

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Daily Mass every Thursday at 9:30am (Rosary @ 9:10)
- Bible study sessions are currently cancelled. Updates in future bulletin.
- Women's' Club Meetings meet regularly each Second Monday of the month /11am . Any & All women of the parish please join us .
- Annual Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour. Please join us Sunday April 12 from 3-4pm .
- Parish Picnic at Hamilton Farm - Sunday April 26 @ 1424 West End. More info to follow NOTE DATE CHANGE

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

3-4PM Sunday April 12th here at St. Joseph
Parish

Adoration/Scripture/St. Faustina Diary
messages/Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Let's all come together in prayer
NEXT SUNDAY

The world needs our prayers!

Due to a conflict in Father Guzman's Schedule, the First Holy Communion of Joseph Gonzaga and the reception of full communion into the church of Dalton Pearson will be made at a later date. We continue to pray for them and for the growth , both spiritually and in numbers, of our parish.

Help St. Joseph Church become financially stable.



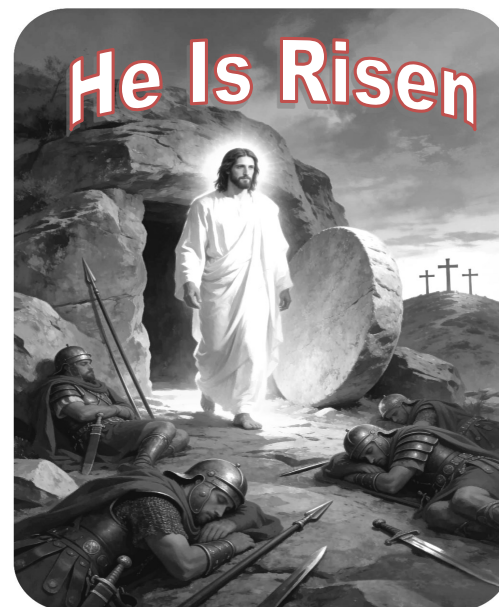
Submissions for bulletins must be made by Tuesday to: stjcoordinator@gmail.com

Or to Bob Renaud~ brenaud65@gmail.com



ST. JOSEPH

Catholic Church



MASS SCHEDULE:

Thursday – Weekday Mass 9:30 am (Rosary 9:10am)

Saturday(Anticipated Mass) 4:00pm

Sunday 12:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3-3:45pm Saturdays
(or by appointment)

All other sacraments please call parish office to inquire.

Rev. Agustin L. Guzman, CO, Pastor

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Office Hours: Wednesday 10 am to 2 pm (John Rodgers)

Thursday 9 am to 10:30 am & Saturday pm (Fr Agustin)

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April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

UPCOMING FEAST

- 05 St. Vincent Ferrer**
- 06 St. Crescentia Hoess**
- 07 St. John Baptist de La Salle**
- 08 St. Julie Billiart**
- 09 St. Casilda**
- 10 St. Magdalene of Canossa**
- 11 St. Stanislaus**



1st Reading --- Acts 10:34A, 37-43
 Responsorial Psalm --- Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
 2nd Reading --- Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6B-8
 Alleluia --- 1 Corinthians 5:7B-8A
 Gospel --- John 20:1-9

MINISTRY (Sat./Sun.) SCHEDULE :

- LECTOR:** Sat. TBA/ M. Hamilton
 E.M: Sat. S. Robinson/P. Hamilton
LECTOR: Sun M. Lifsey /R. Whisonant
 E.M: Sun. J. Rodgers/K. Hutto

WEEK of Feb 28th OFFERING:

Envelopes	\$2062.40
Loose	\$265.00
Total: Met Budget	\$2327.40
Other: candle ,refurb, special	\$.00
Weekly Budget:	\$1847.00

St. Joseph online Donation:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarysrh/funds/st-joseph-church-chester-donations>

IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR WEEKLY GIFT

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oratorycenter@gmail.com

'HE IS RISEN'

On this glorious weekend which celebrates THE holy event of the year, Easter, you'll notice on the front of this bulletin is the scene depicting Jesus stepping out of His Tomb. It is accompanied by the simple phrase 'HE IS RISEN'. I debated choosing this traditional phrase over the more grammatically correct 'HE HAS RISEN'. Which led me to look into the difference and here's what I found:

This small grammatical difference has actually sparked debates among writers, preachers, and everyday believers alike. Understanding the difference is more than a matter of grammar—it's about history, theology, translation, and the very meaning of the resurrection itself.

The phrase "He is risen" has been part of English-speaking Christianity for centuries. Its roots trace back to early Bible translations. In Greek, the phrase comes from ἐγήγερται (egēgertai), which literally means "he has been raised." Early English translators rendered this in the present tense, saying "He is risen" to convey that Christ's resurrection is an ongoing, living reality, not merely a past event.

- "He is risen" Emphasizes Christ's present, living victory over death—Used in liturgical proclamations, traditional hymns, and Easter greetings.
- "He has risen" Focuses on the actual historical event of the resurrection with ongoing relevance preferred in modern Bible translations and teaching materials.
- **HOWEVER, "IS", to the believer, speaks of Jesus' resurrection as an event from yesterday and remains ongoing today and until the end of time.**

The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday



O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The Roman Missal

"The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia."

Luke 24:34; cf. Revelation 1:6

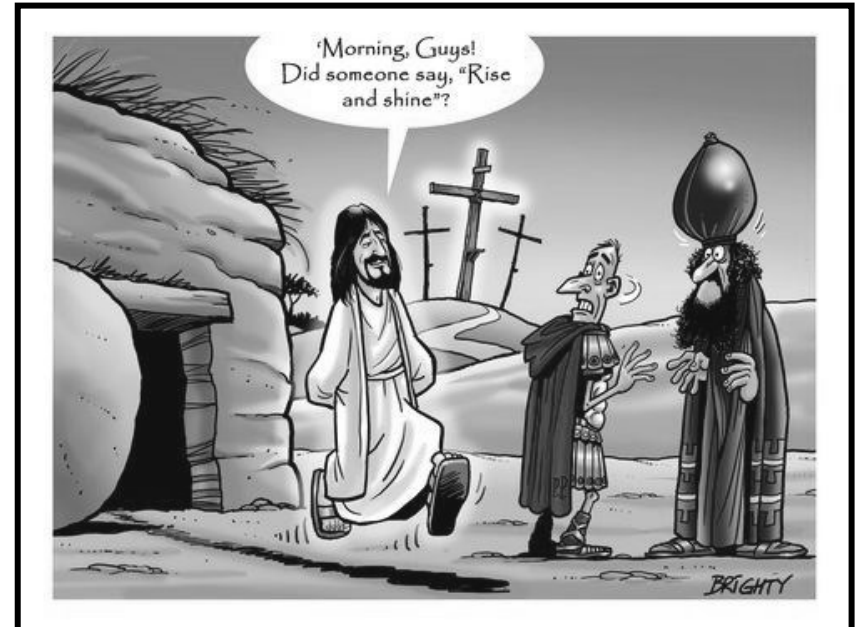


Today, we celebrate Easter, Christ's Resurrection. Easter is the "feast of feasts," "the solemnity of solemnities," and the "Great Sunday."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1169

MAY YOU ALL HAVE A BLESSED AND GLORIOUS EASTER SEASON!

Holy Humor



The souls of our deceased:

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Judithanne Hare	Mona Paragon
Danny McMurray	Warren Dew
Troy West	Jim McGee
Michelle Munnell	Bobbie Kay Lalli
Jim McMurray	Michael Young
Alfredo Guzman	

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St. Francis Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.



O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much

seek to be consoled as to console;

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