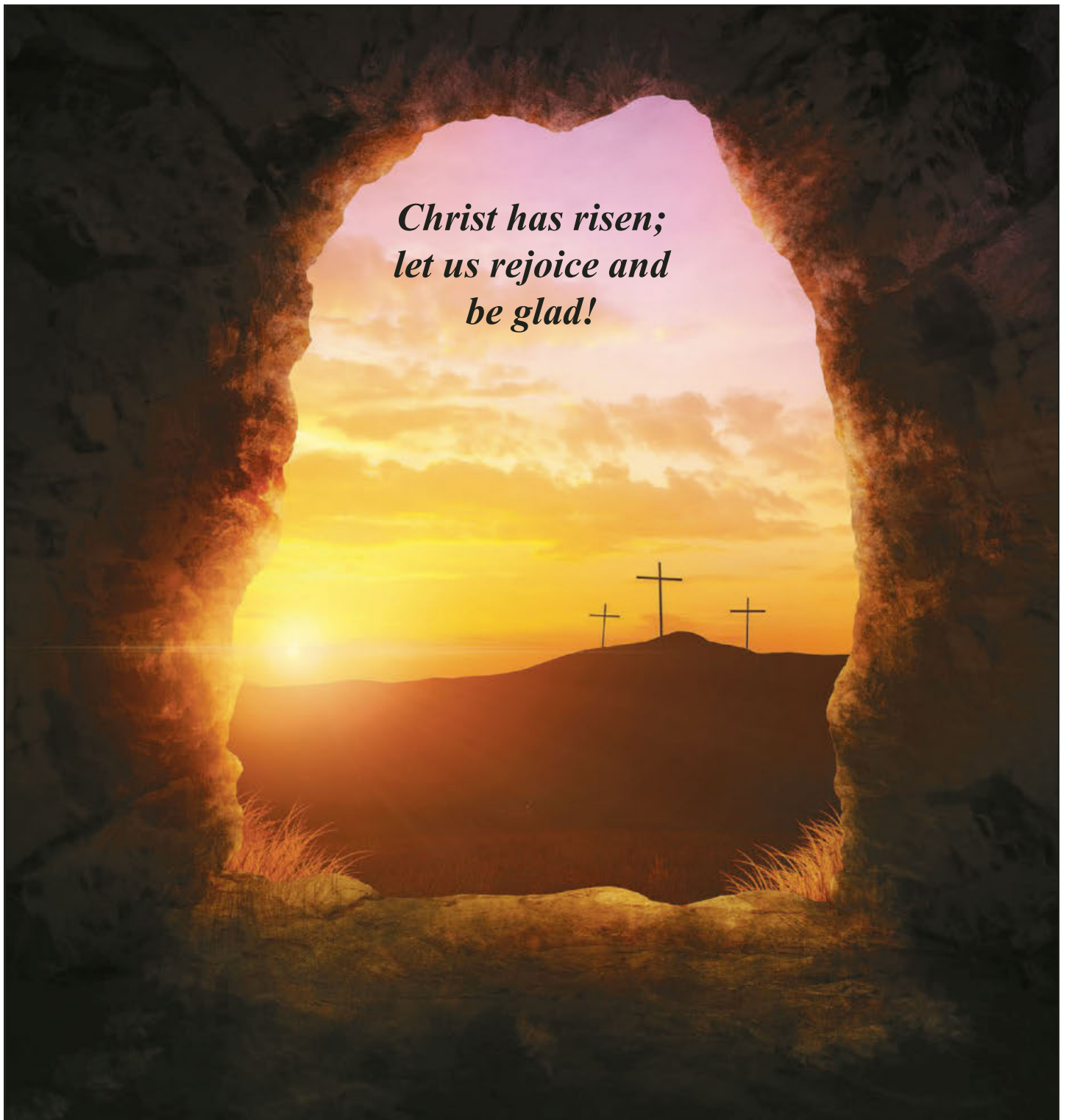
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Weekend Magazine

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April 9, 2023 ▪ The Resurrection of the Lord

*Christ has risen;
let us rejoice and
be glad!*





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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM
Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

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Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father,
we come before you on this Easter Sunday
with full and grateful hearts for the gift of
the Paschal Mystery that you showed us
in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son,
our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love.
Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you.
You are God for all.
We ask all this in Christ's name.
Amen.

Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic Church Easter Liturgical Calendar 2023

April 8, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

(There is no 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. Mass)

Morning-Decorating for Easter (*Church will be closed till 6pm*)

6:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet (Time Change this day only)

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

April 9, Easter Sunday Masses

(There will be no 6:30 a.m. Mass This Year)

8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet

April 10-15 Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet Continues after Easter

7:00 p.m. Easter Sunday-Saturday April 15

April 16, Divine Mercy Sunday Mass Schedule

Masses: 8:00 a.m. (*9:30 a.m. Special Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday*),
11:30 a.m.

