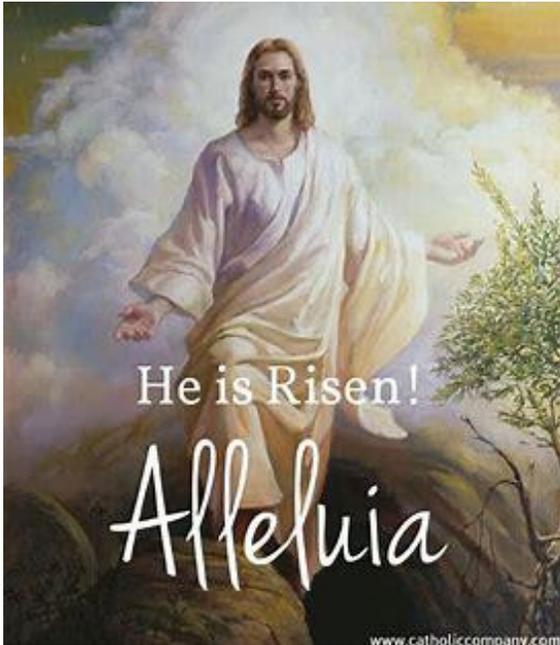


## Prayer for Easter



*God of Power and might,  
by your holy will you raised Jesus from the dead  
so that we might share his life eternally.  
As we rejoice and give you thanks  
for your great goodness and mercy,  
help us to reach out to those who do not yet believe  
in the truth of the gospel.  
Fill us with your compassion so that  
with loving hearts we may serve  
the weak and needy for love of you.  
Strengthen the faith of our families  
so that we may grow together in love.  
May your joy grow in us day by day.  
Amen.*

### First Friday in Honor of the Sacred Heart

We will have our monthly Holy Hour on **Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30-9:30am. Everyone is invited to attend.



### Blessing for Expectant Mothers



Next weekend (**April 7/8**) we will have our monthly blessing for expectant mothers of our parish after all the Masses.

### Saturday, March 31

7:30 PM Pro Populo

### Sunday, April 1 (Easter)

8:00 AM Special Intention

10:30 AM Special Intention

12:15 PM Intención Especial

### Tuesday, April 3

7:00 PM †Ruth McCowen by Lucy Krouskop

### Thursday, April 5

7:00 PM †Frida Milone by Lucy Krouskop

### Friday, April 6

8:00 AM In Honor of the Sacred Heart

### Saturday, April 7

4:00 PM †Jerry Lain – In Memory of his 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Death by Donna Lain

### Sunday, April 8

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM †Jerry Lain by Donna Lain

12:15 PM †Eliseo Martinez & †Soledad Barajas Int. de Gabriela Garcia

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### Mass Intentions



Sound Catholic practice encourages us to offer the Mass for the departed and for those in any need. To request a Mass to be offered, please visit the parish office or return to the office a completed Mass intention card. Available cards are located in the foyer of the church.

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### Anointing of the Sick



Because of the Privacy Act, hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to provide a list of the Catholic patients/residents for the Churches use in order to visit and administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Therefore, I need your assistance when you have a family member who is hospitalized or in a nursing home. Please call Fr. Orosco at the Church Office at (972) 563-3643 so that I may be of assistance.

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# Prayer Requests



Brenda Larsen  
 Richard Lozano Sr.  
 Kenny Montgomery  
 Nancy Bardsley  
 Curtis Rushing  
 Paul Smith  
 Maria Carmona  
 Paul Gumler  
 Olivia Nicole Yates  
 Stanley Quist  
 Sonia Rodriguez Cadena  
 Consuelo Luna  
 Bacilisa Garcia  
 Cindy Kinkaid  
 Rosann Kinkaid  
 Juan Cleto Castillo  
 Richard Lyon & Family  
 Angel Gabriel Godinez  
 Tomas Samuel Garcia  
 Barbara Sikors Hendricks  
 Myra Arrellano  
 Ma. del Refugio Mendoza  
 Marianne Marsden  
 Maria Landaverde  
 Casandra Lopez Ramirez  
 Luisa Regina Ramirez Pérez  
 Jovita De la Garza  
 Bob Rowland  
 Judy Aloï  
 Darlene Blankenship  
 Oscar Ramirez Robles  
 Amie Voigt  
 Maria Guillen  
 Garry Yancey  
 Sheldon Schlebach  
 Maria Luz Santoyo  
 Manuel Santoyo

