

# St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

## March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



### *Masses for the Week*

<b>Mon, April 1</b>	6:15— Miles Family 8:30— Robert Frank Miller, Jr.+ 12:15— Pam & Joe Voss
<b>Tues, April 2</b>	6:15— Jerome+ & Lou (L) Miles 8:30— Che & Allyson Garcia and Family
<b>Wed, April 3</b>	6:15— Joan & Bob Burton+ 8:30— Aleyamma Thomas+ 12:15— Marion Susanne Morrill+
<b>Thurs, April 4</b>	6:15— Arthur & Susan Colombo 8:30— Connor Dwyer+
<b>Fri, April 5</b>	6:15— Josh Foley & Family 8:30— Sharon Ann Costa+ 12:15— Joseph Marx+
<b>Sat, April 6</b>	8:30— Michelle Ryan 5:30— Jean & Sal Micari+
<b>Sun, April 7</b>	7:30— Mary Guckes+ 8:45— The Glenn & Evans Families L & + 10:30— John Paul Tellis 12:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 5:00— The Venkat Family

### **Parish Mass Schedule**

<b>Saturday:</b>	8:30am, 5:30pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday:</b>	7:30, 8:45am & 10:30am 12:30 & 5:00pm
<b>Weekdays:</b>	6:15 and 8:30am, Monday through Friday 12:15pm, Mondays (except Federal Holidays) and Wednesdays
<b>Holy Days:</b>	As announced
<b>Holy Hour:</b>	Wednesdays, 7pm
<b>Confessions:</b>	Wednesdays, 9am (until line ends); Holy Hour, 7pm (until line ends); Saturdays, 4pm (until line ends); and by appointment

### **Clergy**

Reverend James C. Hudgins, Pastor  
Reverend Paul Dudzinski, Parochial Vicar  
Reverend Christopher T. Vaccaro, Parochial Vicar  
Reverend John F. O'Farrell, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Paul C. Konold  
Deacon Anthony J. Renzette  
Deacon Matthew K. Noah

**Prayers For The Sick:** Esther Yager, Tori Edmonds, Daniel John Begley, Michael DeCardona, Stephen Stahl, Steve Smith, Philip Carrescia, Michael Williamson, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Barney Smith, Rick & Kathleen Mikszan, Ron Crick, Jeffrey Miller, Raymond Humanik, Kelly Hargreaves, Ellen Russow, Patricia Fuechslin, Pranee Heinjaran, Nellie Gonzalez, Bernadette Valdez, Emma Ciaravino, Keelan Griffen, Helen Atallah, Daniel Ramirez, Cynthia Ramirez, Haley Morris, Anabelle Huster, Russell Ramons, Martha Mason, John Forbes, Ruth Carradini.

**Prayers For Our Military:** Tom Short, Bill Short, Sergio Mendez, Geoffrey Galasso, Logan Anna Davis, Stephen Holdorf, Jr. Daniel W. Beverly, Michael Cinnamon, Matthew Schierling, Eric Frames, Bill Freschi, Paul Schierling, Marshall Kellner, Colin Freyne, Eric Ciliberti, John Kesterson, Matthew Kesterson, Alexa Katharine Koenig, Russell Escalante, Eric Reilly, John Conrad, Fr. James Hinkle, Andrew Gillespie, Stephen Gilliland, David Seliquini, Joseph Auler, Adam Parkinson, Jake Shelton, Patrick G. Fitzgerald, Sean Spurr, Jack Hayes.



Easter 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this Easter Season, I reflect on how blessed we are as followers of Christ to live in a diocese that has been given abundant blessings. Our Risen Lord invites us to take those blessings and walk in newness of life as his sons and daughters, each and every day.

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary as a diocese, we are renewed in the joyful hope of witnessing and celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Now strengthened in this hope-filled faith, we can better respond to his call to witness to the Risen Lord with greater authenticity, to follow his commands, and willingly proclaim our faith and the truth of the Gospel boldly and lovingly.

