

Mass Music for the Easter Season

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Music Ministry

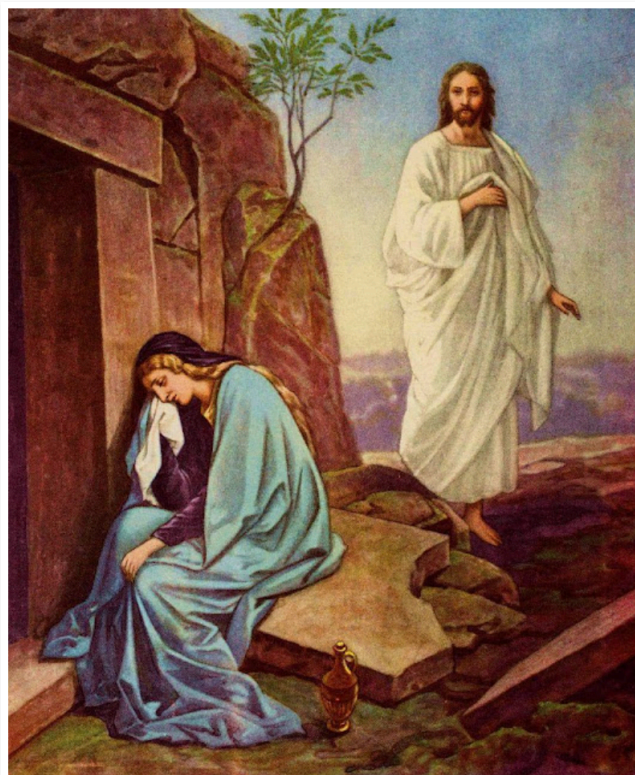
Happy Easter Everyone!

Christ is risen! Risen indeed! While so many people that I know look at Christmas as being their favorite holiday, I beg to differ. Easter has always been, and will forever be my favorite holiday. Not because of the abundance of candy I had to patiently wait for over the span of Lent and the Triduum as a child, or the pretty dresses, happy colors, and fresh spring days... No. I kid you not, even as a child, I enjoyed the mystery of Holy Week and the Triduum: the Feast of the Lord's Supper, Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, Veneration, the Vigil.... Of course as a little girl, I didn't really understand why Grandma made us sit quietly on Good Friday from noon to 3pm on the couch - with NO TV!!! That was tough. Or why we absolutely had to wait on Holy Saturday to get our baskets of food blessed (Polish Tradition during Holy Saturday morning). But the beauty, the waiting, the mystery waiting in the dark Gothic architecture came to light during the Easter Vigil into Easter Sunday morning. Fast forward through my twenties, thirties, and <ahem> later, my faith and understanding deepened, only increasing my love for the Holy Day (holiday).

The Resurrection Day - Jesus resurrected and Mary Magdalene

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As I reflect on this year's walk with Christ during Lent, I think, for the first time, (I'm embarrassed to say) I truly "get" - and I mean REALLY "Get" - what Jesus has done for us, for me; that I truly "get" how deep His mercy runs for each one of us. I can't even put into words the amount of love He has for us. No words can accurately describe it. All I can say is "Thank you" to God for Jesus and Thank you for the grace of understanding.

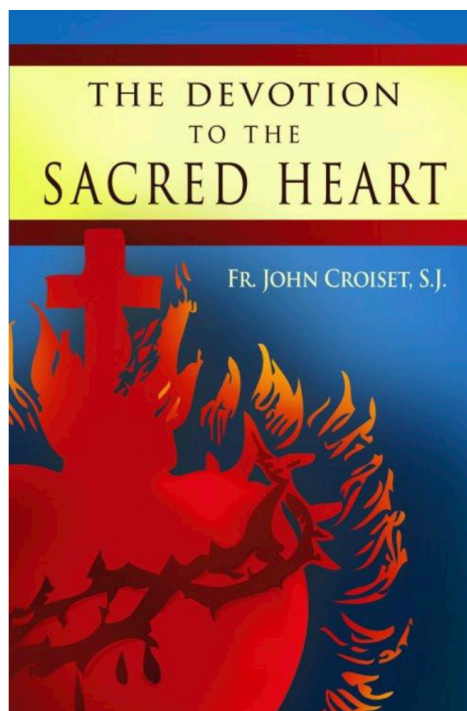
Divine Mercy Sunday April 12 at 2pm inside the church

Consecration to the Sacred Heart

This year, the USCCB will be consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There will be many opportunities to partake in this celebration and also consecrate yourselves and your household to the Sacred Heart.

One way to begin is by reading this book. It's an excellent explanation and gives you many tools to use.

Be on the lookout for more activities to partake in!



If you are interested: Liturgy Meetings are held in the church on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. You are more than welcome to come and see/participate in developing that month's liturgy!

If you haven't yet gotten Safe Haven certified, please let me know. I'll get you the info. All individuals in the Archdiocese that are part of a ministry are required to be certified.

