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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - APRIL 20, 2025

Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Whether this is your first-time visiting with us or if you are a life-long parishioner, we rejoice to celebrate **Easter** with you! Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! We no longer fear death for the death of our Savior has set us free. For this reason, **Easter** is not just an event that is to be remembered, but a reality *to be lived* everyday of our lives.

With the reality of **Easter**, our **Easter Sunday** celebrations continue for the rest of the week in the **Easter Octave**. This joy cannot be contained in a single day; Instead, the joy of Christ's Resurrection echoes anew each day. The full **Easter Season**, or **Eastertide**, lasts for *fifty days*! These fifty days of **Easter** joy should be lived just as intensely as we lived out the past forty days of preparatory prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during **Lent**.

Congratulations to our two **Elect** (Kim and Thiago) and our three **Candidates for Full Communion** (Brittney, Cole, and Sydnee) coming into the Church this **Easter Season**! We rejoice together as a parish family as our family continues to grow! A special "**Thank You!**" to the godparents and sponsors of our Elect and Candidates and to Jill, our RCIA Coordinator, for the diligent preparation they've helped provide throughout this past year.

Though we have entered into the **Easter Season**, our **Catholicism Explained** series will continue for two more weeks. During this time, those who have entered into the Church enter into a period known as *mystagogy* (meaning "*to lead through the mysteries.*"). This practice, traced back to at least the fourth century, invites those who have just received the Sacraments at **Easter** to reflect on the life-changing graces that they have received.

This concept of *mystagogy* is useful for each of us to consider. How often do we approach the Sacraments without pausing to reflect on the true gift that they are? These outward signs of inward grace have been given to us by Jesus Himself to strengthen our relationship with Him. This **Easter Season** is the perfect time to reflect on these gifts of grace and ask the Lord to use them in renewing our hearts as we journey together towards the Resurrection.

EASTER EGG HUNT & PARISH POTLUCK

Next Sunday (April 27th), we celebrate the **Octave Day of Easter**, known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Just as we have had our Easter celebrations with our families, so now we continue our celebrations together as a parish family. Join us **next Sunday after the 10 AM Mass for our annual Parish Easter Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt**. The parish will provide the main entrée and drinks; You are invited to bring your favorite side-dish to share. Please see the sign-up in the narthex!

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS

At the end of the month, we will welcome Bishop Rhoades to our parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 8th Grade *Confirmandi*. Our **twelve Confirmandi** will be joined by the *Confirmandi* from St. Aloysius as they prepare to receive the fruits & gifts of the Holy Spirit and be sent forth as missionary disciples. Please keep them in prayer as this great day approaches.

A special "**Thank You!**" also to all those who helped make our **Easter** celebrations so special. Our Choir and Youth Schola, both under the direction of our choir director, Teresa, helped to elevate our hearts and minds to the Lord not only in **Holy Week**, but throughout the entirety of the *Lenten season*. Our servers, under the direction of our Master of Ceremonies, Dan, helped to guide our liturgies and our prayer throughout the entire **Paschal Triduum**.

Our Decorating Committee have once again enhanced the beauty of our church building for our **Easter** celebrations. And, of course, our Parish Staff (Michelle, Teresa, Nick, & Stacey) helped keep everything moving seamlessly behind the scenes.

~Faithfully yours in the Risen Christ, Fr. David

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 p.m. All Living & Deceased Priests

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Tom & Ann Reifsteck Family

Monday, April 21

No public Mass

Tuesday, April 22

No public Mass

Wednesday, April 23

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Maureen Teresa McCarthy

Thursday, April 24

8:00 a.m. Bessie & George Harvey +

Friday, April 25

8:30 a.m. Stephanie Robinson +

Saturday, April 26

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Stacey Lehman

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Cindy & Nick Hogan Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 21 - Monday within the Octave of Easter [1] - Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Ps

16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 / Mt 28:8-15

Tues., Apr. 22 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter [1] - Acts 2:36-41 / Ps 33:4-

5, 18-20, 22 / Jn 20:11-18

Wed., Apr. 23 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter [1] - Acts 3:1-10 / Ps