By relying on God and trusting in his grace, may we strive daily to live in Christ Jesus, who rose from the dead, bringing a message of new life in him. Jesus Christ is risen today; he is victorious, and his victory is ours. For this reason, we sing 'Alleluia! Alleluia!'

Please be assured of a special remembrance in my prayers for you and your family. May Our Risen Lord shower his abundant blessings upon you at Easter and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington

## Current Critical Adoration Needs

Critical Need	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>11:30pm</b>	<b>1:00am</b>



**Note:** The Adoration Schedule online system allows users to cancel commitments from time-to-time to allow for vacation, sickness, or other possibilities that may prevent attendance. In those instances, substitute adorers will provide one-time coverage.

**Sign up for one of our open Adoration Time slots – it will change your life, your family’s life, and the life of our St. Theresa Parish!**

Visit the Parish website to access the Saint Theresa Parish Adoration Scheduler, or use this short web address:

OR [www.tinyurl.com/weadore](http://www.tinyurl.com/weadore)

Please visit the website to signup, or email [letusadore@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:letusadore@sainttheresaparish.com), or text to 703.608.4278 or 703.728.0168, or come by the parish office.

**“What will convert America and save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer.”**– St. Mother Theresa Won't you consider signing up for one hour a week to sit with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel? To sign up, go to: <http://sainttheresa.letusadore.com>

As a committed adorer, if you are unable to attend due to planned travel or vacation, just let us know and we will find someone to come in and fill in your hour that week. Please consider spending one hour with the Lord. It will be the best time you will spend on earth.



## News from our Parish

**April Baptism Class**—Date change for April: April 11th vice April 4th.

**Are you looking for ways to serve the Church and join community?**—Have you ever thought about being an Usher? St. Theresa's is inviting all parishioners to consider serving in this amazing Ministry! Come join fellow parishioners in all the fun and hospitality of being an Usher! It can be as flexible as you choose. Reach out to Usher Ministry at [sttheresaushers@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresaushers@gmail.com) for more information! We are SO excited to have you join us!



St. Theresa Catholic School  
*Join our team!*  
We are looking for faith-filled, energetic, and dynamic educators and staff to join our school family for the 2024-25 school year!  
STCS is accepting applications for:  
4th Grade Teacher  
Instructional Aides (part-time)  
Please send your resume, cover letter, and references to [HR@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:HR@sainttheresaparish.com)

## Youth Education and News



[ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com)

### April

Sunday, the 7th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm – Showing the Movie 'TRICKED' as part of the Protecting Our Children efforts of the Diocese of Arlington

Tuesday, the 9th-6pm in the school cafeteria - Makeup showing of the Movie 'TRICKED' as part of the Protecting Our Children efforts of the Diocese of Arlington

Sunday, the 14th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sunday, the 21st-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Monday, the 22nd-Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tuesday, the 23rd-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

Sunday, the 28th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

### May

Saturday, the 4th-Middle School Bash, 2:30-9pm – O'Connell High School, for all students between 6th grade and 8th grade

Sunday, the 5th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

**Tricked** – A video-based safe-training program that explores the dangerous realities of sexual trafficking. Upper Room Squad will be showing the movie 'Tricked: Inside the World of Teen Sex Trafficking' on Sunday, April 7th

at 6pm in the school cafeteria. This is a part of the Youth Training Program established by the Diocese. While parents are the primary educators and caregivers of youth, the Diocese of Arlington enjoys the privilege of sharing in that ministry, in the world we live in today, youth too often are alone and unprepared for the dangers presented. This movie will help students understand and spot the scouting and manipulating techniques that are commonly used by traffickers. Using testimony from survivors of sex trafficking, as well as insider information from a former trafficker, they talk about how to avoid susceptible behaviors. They also provide insights on how to get help if students or their friends get trapped in this terrible situation. To get more information on the program just visit the Arlington Diocese webpage under 'Protecting our Children', follow the 'Youth Training Programs' tab, <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/youth-training-programs/>. (the make-up date will be Tuesday, April 9th at 6pm in the school cafeteria)

**Calling All Middle Schoolers to the Diocesan BASH:**—BASH is the Diocese of Arlington's largest gathering of Catholic middle school students (6th-8th graders) every year! Students from all over the Diocese will gather on Saturday, May 4th, at O'Connell High School in Arlington for faith, fellowship, and fun! We will depart as a group from the upper parking lot at 2:30pm and return at 9:00pm. Adult chaperones will be the drivers.

