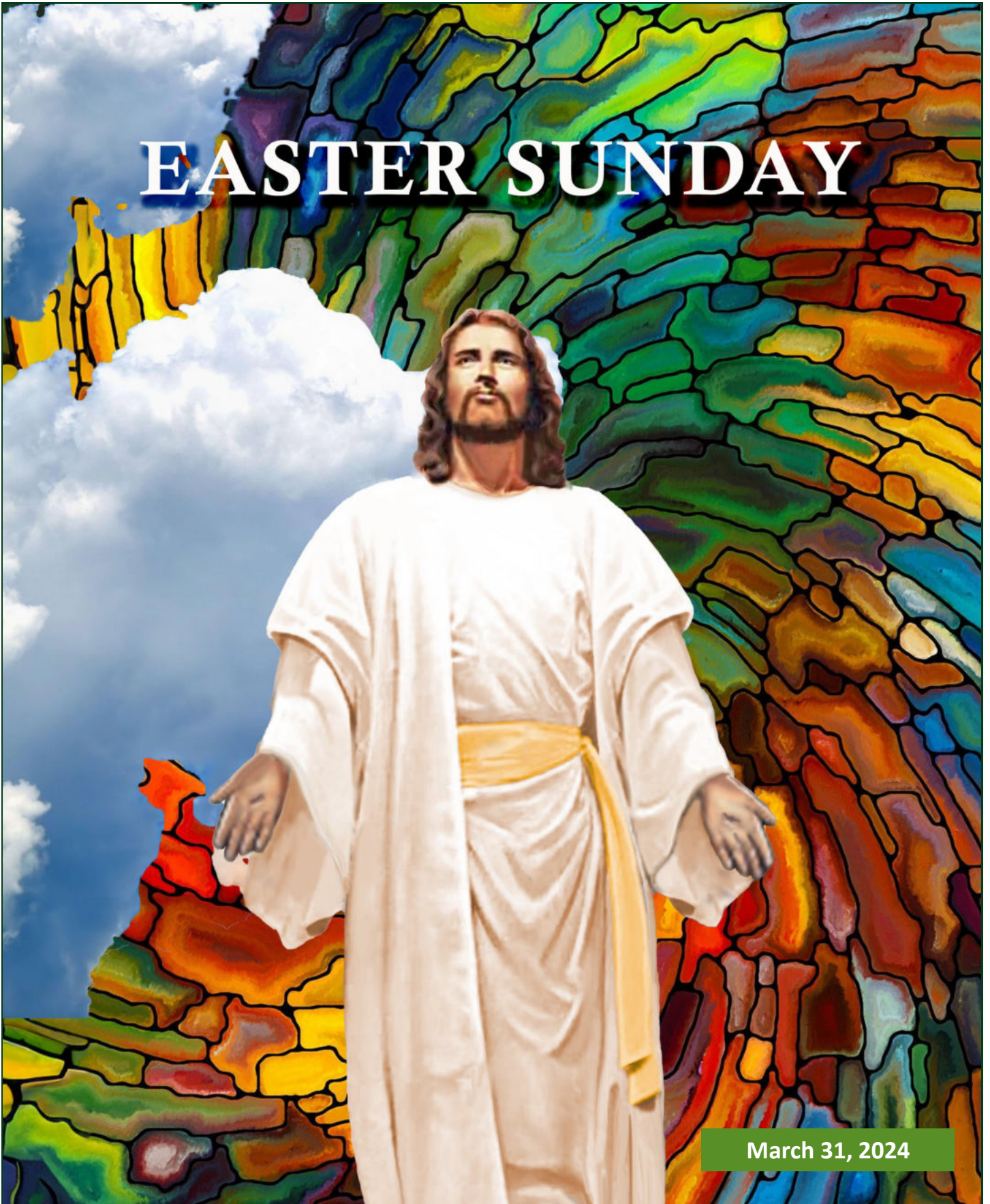


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# EASTER SUNDAY



March 31, 2024

## Easter Good News!

We have just come from 40 days in the desert with Jesus. We have asked the Lord to purify us from our attachments and to help us to love Him more. More immediately, we have walked through Holy Week with Our Lord. We have seen him move from the Garden of Gethsemane to prison, to trial to Crucifixion. So too perhaps we have felt brokenness this year. Perhaps we have lost a loved one, experienced a broken relationship, a health crisis or a financial set back. Perhaps there is an area of sin that we are still wrestling with.