Mass Music April & May 2026

Date:	4/12/2026	4/19/2026	4/26/2026	5/3/2026	5/3/2026	5/10/2026	5/17/2026	5/24/2026	5/25/2026
Liturgical Day:	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	3rd Sunday of Easter	4th Sunday of Easter	5th Sunday of Easter	5th Sunday of Easter BILINGUAL 6PM	6th Sunday of Easter	Ascension of the Lord	Pentecost VIGIL (ABC)	Pentecost (ABC) 9AM
PRO	O Sons & Daughters #532	I Danced in the Morning #796	The King of Love My Shepherd Is #712	I Have Been Anointed #718	El Cielo Canta Alegría/Heaven is Singing for Joy #599	Love Divine All Love's Excelling #641	Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise #543	Come Holy Ghost #559	Send Down the Fire #557
Sequence									Pentecost Sequence
OFF	O Breathe on Me O Breath of God #902	On the Journey to Emmaus #538	You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #940	Jesus Christ Yesterday Today and Forever #847	Jesu Cristo Ayer, Jesu Cristo Hoy (Bilingual) #847	What Wondrous Love Is This #642	Go To The World #546	O Breathe on Me O Breath of God #902	O Breathe on Me O Breath of God #902
OFF 2	In Christ Alone	Emmaus #906				Where Charity and Love Prevail #706	Go Make of All Disciples #769	New Creation (Worship Aid)	New Creation (Worship Aid)
Com Ant	93	96	99	101	101	103	105	111	114
COM	We Come To Your Feast #938	In the Breaking of the Bread #918	Bread of Life, Cup of Blessing #947	I Receive the Living God #916	Come to the Feast/Ven al Banquete #838	Let Us Be Bread #946	Alleluia Sing to Jesus #949	I Receive the Living God #916	I Receive the Living God #916
COM 2		Alleluia Sing to Jesus #949				I Receive the Living God #916	I Receive the Living God #916	Lord Who At Your First Eucharist #914	
REC	We Walk by Faith #680	This is the Feast of Victory #520	In Christ Alone	In Christ Alone	Resucitó #535	Sing to the Mountains #519	Lord I Lift Your Name On High #602	Go Make a Difference #775	I Have Been Anointed #718
Gospel:	John 20:19-31 [Blessed are those who have not seen and believed]	Luke 24:13-35 [The road to Emmaus; Jesus appears to two travelers and they recognize him in the breaking of the bread]	John 10:1-10 [...and the sheep follow Him because they recognize His voice.]	John 14: 1-12 [Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these...]	John 14: 1-12 [Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these...]	John 14:15-21 [If you love me you will keep my commandments and I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always]	Matthew 28: 16-20 [Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit]	John 7: 37-39 [Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink]	John 20:19-23 [As the Father has sent Me, I also send you. Receive the Holy Spirit./v.21-22]
Themes:	mercy, baptism, faith, community, praise, rejoicing	Word/Eucharist, fulfillment, joy, hope, revelation, scripture, path of life	Good Shepherd, trust, safety, discernment	Faith, relationship with God, knowing God, Jesus is God	Faith, relationship with God, knowing God, Jesus is God	Love, Commandments, Holy Spirit, Trinity	Christ as mediator, coming of Holy Spirit, mission, prayer	Holy Spirit, language, ministry, Church, peace	Holy Spirit, the sacrament of Reconciliation, ministry, Church, peace

***If there are any hymns that you are not comfortable with when leading a Mass without me, please feel free to choose another appropriate hymn.**

CHOOSING A HYMN

According to the instruction set forth by the Roman Missal regarding Mass Music, the hymn must be chosen using Liturgical Judgement, Pastoral Judgement, and Musical Quality.

- Liturgical Judgement:** Is the composition capable of meeting the structural and textual requirements set forth by the liturgical books for this particular rite? The music should support the liturgical text & convey meaning faithful to the teaching of the church.
- Pastoral Judgement:** Does the music promote the sanctification and faith formation of the body of the church? Does the music summon them to celebrate? Will this composition draw the people closer to the Mystery of Christ?
- Musical Judgement:** Is this composition technically, aesthetically, and expressively worthy? Note: The USCCB considers that popular songs cheapen the Liturgy.... Food for thought (see page 103, #135 in *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*)

PRAYER FOR ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST MUSIC MINISTRY

Heavenly Father, All Powerful, Almighty, Everliving God, Thank You for bringing us all here today and Thank You for giving us the talent of music, but most of all thank You for Your abundant mercy and grace.

Please send down your Holy Spirit to sing through us and play through us.

Lord, open our lips and our mouths shall sing your praise

as we lead your congregation closer to you with the gift You have given us.

In our ministry, we ask You to open our hearts to love You, our ears to hear You, and our

minds to discern what is from You. We ask You to bless our ministry so that we may

grow in Your Will. We also ask You to bless our families and those that cannot be here

today as they help us continue Your work. Protect us from all evil and bring us to

everlasting life.

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you and I ask pardon for those who do not believe, who do not adore, who do not hope, and do not love you.

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Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us.

St. Joseph, Protector of the Family and Terror of Demons, Pray for us.

St. Cecilia, Pray for us.

St. Jude, Pray for us.

Amen.