



APRIL 7, 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 10:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses

Mon., Thu., Fri. 8:00am
Wed. 6:30pm
First Saturday 8:30am

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:45pm - 5:15pm
Sunday 9:15am - 9:45am
Wednesday 5:15pm - 6:15pm
First Saturday 9:15am (following Mass)
Or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon., Thu., Fri. 1 hour following Mass
Wed. 5:15pm - 6:15pm
Extended adoration:
First Friday—Saturday 9:00am—8:00am

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Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (Jn 20:21-23)

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Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism

Before scheduling an Infant Baptism, both parents are required to attend the Baptismal Preparation Class. Please contact the office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples are required to contact Fr. Thomas Zahuta at least 9 months before they wish to marry, to arrange for instructions and spiritual preparation for the Sacrament.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, or Viaticum

Call the parish number 706-648-2599
In case of Sacramental Emergency /
Danger of Death, listen for that option on
the automated phone attendant or dial ext.
104.

Communion for the Sick

Please advise the Parish Office of anyone
admitted to the hospital or who is
homebound and in need of the Ministry to
the Infirm.



Mass Intentions for the Week April 6 - 14, 2024

SATURDAY	April 6, 2024
8:30 AM	
5:30 PM	
SUNDAY	April 7, 2024
10:00 AM	Lennie Morgan †
12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish
MONDAY	April 8, 2024
8:00 AM	
WEDNESDAY	April 10, 2024
6:30 PM	
THURSDAY	April 11, 2024
6:30 PM	
FRIDAY	April 12, 2024
6:30 PM	
SATURDAY	April 13, 2024
8:30 PM	
SUNDAY	April 14, 2024
10:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM	

Mass Readings for the Week of April 7, 2024

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

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36
see 550: Rv 12:10-12a Jn 17:11b-19

Friday: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21



Prayer List ~ Lista de Oración

Mary Baxley, Mike Birdsong, Carlton & Linda Blackmon, Max Cardell, Pat Corley, David Gasset, Ron Gillen, Cindy Guy, Karen Harville, Jerry & Judy Henry, Ken & Lynn Irving, Margaret Karafa, Brenda Kelly, Nancy Harrison, Astorgia Larraga, Angelina Sequoia Littles, Lillian Logan, Frank Morgan, Samantha Moscoso, Trina Mueller, Lindy & Wanda Parker, Denise Harkis, Henrietta Patton, Wilfred Rohling, Jim Shaw, Sue Shaw, Justyn Sepko, Ted Zalewski

Military Prayer List

Malcolm G. Curtis, Jr., Hospital Corpsman,
Joseph Hinds IV, LT Anna Jarvis, USN,
LT Alexander Jarvis, USN, Lt. Marissa Lewis,
LT Colonel Michael McGinn, Rev. Major Kevin Peek,
2nd LT Chris Moroz and Captain Mike Moroz,
LTJG Paul Powers, MSgt Wayne Shaw,
Captain John Vaughn, Captain Zach Westerfield,
Captain Alexander L. Spiegel Bayda,
2nd LT Patrick Rohling

Names will appear the first Sunday of the month. If you would like to add a name, please call the church office or email: parishoffice@stpetertherock.com



From the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)



The Homily

65. The Homily is part of the Liturgy and is highly recommended,[62] for it is necessary for the nurturing of the Christian life. It should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from Sacred Scripture or of another text from the Ordinary or the Proper of the Mass of the day and should take into account both the mystery being celebrated and the particular needs of the listeners.[63]

66. The Homily should ordinarily be given by the Priest Celebrant himself or be entrusted by him to a concelebrating Priest, or from time to time and, if appropriate, to the Deacon, but never to a lay person. [64] In particular cases and for a just cause, the Homily may even be given by a Bishop or a Priest who is present at the celebration but cannot concelebrate.

On Sundays and Holydays of Obligation there is to be a Homily at every Mass that is celebrated with the people attending, and it may not be omitted without a grave reason. On other days it is recommended, especially on the weekdays of Advent, Lent, and Easter Time, as well as on other festive days and occasions when the people come to church in greater numbers.[65]

It is appropriate for a brief period of silence to be observed after the Homily.

De la Instrucción General del Misal Romano (IGMR)

Homilía

65. La homilía es parte de la Liturgia, y muy recomendada[63], pues es necesaria para alimentar la vida cristiana. Conviene que sea una explicación, o de algún aspecto particular de las lecturas de la Sagrada Escritura, o de otro texto del Ordinario, o del Propio de la Misa del día, teniendo siempre presente, ya sea el misterio que se celebra, ya las particulares necesidades de los oyentes[64].

66. La homilía la pronuncia ordinariamente el sacerdote celebrante o será encomendada por él a un sacerdote concelebrante, o a veces, si es oportuno, también al diácono, pero nunca a un laico[65]. En casos particulares y por una causa justa la homilía puede ser pronunciada incluso por el Obispo o un presbítero presente en la celebración pero que no concelebra.

Los domingos y fiestas de precepto se debe tener homilía, y no se puede omitir sin causa grave, en todas las Misas que se celebran con asistencia del pueblo; los demás días se recomienda sobre todo en los días feriales de Adviento, Cuaresma y Tiempo Pascual, y también en otras fiestas y ocasiones en que suelen acudir a la iglesia numerosos fieles [66].

Después de la homilía se guardará oportunamente un breve momento de silencio.