This event includes music, games, free t-shirt, inspirational speakers, confessions, and Vigil Mass and transportation. Bishop Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass. BASH is open to any Middle School aged youth that want to attend. Please follow this link for more details and to grab a spot for your child - spots are first come - first serve so please act quickly! The cost of the ticket is \$20. You can also sign up to be a chaperone & drive if you would like to be a part of this great afternoon. We could always use the help!

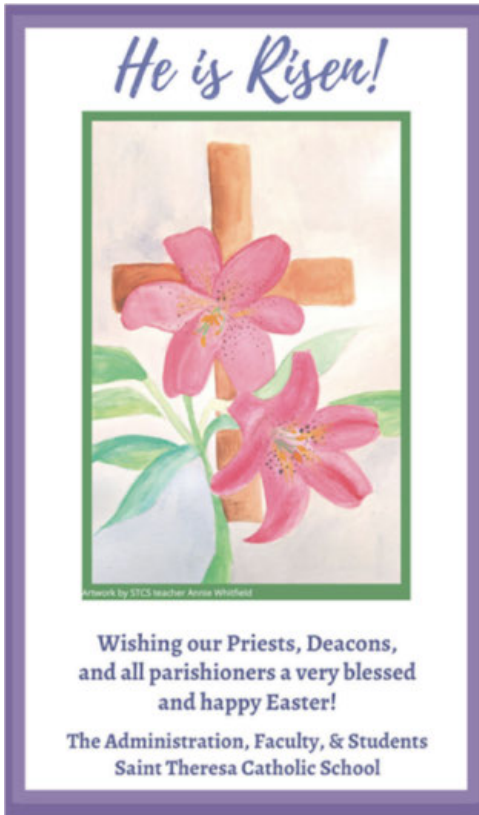
Signup Genius for the Middle School Bash: <https://tinyurl.com/STMSBash>  
Or use this QR Code:



Office Hours:  
Mon-Thurs. 9am-4pm; Fri. 9am-noon

Adults Plan Ahead to Volunteer  
Want to volunteer at the many St. Theresa's children based programs/events? We encourage and welcome your involvement however it requires that all volunteers be compliant. For details contact Connie Gilligan, Parish Child Protection Coordinator, at [connie@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:connie@sainttheresaparish.com) or call 703.729.3714.

# More Youth Education and News



*He is Risen!*

Wishing our Priests, Deacons,  
and all parishioners a very blessed  
and happy Easter!

The Administration, Faculty, & Students  
Saint Theresa Catholic School

**STCS families**, please mark your calendars for the following events, and watch for details in the **Thursday Thunder** email newsletter:



- Monday, April 8—**  
Students Return
- Thursday, April 11—**  
7th Grade Science Fair
- Monday, April 22—**  
D.A.R.E. Graduation;  
Spring Book Fair begins
- Friday, April 26—**  
Middle School Spring Dance

**Join our joyful team – we're hiring!**  
St. Theresa Catholic School is accepting applications for a 4th Grade Teacher and part-time Instructional Aides for the 2024-25 school year. Please send your resume, cover letter, and references to [HR@saintthereseparish.com](mailto:HR@saintthereseparish.com).

**St. Theresa Catholic School's Annual PTO Auction, "A Night in Black & White"** is on Friday, May 10, 2024! Our auction relies on donations from parents, alumni families, and parishioners -- *we can't do it without you!* We are looking for gift cards for experiences, restaurants, salons; vacation condos, homes, timeshares; tickets to

games, concerts, events...can you help? Information is on the school website, [www.stsashburn.com](http://www.stsashburn.com) (click Support/Auction) or email [stsauction@stsashburn.com](mailto:stsauction@stsashburn.com).