Nick Morales, Sr.  
 Lee Wilde  
 Benita Herrera  
 Brenda Newburn  
 Henry Taft  
 Joyce Salisbury  
 Jose Ivan Ramirez  
 Mason Gumler  
 Lois LaDay  
 Joe Wages  
 Karen Medina  
 Margaret Wages  
 Sheila Wages  
 Blaine Miller  
 Johnnie B. Malouf  
 Pascual Meza  
 Bill Blankenship  
 Michelle Elliott  
 Crystal Sanchez  
 JoAnn Martinez  
 Warren Terry  
 Elmer Marsden  
 Odin Kizer  
 Claire Taft  
 Jackie Petricka  
 Claudia Aronoff  
 Efrain Valenzuela  
 Colleen Eldred  
 Shirley Taft  
 Jose Aramil  
 Bruce Leleux  
 Jackie Hull  
 Daniel Guillen  
 Joan Bohl  
 Larry Woodall  
 Joyce Forbis

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## Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of April 7/8

### Lectors:

Sat. 4:00pm Melody Zimmer/Debbie Patterson  
 Sun. 8:00am Gerald Garcia  
 Sun. 10:30am Shelilah Dean/Tammy Guerra

### Extraordinary Ministers:

Sat. 4:00pm Argie Benavidez/Karen Mathers/Suzy McCook  
 Sun. 8:00am Chris Probst/Dan Probst  
 Mary Pat Samuels/Michael Gumler  
 Sun. 10:30am Bud McClure/Bill Bedrick  
 Shelilah Dean/Tammy Guerra

### Ushers:

Sat. 4:00pm Steve Ray\*/Debbie P./Sherry G./Paul M.  
 Sun. 8:00am Conrado Aramil\*/David B./Cindy K./Abby H.  
 Sun. 10:30am Kevin Prouty\*/Dennis C./Richard Jr./Erik A.



# The Week Ahead

## Sunday, April 1

9:15 AM NO R.E. classes

## Monday, April 2

1:00 PM Crochet Ministry @ Casa St. John  
 7:00 PM Grupo de Oración @ Casa St. John

## Tuesday, April 3

6:30 PM R.E. classes  
 7:00 PM Daily Mass

## Wednesday, April 4

6:30 PM R.E. classes  
 6:45 PM Hora Santa

## Thursday, April 5

7:00 PM RCIA class  
 7:00 PM Daily Mass

## Friday, April 6

8:00 AM Daily Mass  
 8:30-9:30 AM Holy Hour

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Calendar for April

Sunday Classes: 1 (NO CLASSES-EASTER), 8, 15, 22,  
 29 (LAST DAY OF CLASSES)

Tuesday Classes: 3, 10, 17, 24 (LAST DAY OF CLASSES)

Wednesday Classes: 4, 11, 18,  
 25 (LAST DAY OF CLASSES)

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## Easter Week

**Easter Sunday**, we read from the **Acts of the Apostles** to hear Peter's preaching about the Resurrection. The **Letter to the Colossians** reminds us "You have died and your lives are hidden with Christ in God." The Gospel is from **John's Gospel** and gives us the first story of that Easter morning - Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to Peter and the "disciple Jesus loved" to tell them. They run to the tomb and discover for themselves that it is empty.



The first reading for Easter Week is from the **Acts of the Apostles**. We hear Peter's preaching the Good News and experience the first deeds of the Apostles, which parallel the acts of Jesus, including the conflicts he experienced and his power to heal.

The Gospels this week are all resurrection appearances. These wonderful stories contain some common elements. They appear designed to make it clear that this was not a group of disciples who dreamed up the resurrection, because they were hoping for it so much. In fact, they found it difficult to believe. The Jesus they saw and experienced was not a "ghost." Instead, he had a body.

Monday, is the story of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, as well as the "cover-up story" and pay off of the guards. Tuesday, we read of Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene, through the eyes of **John's Gospel**. Jesus missions her to announce the Good News to his brothers. On Wednesday we are treated to **Luke's** marvelous story of Jesus' appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They were sad, because they had hoped the story would have turned out differently. Jesus tells them why he had to first suffer and die in order to enter into his glory. As they stopped to eat, "he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread." Thursday Jesus appears in the room where the disciples are gathered. "Peace be with you" he says and then eats with them and shows them his wounds. On Friday, we have the powerful appearance in **John's Gospel** at the Sea of Tiberias. Peter decided to return to fishing. Jesus appears and re-missions him. On Saturday, the week concludes with the summary of appearances in what appears to be an addition to the end of **Mark's Gospel**.