Apostles' Creed

At Mass today we are using the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed. The origins of the Apostles' Creed are believed to predate the Nicene Creed. It is universally recognized by many Christians as a shared statement of our faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Apostles' Creed may be used at any Sunday Mass, but the church particularly recommends its use during Lent and Easter time. Why? Because the words of this ancient Creed have been used for centuries as the basis of our baptismal promises, and the seasons of Lent and Easter put a strong focus on baptism. During Lent we prepare those who will be baptized at Easter while readying ourselves to renew our own baptismal promises. As we recite the Apostles' Creed, it will stir up in our hearts our commitment to Christ which was first made at our own baptisms and prepare us to renew our promises this Easter.

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 | Jn 20:1-9

Written by
THE
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I love arriving to Mass early when the sacristan is preparing the altar, or even shortly after the prior Mass clears out. This is because I enjoy praying the rosary with fellow parishioners as well as having my choice of seat in the church, but there's also something about the silence, the stillness that permeates the atmosphere during that time. Sitting alone with one's thoughts tends to either disturb or flat-out bore many people, but consider the silence in a new light this Easter Sunday. Mary of Magdala visited Christ's tomb only to find it empty; what was the tomb like after Christ had risen and left? I'd like to think the silence of the sanctuary before Mass is like the silence of the tomb: still, peaceful and, most of all, joyful, for our Savior conquered the grave. In a way, arriving early to a silent church is like Mary arriving to Jesus' tomb and finding it empty. Soon, though, the church is filled with other believers – witnesses to the risen Christ who proclaim his victory over sin and death to share in the Eucharist before going out into the world to serve and make disciples.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After Mass, many of us are swept up in a dizzying Easter timeline full of brightness and pastels, rushing from Mass to Easter egg hunts to lunch or dinner that may leave kids and adults alike exhausted. But our Easter worship and traditions are important because they mark this day as the most joyful of all celebrations, indeed the greatest event in human history. The Lord Jesus is calling us to new life in him! We take this time to celebrate and reflect on what this means. After his resurrection, Jesus revealed himself over time to his Apostles. But before they saw Jesus and truly understood he had risen from the dead, they experienced great sadness and fear. In the same way for us, we must remember that there is no Easter without the suffering and darkness of Good Friday. St. Paul tells us in the second reading that, in order to celebrate the feast, we must “clear out the old yeast, so that [we] may become a fresh batch of dough.” We can't celebrate with “the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness” – we must let Christ purify our hearts and fill them with his Truth.

WITNESS Let the joy of Easter fuel a new resolve to be a witness to the Resurrection. Take Easter week to contemplate Scripture, to let Jesus fill your heart with his light and forgiveness so that you may bear his witness to those you encounter in the days and weeks to come.



The three women at the tomb of Christ, by Irma Martin, CCC



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 8, Vigil Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9, The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Ray Glumbot (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners and
Rose Marie Schlessler (Dec)

11:30 a.m. Steve Clancey (Dec)

Monday, April 10, Monday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Edward Thom (Dec)

Tuesday, April 11, Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Antczak 70th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, April 12, Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, April 13, Thursday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Carole Huff (Dec)

Friday, April 14, Friday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Harriet Huff (Dec)

Saturday, April 15, Saturday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Wayne Cline (Dec)

Saturday, April 14, Vigil for Divine Mercy Sunday

4:00 p.m. James Lawler & Pat Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, April 15, Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 a.m. Wayne Cline (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Delena Romani (Dec)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