*Thank you for supporting STCS!*

**Apply to St. Theresa Catholic School!** Saint Theresa Catholic School will begin accepting applications for new families beginning January 3, 2024. Please visit our website for more information and to apply. <https://www.stsashburn.com>

**Calling all St. Theresa Catholic School Alumni & Alumni Families!** We would love to hear from you, and add you to our **Alumni & Friends Newsletter** email list. Please send your news and contact information to [alumni@stsashburn.com](mailto:alumni@stsashburn.com)



Calling all St. Theresa Catholic School ALUMNI!  
Send us your news!  
Email updates to [alumni@stsashburn.com](mailto:alumni@stsashburn.com)

# Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

**Interested in learning about the Legion of Mary?**—Two Legion of Mary groups meet at different times. Check the website for information, or be our guest at any Legion meeting held on Wed, 7:15pm; or Sat, 9:15am.

**Women's Discipleship Group**—Meets every Wednesday morning, 9:30-10:30am for Lectio Divina and 10:45-11:45am for spiritual book reading. Our focus is the Mass reading for the upcoming Sunday and a spiritual book selected by our spiritual director Deacon Matthew Noah. Starting October 11th, we will be reading the book, "Four Witnesses: The Early Church In Her Own Words. Parish women of all

ages are cordially invited. For more information contact Dawn Garabito, 862.812.0039 or [dmarie213@aol.com](mailto:dmarie213@aol.com)

**That Man is You (TMIY)**—That Man is You (TMIY) is a Catholic men's program that's made a real difference in our lives as husbands and fathers in St. Theresa's parish, helping us to better understand our Faith and to build friendships with fellow Catholic men. We met on Saturday 15 March, discussing how we see Christ in our families and in our fellow brothers and sisters; please join us at 6:30am on 6 April for fellowship, video and discussion (6:30-8:00am) in the Parish building across from the Church.

Please contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or [jack.hayes422@aol.com](mailto:jack.hayes422@aol.com) for additional information.

**Padre Pio Group**—St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) is known for his gift of healing. When you become a child of Padre Pio, he also takes into prayers your entire family. Won't you join us on the first Friday of the month as we pray the rosary and ask Padre Pio to be your helper in heaven. Pray, Hope, and don't worry....First Friday at 6:30pm. Our next meeting will be **Friday April 5**, St Theresa School in the Saint Louis Martin Room. Questions, contact Mirella 703.463.0847

## Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

You can find all of Fr. Hudgins homilies recorded on [Fatherhudgins.com](http://Fatherhudgins.com)



## Knights of Columbus

**KOVAR** is a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity. It works to provide assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations. These organizations give training and assistance to persons with intellectual disabilities. We need your help through donations to fund this vital charity. We will be collecting at all Masses April 6th and 7th. Thank you for your generosity in giving to KOVAR.

**Are you a parishioner in need of a home repair?** If you need help in completing a small home repair that you cannot complete yourself or that may cause you financial hardship, we are here to help! Projects should take no more than 1-2 hours and involve no more than 1-2 men. Please submit your request on our website at: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

**Catholic men:** Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus? See our most Frequently Asked Questions at: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs> or to submit a request for more information or to be contacted by our Membership Committee scan the following QR code.



## News Around the Diocese

**The Blessed Sacrament & Our Blessed Lady Women's Retreat**—This year we commemorate the Eucharistic Revival that is currently observed throughout our country and the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese of Arlington. Come to the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA and join Msgr. Mangan, from Mount St. Mary's Seminary, during the Octave of Easter and on Divine Mercy Sunday to ponder the awesome mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist and Mary's love for Holy Communion. This silent retreat for women begins at 5pm on Friday, **April 5**, and ends at 1pm on **Sunday, April 7**. Retreat cost is \$285 and financial assistance may be available. For further information or to register for this retreat, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org).

