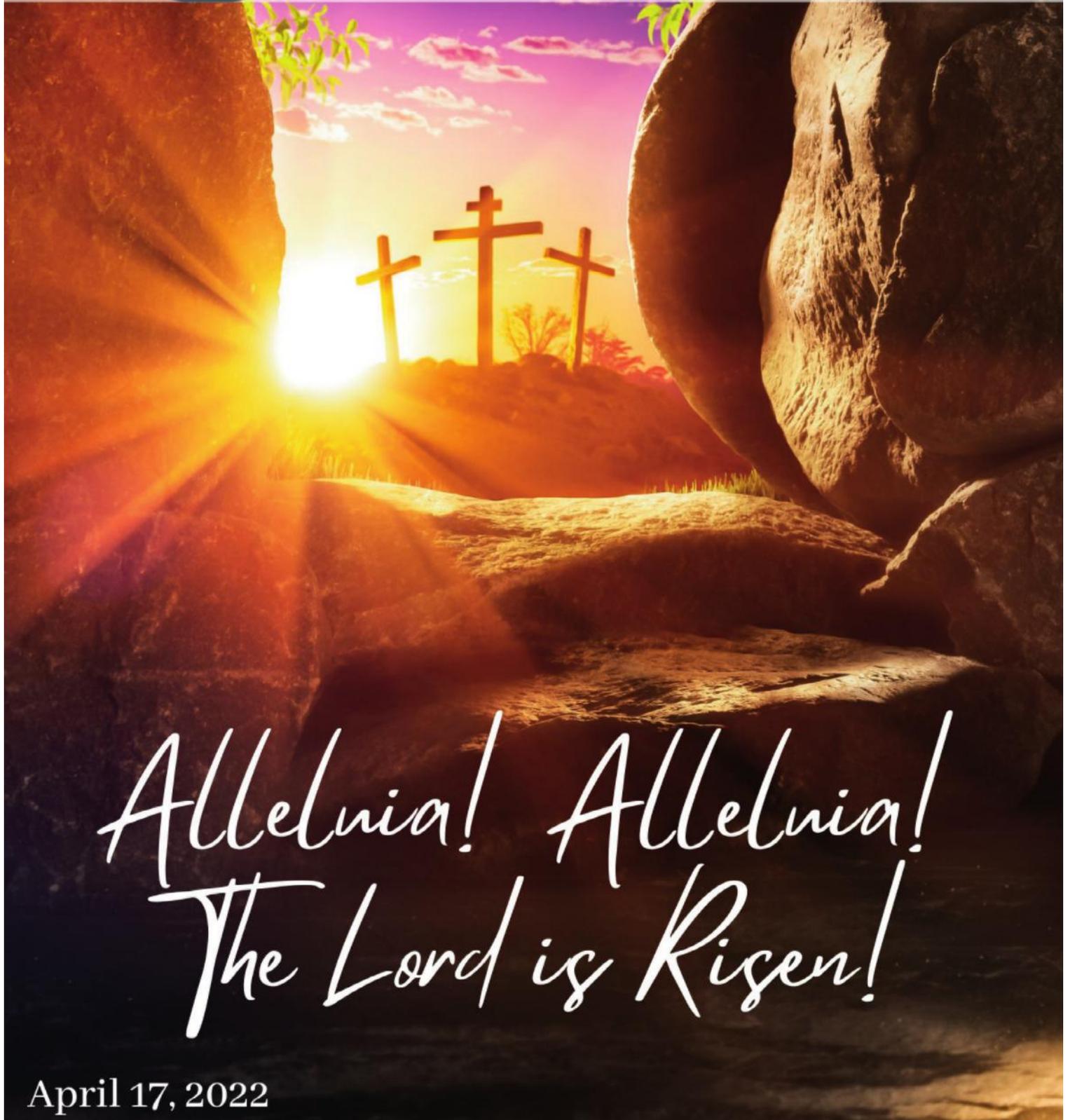




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Friday: 8:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.

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Tuesday	10:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.
Saturday	9:30a.m. - 10:30a.m.

Adoration:

Thursday 9:00a.m. - 1:30p.m.

Bernadette's Brew

Open Sundays after morning Masses. Bring a bulletin and join us for coffee, donuts or fritters, and fellowship! We look forward to seeing you there!

Chapel Candles

Chapel candles are available for purchase during regular office hours and before Saturday 4:00p.m. Mass. Candles are \$3 each. Please make checks out to *Our Lady of Lourdes Parish*

One and All: Welcome

Dear Friends,

*And I came to believe in a power much higher than I
I came to believe that I needed help to get by
In childlike faith I gave in and gave him a try
And I came to believe in a power much higher than I*
"Came to Believe" by Johnny Cash

Welcome to all our members, part-time members, sometimes members, associate members, family members of members, not-so-sure-you're-a-member members, Spring Training visitors and anyone who just wandered in on this Easter Sunday to see what Catholics do on an Easter Sunday.

Last night at Easter Vigils throughout the world, through the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) the Church welcomed thousands of new members. They each have completed a long process of discernment and by many different paths and circumstances God has lead them to the Catholic faith. But why be Catholic?

The simplest answer is because they each came to believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of the world. The proof of that is His death and resurrection. Believing that means Jesus is their ultimate concern, their center of gravity, the meaning in their lives. That being so, believers are willing to organize their lives around the teachings of Jesus Christ as they have been expressed in the Gospels and in the teachings of his Church. This is what they believe.

They have also come to believe that Jesus Christ established the Church to be his continuing presence in the world and as such a force for good in this world. They are now full members of the Church and are commissioned to carry out its mission in the world. This is why they believe. At some point in their lives they each encountered the person of Jesus and His Church and sought to make a decision. Their entrance into the Church confirms their decision.

