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**EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 4, 2021**



**MASSES**

**SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM**

**SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 10:30AM**

**WEEKDAY MASS: CHAPEL**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM  
(ROSARY AFTER)**

**FIRST SATURDAY 8:00AM  
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK &  
NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**SATURDAY: 3:00-3:45 PM**

**SUNDAY: 7:15 - 7:45AM  
9:45-10:15 AM**

**OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT**

**ADORATION**

**TUESDAY: 8:00AM-6:00PM**

**FRIDAY: 8:30AM-9:30 AM  
(DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART)**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-12:30 PM**

**LAURA E. RHODE, SECRETARY**

## Gospel Reflection

Easter is one of the most important feasts in the Catholic Church because the Resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our Catholic Faith and His Resurrection is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live...” (Jn 11:25-26). It gives us hope and encouragement to continue our efforts to lead a Christian life based on the teachings of the Catholic Church.

St. Paul writes to Romans to confess Jesus as Lord and believe He was raised from the dead “if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Rom 10:9). Again, he writes to Corinthians “And if Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, your faith.” (I Cor 15:14).

“The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised.” (Mt 17:22,23). Jesus himself testified to his Resurrection from the dead, giving it as a sign of his divinity. Therefore, it is easy to believe Jesus as the expected Messiah. When the authority of Jesus to drive out merchants, sheep, oxen, and to spill the coins of the money-changers and to overturn their tables were questioned, Jesus answered, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up” (John 2:19).

The empty tomb is yet another proof Jesus has risen from the dead because the terrified disciples would not attempt to steal the body of Jesus when it was guarded by many soldiers.

If we believe Jesus had not died or his body was stolen, see the initial disbelief of His apostles even after His repeated apparitions. It serves another strong proof of his Resurrection. Look into the transformation of apostles after the Pentecost. How did they get the courage to preach crucified Jesus and to face martyrdom?

The conversion St. Paul from a persecutor of Christians to a zealous preacher of Jesus is another proof of Jesus’ Resurrection (Galatians 1:11-17, Acts 9:1, Acts 9:24-25, Acts 26:15-18). After all, neither the Jews nor the Romans could retrieve the body of Jesus after the resurrection.

Let us then rejoice sisters and brothers; let us rejoice because Jesus rose from the dead; let us rejoice because Jesus has saved us. And together let us pray that our hearts be filled with hope and courage for the future.

May the Risen Lord bless you all with eternal life and protect you from possible dangers.

## Today's Readings

### First Reading (*Acts 10:34, 37-43*)

Peter proceeded to speak and said: “You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

### Responsorial Psalm (*Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23*)

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, “His mercy endures forever.”

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

“The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.”

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

### Second Reading (*Colossians 3:1-4*)

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

### Gospels (*John 20:1-9*)

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

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**Welcome Back to Mass**

Bishop Kihneman has lifted the exemption given from participating in the Holy Mass from Sunday, March 28, 2021. Please come back to the church on Sundays and days of obligation. You are also allowed to listen to our broadcasting FM 91.1 and receive Holy Communion at the entrance.

**Catholic Sharing Appeal**

In the pandemic year 2020 did you know that the Church provided \$742,000 in housing and utility assistance? Over 2 million pounds of food was distributed to the those in need. Over 200 infants were provided with basic care items. Over 400,000 people in South Mississippi were helped in one form or another through the Church and your generosity of prayer and financial support. Thank you! Please help us continue the work of Jesus by "Witnessing the Eucharist Within Us," and supporting this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal.

**Office will be closed on**

**Easter Monday—April 5**

**Let us pray for successful**

**Retreat of our Priests**

**Daily Mass Schedule**

There will be no Mass on

**Tuesday—April 6, 2021**  
**Wednesday—April 7, 2021**  
**Thursday—April 8, 2021**

(Priests Retreat)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, April 3**

**4pm - Agnel, Aline & Madeline Moran †**

**Sunday, April 4**

**8:00am— Parishioners**

**10:30am—Charles Haas † & All**

Family Members Living & Deceased

**Monday, April 5**

**No Mass - April 6, 7 & 8, 2021**

**8:00am - Davis Graves †**

**Friday, April 9**

**8:00am - Francis Adams**



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*Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior.*

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