Divine Mercy—From the Diary of St. Faustina on God's mercy:

300 Ask of my faithful servant [Father Sopocko] that, on this day, he tell the whole world of My great mercy; that whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment.

+Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy.

+Oh, how much I am hurt by a soul's distrust! Such a soul professes that I am Holy and Just, but does not believe that I am Mercy and does not trust in My Goodness. Even the devils glorify My Justice but do not believe in My Goodness. My Heart rejoices in this title of Mercy.



Euthanasia

2276 Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible. (1503)

Divine Mercy Sunday -- 4/7/2024

A plenary indulgence is offered on Divine Mercy Sunday:

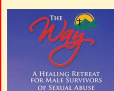
A plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!"); (*From the Apostolic Penitentiary*)



Confessions: 8:45am-9:45am & 1:30pm-2:30pm (after Mass)
Divine Mercy Chaplet (English) - 9:30am (church)
Divine Mercy Chaplet (Spanish) - 12 noon & 1:30pm (church)

CCD SCHEDULE

- 4/14/24 - 30th Class / Eucharist Adoration
 - 4/21/24 - 31st Class
 - 4/27/24 - First Communion Retreat
 - 4/28/24 - 32nd Class
 - 5/04/24 - First Communion Rehearsal
- Class: 11:15 am - 12:15 am**



The Way for Men is a three-day retreat for adult male survivors of abuse offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program. It will be May 24-26, at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, GA. The registration deadline is May 16, 2024. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7550 or sstubbs@archatl.com for more information.



"His mercy endures forever" - Psalms 136:2 As we celebrate our trust in God's mercy for us today, we have many reasons to be thankful for our faith and parish. One way to show your thanks for all the parish has done for you is to make a gift to the parish endowment fund.

A gift to this fund ensures that the parish can fulfill its mission forever. To learn more, go to cfnga.org or contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation, jgreco@cfnga.org or 404- 497-9440.

INCOME FY 2023-2024

Weekly offertory	week ending Mar. 24th	\$3,648
Weekly budget		\$3,338
over/(under)		\$310

Catechism Class - Monday 6:00 PM	RCIA - Wednesday 7:15 PM
Bible Study - Thursday 4:00 PM	Clase de estudio bíblico en español Miércoles 7:15 pm

Catechism of the Catholic Church — Paragraph 2. On the Third Day He Rose from the Dead

The appearances of the Risen One cont.

644 Even when faced with the reality of the risen Jesus the disciples are still doubtful, so impossible did the thing seem: they thought they were seeing a ghost. "In their joy they were still disbelieving and still wondering."507 Thomas will also experience the test of doubt and St. Matthew relates that during the risen Lord's last appearance in Galilee "some doubted."508 Therefore the hypothesis that the Resurrection was produced by the apostles' faith (or credulity) will not hold up. On the contrary their faith in the Resurrection was born, under the action of divine grace, from their direct experience of the reality of the risen Jesus.

The condition of Christ's risen humanity

645 By means of touch and the sharing of a meal, the risen Jesus establishes direct contact with his disciples. He invites them in this way to recognize that he is not a ghost and above all to verify that the risen body in which he appears to them is the same body that had been tortured and crucified, for it still bears the traces of his passion.509 Yet at the same time this authentic, real body possesses the new properties of a glorious body: not limited by space and time but able to be present how and when he wills; for Christ's humanity can no longer be confined to earth and belongs henceforth only to the Father's divine realm.510 For this reason too the risen Jesus enjoys the sovereign freedom of appearing as he wishes: in the guise of a gardener or in other forms familiar to his disciples, precisely to awaken their faith.511 (999)

646 Christ's Resurrection was not a return to earthly life, as was the case with the raisings from the dead that he had performed before Easter: Jairus' daughter, the young man of Naim, Lazarus. These actions were miraculous events, but the persons miraculously raised returned by Jesus' power to ordinary earthly life. At some particular moment they would die again. Christ's Resurrection is essentially different. In his risen body he passes from the state of death to another life beyond time and space. At Jesus' Resurrection his body is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit: he shares the divine life in his glorious state, so that St. Paul can say that Christ is "the man of heaven."512 (934, 549)

The Resurrection as transcendent event

647 O truly blessed Night, sings the Exsultet of the Easter Vigil, which alone deserved to know the time and the hour when Christ rose from the realm of the dead!513 But no one was an eyewitness to Christ's Resurrection and no evangelist describes it. No one can say how it came about physically. Still less was its innermost essence, his passing over to another life, perceptible to the senses. Although the Resurrection was an historical event that could be verified by the sign of the empty tomb and by the reality of the apostles' encounters with the risen Christ, still it remains at the very heart of the mystery of faith as something that transcends and surpasses history. This is why the risen Christ does not reveal himself to the world, but to his disciples, "to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people."514 (1000)

507 Lk 24:38-41. 508 Cf. Jn 20:24-27; Mt 28:17. 509 Cf. Lk 24:30, 39-40, 41-43; Jn 20:20, 27; 21:9, 13-15. 510 Cf. Mt 28:9, 16-17; Lk 24:15, 36; Jn 20:14, 17, 19, 26; 21:4. 511 Cf. Mk 16:12; Jn 20:14-16; 21:4, 7. 512 Cf. 1 Cor 15:35-50. 513 "O vere beata nox, quae sola meruit scire tempus et horam, in qua Christus ab inferis resurrexit!" 514 Acts 13:31; cf. Jn 14:22.