From the time of his conception in the womb of Mary until now, Jesus of Nazareth causes every person who encounters him to choose to be for him or against him. The shepherds and the magi bowed to worship him, Herod sought to destroy him, the apostles followed him, and his own people crucified him. There is no neutrality when it comes to Jesus. It is why his Church is at times the cause of controversy, the object of people's anger as well as the source of much consolation and hope. The Church stands with the peoples of every time and place who must face the question posed by Jesus: "Who do you say that I am?" The Church then evokes in the soul a crisis that until resolved leaves us without peace.

Every person must therefore work out his or her relationship with the church. If you are like our newest members once were: questioning who is this Jesus and what about this Church, what's needed now from you is a willingness to enter into a conversation with your soul with as little defensiveness as possible. This means a willingness to drop all biases, preconceived conclusions, past hurts or struggles and open yourself to the presence of God. In doing so God will come close to you and provide you the illumination to see what questions you really need to ask, what holds you back and what will move you forward.

Or maybe you are a baptized Catholic but just no longer or rarely practice the faith and God is still tugging on your heart. I realize that sometimes we see the Church as a parent we want to get as far away from as possible but we realize sooner or later that wherever we go, no matter how far we roam, we can never finally leave it. It remains with us because it is part of us.

If you are questioning, confused, uncertain or just want more information we invite you to ask away. You can throw your best questions at us! All we ask is that you give us a fair chance. While the old saying is true: we ain't what we ought to be, we ain't what we want to be, we ain't even what you think we should be, but thank God we ain't what we used to be... we think you'll like what you find.

*Nothing worked out when I handled it all on my own
And each time I failed it made me feel twice as
alone
Then I cried, "Lord there must be a sure and easier
way
For it just cannot be that a man should lose hope
every day.*

Love, Fr. John B.

Pray With Us

Mass Intentions

April 17: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00a.m.: Catherine Hirth†

11:00a.m.: for the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes

1:00p.m.: Healing Intentions for Haila Halverson

April 18

Healing Intentions for Lynda Munson

April 19

Mary Alice Clark†

April 20

Edward McDunn†

April 21

Rodolfo Cacad†

April 22

Ayla Rose Villa† and Family

April 23

8:30a.m.: Special Intentions for Alice Kotlar

4:00p.m.: Mr. & Mrs. Roman Krupa†

April 24: Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00a.m.: Carol Voitt†

11:00a.m.: Mark Braun

1:00p.m.: for the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8a; Jn 20:1-9

Monday

Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Ps 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:
8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2: 36-41; Ps 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22; Jn 20: 11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 & 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Ps 118:24; Jn
21:1-14

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-
15

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-
13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31



Please note: Bernadette's Brew is **closed** today. Please join us again on April 24 following the 9:00a.m. Mass.

Bernadette's Brew will be **closed** after the 11:00a.m. Mass until September.



Next week, April 24, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Join Divine Mercy Devotion after the **11a.m.**

Mass for the recitation of the sung Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by a social in Madonna Hall! All are welcome - you do not need to be a current Devotion member to participate. We would love to see new faces!

Beginning April 28, Divine Mercy Devotion will take place following the 8:30a.m. daily Mass with a social in Madonna Hall to follow. All are welcome!

For questions regarding Divine Mercy, please contact Fred Malcolm at divinemercuryprayers7@gmail.com



Collections taken by Respect Life Ministry will benefit Aid to Women Center. See the full list of needs on pg. 4. St. Vincent de Paul will collect monetary donations, as well as caps & socks for the homeless.

Serve With Us



Life Choices Women's Clinic would like to extend their thanks to our parishioners for the donations last month. We got many donations, including 27 packages of baby wipes, 13 packages of diaper cream, 48 articles of clothing, and a Pack n Play, as well as \$167 in cash and \$170 directly to Life Choices.

The Respect Life Ministry Pregnancy Center for April is Aid to Women Center. The Center needs **new** breast pumps, small swings, high chairs, diaper bags, diapers in sizes 4-6, wipes, rattles, teething, clothing in sizes 9m-2T, socks from NB-2T, bassinets, and Pack N Plays. You can find their registry on Amazon here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2UUGCZFD0U3CJ/?ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlists and you can donate directly on the Center's website at aidtowomencenter.org/donors.

Prayer Opportunities:

Spiritual Adoption: **MONTH THREE**-Developing Baby "I grabbed my hand!" The baby can now squint, swallow and move his tongue. He sleeps and awakens. Fingernails and toenails form and he now has his own unique set of fingerprints. Sensitive to touch, he will tightly grasp an object placed in the palm of his hand. He breathes amniotic fluid to help develop and strengthen the respiratory system, but he gets the oxygen he needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce and is about 3 inches in length. Remember to pray daily for this precious little baby!

Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday, April 15th and concludes on Saturday, April 23rd. Pray that all those who have been wounded by participation in abortion may find forgiveness and healing in God's tender mercy.

The next Respect Life Ministry meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3 at 1:30 pm. It will be preceded by a Pro-Life Rosary in the church at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to join the Rosary and meeting. Please contact Terese Boas at boasfmlj@comcast.net or call (904) 718-3322.



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TODAY AS WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF EASTER, LIKE MARY MAGDALENE AND THE DISCIPLES WE FIND THE CHALLENGE OF ALSO SEEING AND BELIEVING THE RESURRECTION.

Thanks to your generosity in February, St. Mary's Food Bank received food donations that allowed them to provide 484 meals. These gifts help the poor and hungry to "see and believe" in the Resurrection.



On April 23rd and 24th we will be holding a Cap and Socks drive for the homeless.

Donation boxes will be at each door
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