105:1-4, 6-9 / Lk 24:13-35

Thurs., Apr. 24 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter [1] - Acts 3:11-26 / Ps

8:2a, 5-9 / Lk 24:35-48

Fri., Apr. 25 - Friday within the Octave of Easter [1] - Acts 4:1-12 / Ps 118:1-2, 4,

22-27a / Jn 21:1-14

Sat., Apr. 26 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter [1] - Acts 4:13-21 / Ps

118:1, 14-15b, 16-21 / Mk 16:9-15

Sun., Apr. 27 - Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) - Acts 5:12-

16 / Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 / Rv 1:9-11a,

12-13, 17-19 / Jn 20:19-31



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, and Richard Payne.

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL



Sunday, April 27th following 10:00 Mass in the Parish Social Hall. Pizza and Drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Sign up in the narthex.



NEW LECTOR TRAINING

Interested in becoming a trained Lector and proclaim the Word of God at Mass? Call the Parish Office at 260-824-1380 to learn more.

The Parish Office will be closed this coming Monday April 21st.



Happy Easter

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Holy Saturday, Apr. 19** - Easter Vigil - 9:00 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, Apr. 20** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Easter Sunday, Apr. 20 - No Religious Education Class
- **Mon., Apr. 21** - Parish Office Closed
- **Tues., Apr. 22** - There will be no Adoration, Confession or Mass today.
- **Wed., Apr. 23** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Apr. 24** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Apr. 24** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Apr. 25** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 26** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 26** - **7th Grade Theology of the Body Retreat** - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 26** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 27** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 27** - Religious Education (last class) - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Apr. 27** - Annual Easter Egg Hunt - following 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Mon., Apr. 28** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Apr. 29** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Apr. 30** - **Confirmation Mass** - 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., May 1** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., May 1** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., May 2** - Mass 8:30 a.m. / First Friday Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Weekend of April 26th & 27th



5:00 p.m. Mike Morrissey
7:30 a.m. David Smith
10:00 a.m. Sam Smith



5:00 p.m. Dan Geimer
7:30 a.m. Carol Butler
10:00 a.m. Patti Clark-Johnson



5:00 p.m. Jill Morrissey
7:30 a.m. Twilla Herr
10:00 a.m. Tammi Helm, Jacque Johnson, Monica Harris



5:00 p.m. Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
7:30 a.m. Charlene/Anna Lynn/Jackson Felger
10:00 a.m. Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of April 12th & 13th

Adult Envelopes- \$4,366.00
Loose- \$357.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-
\$845.00
Religious Education- \$125.00
Votive Candles- \$264.22
Easter Flowers- \$500.00
Easter Offering- \$15.00
Ascension- \$10.00
Total- \$6,482.22

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
We are ahead \$2,101.67 of our budget for the month of April 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$20.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

To set up **Online Giving** through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI!

Our 12 Confirmandi have been working diligently preparing to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation under the guidance of their Catechists, Eric and Tammy Mechling.

Please remember these young men and women in your prayers:

Cecelia Andrews, daughter of Colin and Lauren Andrews
Isaiah Bedwell, son of Tracey and Sarah Bedwell
Joao Carlos Calduro, son of Thiago and Jucimara Calduro
Parker Christal, son of Mike and Angel Christal
Jon Davis, III, son of Jon and Kendra Davis, Jr.
Charley Fosnaugh, daughter of Charles and Jessica Fosnaugh
Anna Hartman, daughter of Todd and Anjie Hartman
Gabriella Hoffacker, daughter of Tyler and Laurie Hoffacker
Angela Mayer, daughter of Matt and Jeannette Mayer
Audrey Mechling, daughter of Eric and Tammy Mechling
Anderson Schaible, son of Derrick and Shana Schaible
Eli Seago, son of Kevin and Jessica Seago



*Come, Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of Your faithful,
and kindle in us the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created,
and You shall renew the face of the earth.
Amen.*

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 Friday's: 3pm-8pm
 Saturday's: Noon-8pm
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THINK!
 T - is it true?
 h - is it helpful?
 i - is it inspiring?
 n - is it necessary?
 k - is it kind?
 "Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."
 - St. John Paul II



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