

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MARCH 31, 2024

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

— Psalm 118:17

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

During the first three or four centuries of Christianity, if you asked a Christian to name the feast days of the church, your answer would have been a puzzled stare, for there was only one feast: the Resurrection of the Lord. Every Sunday was a feast celebrating the one great feast. Even though our calendar now has many beautiful and holy feasts, we must continually be called back to the fact that all these other feasts exist because of the feast of Christ's passover from death to life. The psalm today proclaims this message well: "This is the day." It is not one of many days, but it is the day of all days, the one that gives all the others their origin, purpose, meaning, and destiny. Listen carefully to Peter's speech in Acts with its recollection of the Passion, to the words of the apostle Paul, and to the account of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter finding the empty tomb, and you will hear the many wonderful works that God has done for us through Christ. Rejoice and be glad!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Mark 16:1-7 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

EASTER SUNDAY PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, You have triumphed over the grave and You have won for us new life and resurrection power. Give me the eyes of faith to see You in Your glory. Help me to draw near to You and to grow in the knowledge of Your great love for us and Your great victory over sin and death. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward's Parish

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: Cowboy Birthday †

Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday: Eddie O. 13th Anniversary †

Friday: In thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and St. Joseph

Saturday: In honor of the Sacred Heart and Holy Spirit

CHRIST IS RISEN

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate.

Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen.

Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing.

Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty.

***Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,
the first of the sleepers,
glory and power are His forever and ever.***

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

EASTER JOKES

- **How does Easter end?**
With the letter r!
- **How does the Easter bunny travel?**
By hare plane.
- **What do you call a sleeping egg?**
Eggzosted!
- **What do you call an egg from outer space?**
An eggstraterrestrial!
- **What do you call a rabbit who tells jokes?**
A funny bunny!

EASTER EGG HUNT will be held on Easter Sunday at 5:00 P.M. All are welcome. It will be a fun-filled event for the children.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,189.00	\$2,690.00
Number of Families contributing	94	85
Total Pledge for 2024	\$157,619.00	\$159,756.00
Pledged to Date (12 Weeks)	\$37,379.00	\$37,796.00
Received to Date	\$31,098.00	\$23,894.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$6,281.00	\$13,902.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$405.00	\$4,321.00

35 ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$100.00	\$760.00

Two families made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2024 GOAL
\$395.00	\$17,862.00

POOR BOX totaled \$226.00.

6 CHILDREN contributed \$35.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Bryan, Leanne, and Cash in thanks for Stetson on his 18th Birthday;
2. the Family of Cowboy in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
3. the Family of Matt Martin in loving memory of him on his Birthday and 2nd Anniversary of his death;
4. the Family of John and Bessie Riley in loving memory of them on the Anniversaries of their deaths;
5. the Scully's in loving memory of Scully's Pat on his 60th Birthday and Bonnie on her 56th Birthday;
6. the Family of Johnny Boy Riley in loving memory of him on the Anniversary of his death;
7. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

EASTER GREETINGS FROM FR. CHIDI

Easter Greetings to all members of St. Edward Parish Family.
May our Risen Christ and His Loving Mother bless you with the
happiest Easter of your life.

FR. CHIDI will be leaving this Monday, April 1st to visit his family in Nigeria and will return on Wednesday, May 1st. Fr. Kentigern Aririguzo will celebrate the weekday masses and Fr. Emmanuel Andinam will celebrate the weekend masses in his absence. The mass schedule while Fr. Chidi is away will be as follows:

No Mass on Monday
Tuesday thru Friday: 10:30 A.M.
Saturday: 5:30 P.M.
Sunday: 11:30 A.M.

FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be held next Sunday, April 7th at 5:00 P.M. for all children making their First Holy Communion. Please be in the church 5 minutes before.

GOD'S PROMISES TO PETER

- ❖ *I will never leave you nor forsake you. —Joshua 1:5*
- ❖ *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. —Psalm 32:8*
- ❖ *I will sustain you and I will rescue you. —Isaiah 46:4*
- ❖ *I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand. —Isaiah 41:10*
- ❖ *I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go. —Genesis 28:15*
- ❖ *I have engraved you on the palms of my hands. —Isaiah 49:16*
- ❖ *I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people. —Leviticus 26:12*

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Tommy Joe Riley and Carol Ann Carroll.

JESUS

The greatest man in history is Jesus.

He had no servants, yet they called Him Master.

He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.

He had no medicine, yet they called Him Healer.

He had no army, yet Kings feared Him.

He had no military battle, yet He conquered the world.

He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.

He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

READERS

Sat. Mar. 30th, 8:00 P.M.

Proclamation Josie
1st Reading Montela
3rd Reading Leah
5th Reading Natalie
7th Reading Dynasty
Epistle Gracelynn

Sun. Mar. 31st, 10:00 A.M.

1st Reading Jimmy Joseph
2nd Reading Blue
Sequence Jimmy Joseph

Sat. Apr. 6th, 5:30 P.M.

Natalie & Julie Ann

Sun. Apr. 7th, 11:30 A.M.

Lauren Ashley & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Tuesday	-	Natalie
Wednesday	-	Gracelynn
Thursday	-	Christina
Friday	-	Lauren Ashley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Theresa Hun
Tuesday	-	Jack's Mary Rita
Wednesday	-	Lauren Ashley
Thursday	-	Cathy Carroll
Friday	-	Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<u>Saturday 8:00 P.M.</u>	<u>March 30th</u>
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

March 31st
Ned's Rose Marie

April 7th
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