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**SUNDAY MASS**

9:30 a.m.  
1:00 p.m.  
Español/Spanish  
(Church & On-line)

**DAILY MASS**

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m.  
(Chapel & On-line)

**OFFICE  
HOURS**

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION**

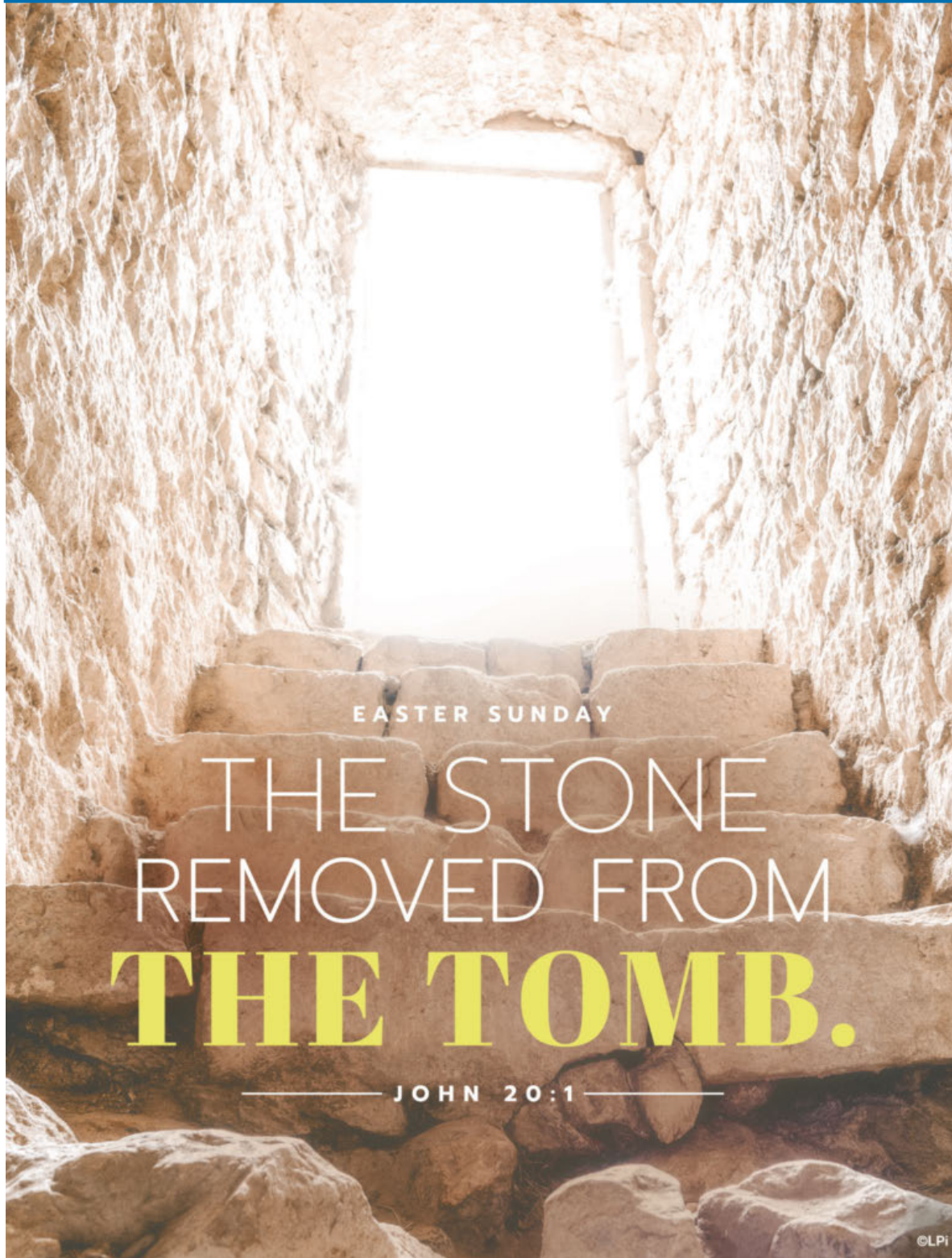
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**EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**

Saturdays  
3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
(St. House 3347 S Michigan)  
First Friday of the Month  
7:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
(Chapel)



EASTER SUNDAY

THE STONE  
REMOVED FROM  
**THE TOMB.**

JOHN 20:1

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**MARCH 31, 2024**

## ON THE WAY....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

“We are Easter People and Alleluia is our song.” That thought of St. Augustine might sound right in theory but for believers the crush of life in the world can make it hard to realize. The amount of suffering we see in the world, our city, our families, ourselves seems to blind us to the implications of belief in the resurrection of Jesus. What we say on Easter Sunday is that Jesus took the worst that this world can dish out and overcame it. He is the victor over sin and death. He took all of the viciousness, all of the political infighting, all of the religious wrangling, all of the physical torment, all of the broken relationships and transformed it into glory. Jesus plunged into the ugly realities of this world and brought it into a whole new plane of existence. Jesus has already triumphed and nothing or no one can reverse that.