**It is for this that Jesus came into the world.** Jesus came as a **light into the darkness.** Ever since the Fall of Adam and Eve we have battled sin and its consequences, but God has sent us a remedy in sending His only begotten Son into the world! Jesus took all of our brokenness and sin and put it on the Cross. He carried that Cross up the Via Dolorosa and the weight was immense, three times he fell under its weight. As He willingly went to the Cross he took all of our sins with Him. Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. We do not have to carry our sins with us. Jesus has taken them upon himself as the sacrificial lamb.

**Easter Sunday** brings us even better news! Not only is our sin and brokenness forgiven but we are told that Jesus did not stay on the Cross nor did He stay in the tomb. **On the third day he rose again from the grave.** **Sin and death** had no hold over him. So, what does this mean for us?

**Easter** means that **my sins can be forgiven.** I no longer have to carry them with me. Easter shows me I will live forever. I will live in this world for a passing time but I can **live with Jesus forever.** My two greatest enemies, sin and death are defeated!

**The Church** now gives us a great gift in these **next seven weeks.** Easter is not a single day of celebration but rather seven weeks of joy! The Church is asking us to meditate upon and unlock the great treasures of Easter over these next seven weeks.

In the midst of my challenges and the challenges of the world Jesus will be alongside of me. I am not alone, “my Savior walks with me, talks with me and tells me that I am His own.” Long after we have hung up our Easter dresses and suits and eaten the candy from our Easter basket the power of the Resurrection will remain. Jesus has risen from the grave. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad! Happy Easter today, for the next seven weeks and for all eternity. He is truly risen!

**-Fr. Tim McKeown**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**March 30 - April 7**

**Saturday, March 30**

8:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

**Sunday, March 31**

8 a.m. Our Parish Family (J.I. Club Hotel)

8:30 a.m. † Manuel & Manuela Rocha

11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) † Maria Mendez,

† Rafael & Rafael Rojas

**Monday, April 1**

Noon Gerard & April Kilroy (int.)

**Tuesday, April 2**

Noon † Benjamin Parse

**Wednesday, April 3**

7 p.m. David Bradley (int.)

**Thursday, April 4**

8 a.m. † Mary Lynn Reardon

**Friday, April 5**

8 a.m. Fr. Anthony Pillari (int.)

7 p.m. First Friday

**Saturday, April 6**

5:00 p.m. Jim & Susan Layman (int.)

7:00 p.m. Our Parish Family (JIUMC)

**Sunday, April 7**

8:30 a.m. † Buddy Brumit &  
Lamont Shell (int.)

11:00 a.m. † Ricky Coolidge

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Efrain Lopez (int.)

No RCIA class on **Monday, April 1.**

We have contributed \$42,193 of our \$67,829 goal for the **Annual Catholic Appeal** which puts us at 62%. If you have not yet made your pledge please do so this week!

**First Friday, April 5** Mass is at 8:00 a.m. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** in the church from 1:00 pm to 7:00 p.m. for silent prayer. Mass in English and Spanish at 7:00 p.m. O come, let us adore Him!

Normally the **Solemnity of the Annunciation** is celebrated on March 25. Because that falls during Holy Week this year the celebration will be transferred to Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>.

If your baby or toddler is feeling restless, the **Narthex** is open with a **live video and audio feed**. There are about 25 seats available. There is also a room located at the back of the Church you can go to.

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**Knights of Columbus State Charity Raffle:** The 2023-2024 Charity Raffle to benefit both statewide and local charities is now being held through the end of April. **Up to 70% of the proceeds from local ticket sales will be used to fund improvements to the parking area between SFX church and the school.** The prizes are: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$5,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$2,500; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$1,000. Tickets may be obtained from members of the Knights of Columbus – 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. Tickets will be available after most weekend masses. Winners will be drawn on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Georgia Knights of Columbus Convention. For tickets or more information, call Don Heinecke at 912-577-8722.

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REQUESTS**

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