04/09 • Easter

04/10 • Rev. Garry A. Welsh

04/11 • Vincent Washburn, Seminarian

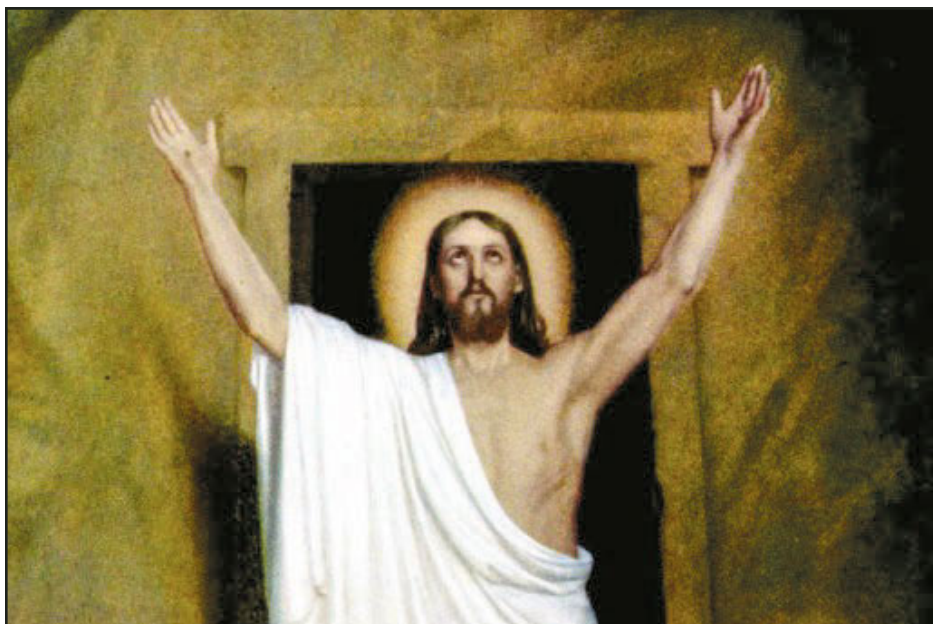
04/12 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

04/13 • Rev. D. Timothy Corcoran

04/14 • Rev. William Santhouse

04/15 • Rev. John C. Murphy

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

At Easter, we celebrate that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered death, rose from the dead, and remains very much alive. To the world of non-believers: what!? It is quite a big reality to swallow. But for the believer, it is a reality that inspires us to the point where we find ourselves constantly sharing the Gospel with everyone we meet! Right?

So what does Easter mean to you? The question is not what do you believe. The question is what impact does Easter have on you? How do your actions demonstrate the power of Easter? What does it mean we hear that we, the Church, are an Easter people?

You may be saying right now that you have no intention of becoming an evangelist, passing out Bibles to all you meet. But I would like to suggest that you actually have a more powerful way of evangelizing others: everyday stewardship. Actions speak louder than words and the way you live your life can be a great testimony to all those you encounter.

By acknowledging the gifts you have been given, cultivating those so they grow to an increase, and then sharing them fully with God and with others in God's name will give testimony to your belief that Jesus is alive and seeking a relationship with each of his people.

If more of us won't live our lives in this manner, then non-believers and non-intentional disciples will ask the question, "What difference does Easter make anyway?" Jesus died and rose for you and me. To be sure, it DOES make a difference.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

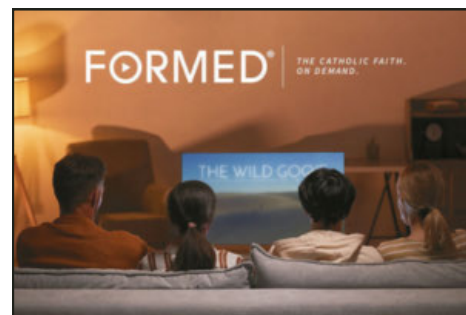
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AN EASTER PROCLAMATION

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.

*The beautiful arrangement
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Save the Date for Mary and the Eucharist Saturday, May 13

Bishop Gregory Parkes invites you to the fifth annual Diocese of St. Petersburg Marian Congress! The theme this year is ‘*Mary and the Eucharist*.’ The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and we encounter the risen Christ each time we receive our Lord in Holy Communion. Our Blessed Mother has a special role in leading us to her son, Jesus in the Eucharist. Save the date to participate in the Marian Congress on May 13 at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle (5815 5th Avenue N., St. Petersburg).

This day of joy, renewal and prayer will include dynamic speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a multicultural Rosary and Mass with Bishop Gregory Parkes. Also, renew your consecration or be consecrated to Jesus through Mary for the first time.

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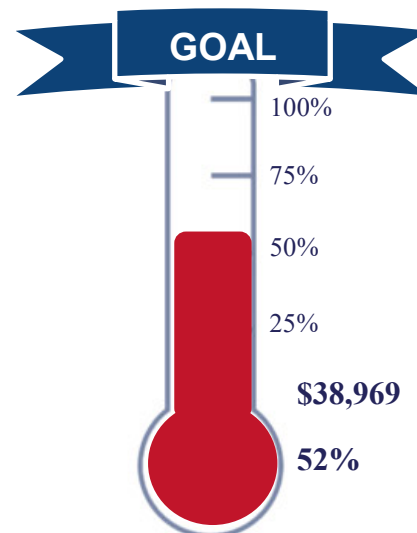
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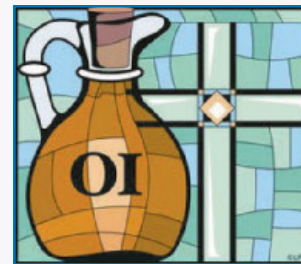
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