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## Daily Prayer This Week

We now begin a celebration of the **Resurrection of our Lord** for the next seven weeks - when we mark the **Ascension** forty days after Easter and culminating in the celebration of **Pentecost** on the fiftieth day after Easter. This week, we begin that deepening realization of, and reflection upon, the meaning of the gift of life we have received in God's raising Jesus from the dead so that we might have eternal life.

Just as it difficult for many of our cultures to face the reality of death, it is difficult to accept the reality of life after death. St. Paul invites us to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end. This week let us try to open our hearts to a felt sense of what a difference it makes that the tomb is empty, that Jesus is alive, that he allows us to recognize him in the breaking of bread, and that he missions us to proclaim this Good News.

Each morning this week, we can pause for a moment and simply thank God for our being alive today. Even more, we can thank God for the life that Jesus won for us. Throughout the day, and at different brief moments, we can remember that this is Easter Week and ask to live more freely today, more gratefully. We can name the grace in our own terms and in the context of what we are experiencing, what gets us discouraged or what gives us life. Overall, we want to live the freedom we have been given. If death has no hold on us, so many of our fears would melt away. If we realized our ultimate home is in heaven, our spirits would be lighter and we would walk around more gratefully.

So, as we go through this week, we can let ourselves believe in the Resurrection that was won for us. "Lord, I believe in the gift of life you have given me in the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus." We can say this act of faith, or sing any of the wonderful Easter songs in the back of our minds, as many times as it takes to let ourselves feel the effects of Easter.

Perhaps we had a difficult Holy Week or Easter. There might have been loneliness or family conflicts. Perhaps we are facing a chronic illness or deep struggles with a loved one, or we are grieving the loss of a loved one. These, and many other struggles can challenge our Easter hope and joy. This is the week to place our trust in the one who is now alive, so that we can live forever. We can ask for the gifts of hope renewed these days. In giving thanks, we can ask that our hearts be opened even more to receive the gift of his Spirit.

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## “Con Razón Nuestro Corazón Ardía Mientras Nos Hablaba por el Camino...!”



En su encuentro con Jesús resucitado, los discípulos de Emaús no lo habían reconocido al principio, quizá debido a que no cabía en su cabeza que el Crucificado fuese el mismo que se encontraron por el camino.

### Grupo de Oración

El Grupo de Oración se reúnen cada lunes a las 7pm en la Casa St. John.



### Clases de Pre-Bautismales

Tenemos clases Pre-Bautismales cada primer sábado de cada mes en el Centro Parroquial a las 6:00pm. Favor de llamar a la oficina (972-563-3643) para más información.



### Bendición Especial



El próximo fin de semana (7/8 de abril) después de la Misa vamos a tener una bendición especial para las madres de nuestra parroquia que están embarazadas.

### Hora Santa

Todos están invitados a la Hora Santa cada miércoles a las 6:45pm. Nos reunimos en la Iglesia para darle honra a Jesús Sacramentado.



**LAS OFICINAS DE LA IGLESIA ESTARAN CERRADAS EL LUNES, 2 DE ABRIL.**

- Les extraño a ellos el aparente desconocimiento de ese “forastero” acerca de lo ocurrido en Jerusalén el viernes anterior.
- Pero Jesús les recriminó su insensatez y su dureza de corazón por no haber creído en lo anunciado por los profetas y entonces, comenzando por Moisés, les explicó “todos los pasajes de la Escritura que se referían a él”.
- Finalmente, ya en Emaús, reconocieron al Señor cuando “tomó un pan, pronunció la bendición, lo partió y se lo dio”.
- Cada domingo, en la Misa, estamos invitados a tener un encuentro con Jesús resucitado, en el que “nos explica las Escrituras y parte para nosotros el pan”.

Que nuestro corazón arda de amor cada vez que nos encontremos con el Resucitado en la Eucaristía.

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## LA DOCTRINA...

### Calendario para el mes de Abril:

**Clases de Domingo:** 1 (NO HAY CLASES), 8, 15, 22, 29 (El último día de clases)

**Clases de los Martes:** 3, 10, 17, 24 (El último día de clases)

**Clases de los Miércoles:** 4, 11, 18, 25 (El último día de clases)