**Twelve Seminarians to be Ordained Transitional Deacons**—On Saturday, **April 6**, Bishop Burbidge will ordain 12 seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate: Timothy Banach, Emmanuel Carreño-García, Joseph Connor, Jordan Evans, John Fimmuchime, Raymond Goins, Andrew Lewandowski, Richard Malebranche, John Meyerhofer, Christian Njodzela, Michael Sampson and Alfredo Tuesta. The Mass will be held at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Ashburn at 11am and will also be livestreamed. Visit [www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations) to learn more about these men, what led them to seminary, and about the ordination events. Pray for our future priests!

**Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2023—Apr 11-14; May 16-19**  
A Catholic Pre-Cana program for seriously dating and engaged couples. This marriage preparation course is an

intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS administration is included. \$375 per couple. Space will be limited and these weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Visit [ourladyofbethesda.org](http://ourladyofbethesda.org). Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center.

**The Resurrection Narratives Men's and Women's Retreat**—The Four Gospels give us clear accounts of Jesus' resurrection. Come to the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA and join Fr. Riley for a unique retreat. Together, we will treasure and ponder the great events of Resurrection Day and the weeks that follow as they are described in the four Gospels--comparing, contrasting, and harmonizing apparent "contradictions" between the accounts. The retreat is open to men and women. It begins at 5pm on Friday, **April 12**, and ends at 1pm on Sunday, April 14. Retreat cost is \$285, and financial assistance may be available. For further information or to register for this retreat, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org).

**A Spiritual Date Night**—Looking to strengthen your marriage and your relationship with Christ? Please join us for A Spiritual Date Night on Saturday, **April 13**, from 7:30-9pm. Come join other Catholic couples for dessert, fellowship, spiritual talk, and reflection. There will also be the opportunity for Confession. The event will be held at Divine Mercy University, 45154 Underwood Drive, Sterling. For more information or to register, contact Charlie and Leslie McCullough at [cwmccfamily@gmail.com](mailto:cwmccfamily@gmail.com)

**Do you love someone with a drug or alcohol problem?**—The Nar-Anon is a worldwide fellowship for those affected by a friend's or family member's addiction. As a twelve-step program, we offer our help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope. Please join us for an evening of support and recovery; you're only a stranger until you walk through the door. For more information, contact Deacon Noah at [dcnnoah@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:dcnnoah@sainttheresaparish.com). Weekly meetings are held on: Mondays, 7-8pm, Cascades Library, or via Zoom on Federal Holidays and Thursdays, 7-8pm, Leesburg Presbyterian Church.

**Separated or Divorced?**—St. John's Separated and Divorced Ministry invites all separated or divorced Catholics to their meetings every third Thursday of the month, 7:30pm at St. John's in Leesburg. Email [separated.divorced@stjohnleesburg.com](mailto:separated.divorced@stjohnleesburg.com) for more information.

**Married Couples**—Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703.378.4150 or [mstang1987@aol.com](mailto:mstang1987@aol.com) with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences: April 12-14, 2024 - Herndon, VA; May 3-5, 2024 - Hickory, NC; September 27-29, 2024 - Herndon, VA

## News Around the Diocese Continued

**2024 St. Veronica Golf Tournament—May 6th**—The families of St. Veronica are thankful for your generous support. Rain or Shine. Let's make this an amazing day and help our school and community. It should be a beautiful May morning. Some things to expect: Breakfast pastries, donuts, and coffee . BBQ Lunch with burgers, dogs, grilled chicken, salads, mac & cheese, cookies, brownies, etc. Beverages from Beverage carts and lunch are included with your registration. We are looking at music options to accompany lunch. We will have pickleball & cornhole during lunch. There will be a live auction during lunch. Men & women closest to the pin contest; Men & Women Longest Drive Contest; Hole-in-One prize. Superbowl Trip for 2 & more...This is going to be an absolute blast. We hope you can come join us, help us out, and have a fantastic time. <https://charitygolftoday.com/event?e=12327&ce=1a386d>

**Holy Hour for Encounter Every First Thursday**—All you who are burdened by sin, grief, loneliness, shame, addiction, self-hatred, abortion, or any other wound, come and place all your cares on the Heart of the Eucharistic Lord who desires to free you and restore you to new life. The Holy Hour, every first Thursday at 7pm at St. Thomas à Becket in Reston, will include a Eucharistic Procession, opportunities for confession, as well as worship music led by a different musician each month. The celebrant will be Fr. Rich Dyer, Pastor, St. Thomas à Becket. If you have questions, contact us at 703.841.2550.