All of which should be transformative for us. Since Jesus dove deeply into the heart of this world – for good and for ill -- and showed it as the highway to heaven we should remain confident in him no matter what we are going through. Perhaps, though, the fact that Jesus is not with us in the same way he was with Peter, James, Mary Magdalene and the rest can inhibit our ability to accept our new identity as Easter people. The baddies are obvious – Jesus is, in one sense, hidden. This is where Easter faith must rise to the fore. So as we celebrate this, the major Feast of the Church, let’s not focus on egg hunts, candy baskets, bonnets, or bunnies. We should place our attention firmly on those things which will help us to recognize the presence of the Risen Lord even in our midst today. First among these Easter gifts is the Church, which St. Paul called “the Body of Christ.” We can come to know how Jesus transformed Good Friday into Easter Sunday when we see the people who gather with us in prayer and praise. People remarkably like us, with all of the problems we have and sometimes much worse, stand together in confidence in what Jesus has won us at Easter. Looking at those who gather in worship we see what God has done at Easter, what God can do today to make us into the new creation. Particularly at Saint James we see a whole diverse population of people from around world join together because of our hope in the power of love which arose on Easter morning. The Church is testimony to what the Risen Lord has accomplished.

One of the great manifestations of how the Risen Lord continues to be with us is in the Eucharist. On the night before he died, when he knew our traumatic that event would be for those who followed him, he promised that he would be with them always whenever they broke the bread and shared the cup that was his Body and Blood. As we receive Holy Communion we are participating in the ongoing presence of the Risen Jesus in our midst. Let us do so this day with an increased awareness that because of Easter “the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.”

In the Most Holy Trinity,  
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

Sun 03/31	Easter Sunday	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Peter and Anna Marano and Ralph Garofalo by Mena Marano</i>
	10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
Mon 04/01	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Louis Marano by Mena Marano</i>
Tues 04/02	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Pharaoh Bulter by Sister Marissa Butler, RSM</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Evangelization Committee (On-line)
Wed 04/03	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Colin McKenna by John and Etta McKenna</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council (On-line)
Thurs 04/04	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Barbara Ricks by Philip Ricks</i>
Fri 04/05	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Louis Marano by Mena Marano</i>
	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
Sun 04/07	2nd Sunday Of Easter	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Shirley &amp; Debra Baker by Phyllis Barker</i>
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)



## Eucharistic Adoration

Friday April 5th

8:30 am & 6:00 pm (Chapel)

Confessions available upon request



A huge thank you from the Ladies of Peter Claver to all who supported the Fish Fry this past Friday, which was our first fundraising effort of the year. We are very grateful for your support and appreciate your generosity.

Additional thanks to Darren Haley, Leona Martin, and John White who are not members, but played a very significant role in helping to make this a very special event.



Fr. John will be away Wednesday through Friday. He is celebrating a funeral for an old friend in Louisiana.

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.

## Observances for the week of March 31, 2024

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday
- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter; April Fools' Day
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



## Saint of the week

Venerable Francis-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, was a cardinal from Huế, Vietnam. Imprisoned for his faith for 13 years, nine of which were in solitary confinement, he never stopped preaching, even from scraps of prison paper. Once released, he continued to serve the Church until his death.

## Prayer of Blessing

Dear Lord,  
Pour your blessings upon us today, we who trust in your name and call upon you. Send us your Spirit, enlighten our hearts, fill our lives with your abundance. Amen.



St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



**Our Home Bound:**

Judy Archer  
Margie Bass  
Paul Freeman  
Juanita James  
Barbara Southhall

**Our Sick:**

Yvonne Christmas  
Aayliah Cooper

**Patsy Cunningham**

Marvelean Doss  
Claude Fisher  
Paul Kanzer  
Linda Griffin Kennard  
Nancy McCarthy  
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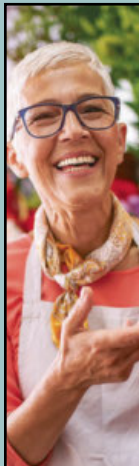
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