**The Associates of St. John Bosco** invites all parents of high school jun-

iors and seniors to attend their second annual "Parents Prepared" Parent Night. This engaging evening will help parents prepare for what lies ahead for their children entering college in the coming years. Parents will gain practical insights into what steps they can take to help their children keep their Catholic faith in college. Speakers include: Deacon Gerard-Marie Anthony, Danielle Zuccaro, and David and Margaret Bereit. The event will take place at the Basilica of St. Mary's Lyceum (313 Duke St.) on **May 14, 2024** at 7pm. RSVP for free at [www.asjb.org/parents-prepared](http://www.asjb.org/parents-prepared).

**Weekend Discernment Retreat for Women**—Has God made your heart for religious life? Take a step to find out. The annual diocesan discernment retreat for single women who feel called to a religious vocation is Friday-Sunday, **June 14-16**. The Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles will lead the retreat this year. It will also include tools to aid your prayer and discernment, as well as opportunities for prayer, confession, spiritual direction, and Q&A with the sisters. Cost is \$150 (financial assistance is available). For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). Space is limited; deadline to register is Monday June 3.

**Diocesan Jubilee Festival: Saturday, June 8, 2024**—Bishop Burbidge invites you to the Diocesan Jubilee Fest at Warren County Fairgrounds in Front Royal, VA on Saturday, June 8, 2024! Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Arlington with your parish family and thousands of faithful from across northern Virginia. Kick

off the festival giving thanks to God with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. Following Mass, enjoy live music by headliner Celtic rock band, Scythian. Head to [arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-fest](http://arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-fest) for a preview of events. Registration coming soon!

### News From John Paul the Great High School

John Paul is still accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year! For more information and to apply please visit: [https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/how\\_to\\_apply](https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/how_to_apply)

**Shadow a Wolf for a Day!**—Shadow Days available at John Paul! Do you have an 8th-10th grader who is interested in seeing what it is like to be a JP student? Sign them up for a Shadow Day visit! For registration and more details, please visit: [https://jpthegreat.schooladminonline.com/portal/new\\_inquiry](https://jpthegreat.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry)

**"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power."** Are you being called to proclaim the life of the resurrected Christ to the world? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703.841.2514.

**"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."** - Colossians 3:2 On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

**National Eucharistic Congress**

**INDIANAPOLIS**  
**JULY 17 - 21, 2024**  
Diocese of Arlington

We are inviting you to participate in this pivotal moment in the Church! Join our diocese at the National Eucharistic Congress and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Scan the QR Code at the right for more information.



[Learn More](#)

**Full of Faith**  
YOUR MARRIAGE IS HALLOWED GROUND  
A ONE-DAY EVENT FOR ALL MARRIED COUPLES  
featuring Soren and Ever Johnson  
SATURDAY  
APRIL 13, 2024  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER VISIT: [STBRIDGETBERRYVILLE.ORG](http://STBRIDGETBERRYVILLE.ORG)

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

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.  
(Acts 10:40-41)

### Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.  
(Ps 118)

Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Or:

Clear out the old yeast,  
so that you may become a fresh batch of dough,  
inasmuch as you are unleavened. (1 Cor 5:7)

### Gospel:

For they did not yet understand the Scripture  
that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20:9)

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## Readings for the week of March 31, 2024

### Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9  
or Mk 16:1-7

### 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 and 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 and 5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Lk 24:35-48

### Friday:

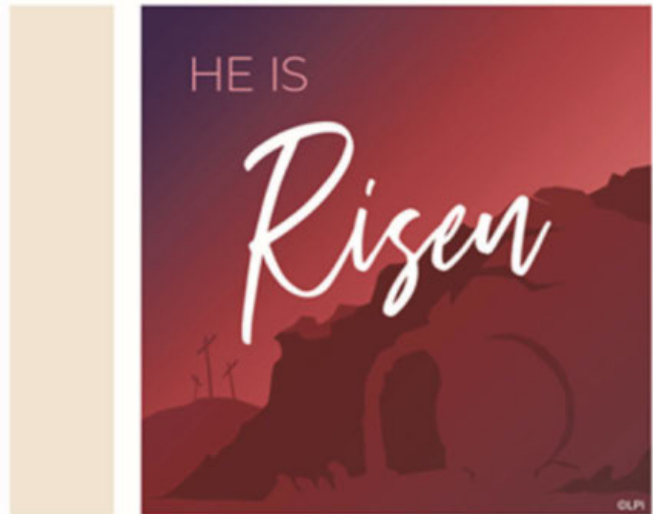
Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24,  
25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

### Saturday:

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

### Next Sunday:

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/  
1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



## Gospel Meditation

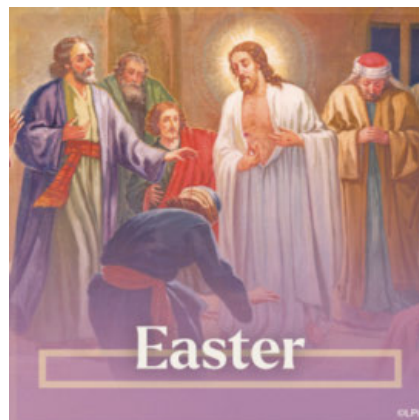
### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

— Father John Muir



For they did not  
yet understand the  
Scripture

that he had to rise  
from the dead.

(Jn 20:9)

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### Sponsor Certificates

Please contact the Parish Office to obtain a sponsor certificate prior to a Baptism or Confirmation.

### Baptisms

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a class (preferably before the child's birth) held the first Thursday of each month at **7pm (note the time change)** in a Conference Room in the Administration Bldg. You may schedule your child for the Sacrament of Baptism (held all Sundays 1:30pm) by visiting the Parish website under Faith, Sacraments, Baptism. Date is confirmed once all paperwork is received in the office (at least 2 weeks prior to the date of desired Baptism.)

### Matrimony

The priest must be contacted at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date.

Visit the Parish Website under Faith, Sacraments, Marriage and fill out the Marriage Preparation Questionnaire prior to contacting the Parish Office. A priest will contact you.

### RCIA

Adults desiring instruction in the Catholic Faith should visit the website to register for RCIA classes.

### Hospitalized/Homebound

Please contact the Parish Office to ask for Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick.



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**Happy Easter! Many thanks to all who donate to Divine Mercy Outreach. We couldn't provide the level of help to those in need without your generosity. God bless you!**

**Car Raffle Update**—Thanks to all those who have returned their car raffle tickets and to those who have requested extras to sell to their relatives, friends, co-workers, etc. **Please note that raffle tickets must be returned to All Saints by April 23rd for guaranteed entry.** Please mail directly to All Saints in the envelope provided. Checks should be made payable to All Saints. This fundraiser helps us to assist families in need through Divine Mercy Outreach. Want more tickets or have questions? Contact Loan Jella on Mondays at 703.729.2334 or dmoassis-tant@sainttheresaparish.com

### Divine Mercy Devotional Materials

– Spirituality books and devotional materials will be available in the parish vestibule beginning Ash Wednesday and through Divine Mercy Sunday. Stop by to pick up excellent Lenten reading or a rosary or cross for

your home or as a gift. Suggested donation is indicated on all items. Any questions or suggestions contact Mary Sue Himpler at 571.332.7045.

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Craig at 571.439.0364 or  
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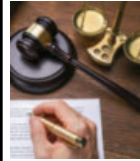
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