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Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

From the Desk of the Pastor:

The Egyptian pyramids are world-famous as one of the “seven Wonders” of the ancient world. But they are actually gigantic tombs containing the mummified bodies of Egyptian Pharaohs. Westminster Abby is famous, and thousands visit it, because the dead bodies of famous writers, philosophers, and politicians are entombed there. But there is a Shrine of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, and pilgrims from all over the world visit a tomb there which is empty with a note at its entrance which says, “He is *not here*.” It is famous because Jesus Christ, Who was once buried there, rose from the dead, leaving an empty tomb, as He had told his disciples he would. Thus, Jesus worked the most important miracle in His life, defying the laws of nature and proving that He is God. We rejoice at this great and unique event by celebrating Easter.

The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: “*If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain... And if Christ has not been raised, then your Faith is a delusion, and you are still lost in your sins... But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep*” (I Cor 15:14, 17, 20). In the words of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: “The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our Faith in Christ, a Faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross...” (CCC # 638). If Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead, then the Church is a fraud and Faith is a sham. But if Jesus really did rise from the dead, his message is true! Without the Resurrection, Jesus would have remained forever a good person who had met a tragic end. People would remember some of his teachings, and a handful of people might try to live according to them. All the basic doctrines of Christianity are founded on the truth of the Resurrection. “*Jesus is Lord; He is risen!*” (Rom 10:9) was the central theme of the *kerygma* (or “preaching”), of the apostles. There is a story of two women who stood before Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. One asked, “Why can't we build structures like this anymore?” Her friend answered, “The people who built this had Faith. Today we have only opinions. And you can't build a cathedral with opinions.”

Easter is also the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: “*I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he die*” (Jn 11:25-26). Christ will raise us up on the last day, but it is also true, in a sense, that we have already risen with Christ. By virtue of the Holy Spirit, our Christian life is already a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ (CCC #1002, #1003).

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass
Wednesday - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Oakbrook Healthcare

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:00 p.m. English
7:00 p.m. Spanish

Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m.; Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

The administration and pastoral care of Prince of Peace Parish is entrusted to the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (M.S.F.S.), also known as Fransalian Missionaries, an international religious order with headquarters in Rome and the Provincial House in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit www.fransaliansusa.com or www.wellspringcommunity.net.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Lucile Cook, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Fr. Joseph Jacobi, Judy LeBlanc, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Marcela Montenegro, Patricia O'Leary, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Beth Saucillo, Danny Smith, Shirley Stenklyft, Matthew Williams, Blanca Villatoro, and Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat Apr 19	8:30 p.m.	Jim Plumb+
Sun Apr 20	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
	12:30 p.m.	Albina Larios de Garcia+
Tue Apr 22	*	Fr. George Goree+
Thu Apr 24	12:30 p.m.	Jim Plumb+
Fri Apr 25	*	Jim Plumb+
Sat Apr 26	5:00 p.m.	Jim Plumb+

* Mass intentions to be offered during Fr. Luke's private Mass

Parish Giving

April 13, 2025

1st Collection	\$ 4,189.00
2nd Collection	\$ 723.00
Children's Collection	\$ 81.00

2nd Collection	Apr 20	Caring for Priests
2nd Collection	Apr 27	Catholic Home Missions

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 66
10:00 a.m. 176 and 12:30 p.m. 164

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Michael Morris
Felipe Segura; Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



The truly patient man neither complains of his hard lot nor desires to be pitied by others. He speaks of his sufferings without complaint or exaggerations.

St. Francis de Sales

He Is Risen! Happy Easter!

News and Notes

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2025

There will be Masses as usual, then from 3 – 4.30 p.m. Adoration, Divine Mercy chaplet, and Confessions.

Church Office

The church office will be closed Monday, April 21.

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry will meet this coming Thursday, April 24, from 6:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Catholic Charities' Open House

Catholic Charities is having an Open House on Wednesday, April 30, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Meet and greet Bishop Kelly. His remarks are at 10:30 a.m. Catholic Charities is located at 305 W. Rusk St., Tyler. For more information email kharry@cctyler.org or call 903 258-9492, ext 103.

Youth News

The Prince of Peace Youth Association is hosting a bingo night from 6-8 p.m. on May 9, 2025. Please come and support our youth while having a fun filled night. There will be concessions and prizes for the winners! Bingo cards will be sold for \$1 a piece or 5 for \$3. Thank you in advanced for your support!

Knights of Columbus Donations for New Mothers

The Knights of Columbus is asking for donations of baby wipes in February, baby bottles in March, and diapers in April. Collection boxes are in the church foyer. Your donations will be given to the Gabriel Project for distribution.

Note Mass Changes at Prince of Peace this Week

There will be no Masses at Prince of Peace on Tuesday and Friday, April 22 & 25. The Mass on Thursday, April 24 will be celebrated at 12:30 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m.

Catholic Family Adventure Club's 3rd Annual Used Book Sale- Homeschool Curriculum, Books & Materials

Saturday, May 10 from 10 AM to 1 PM at St. Mary Magdalene-
18221 FM 2493, Flint, TX 75762. Free to shop! Open to buyers and sellers.

Register to sell by April 28 (\$10 members / \$15 non-members).

More info: catholicfamilyadventureclub.com



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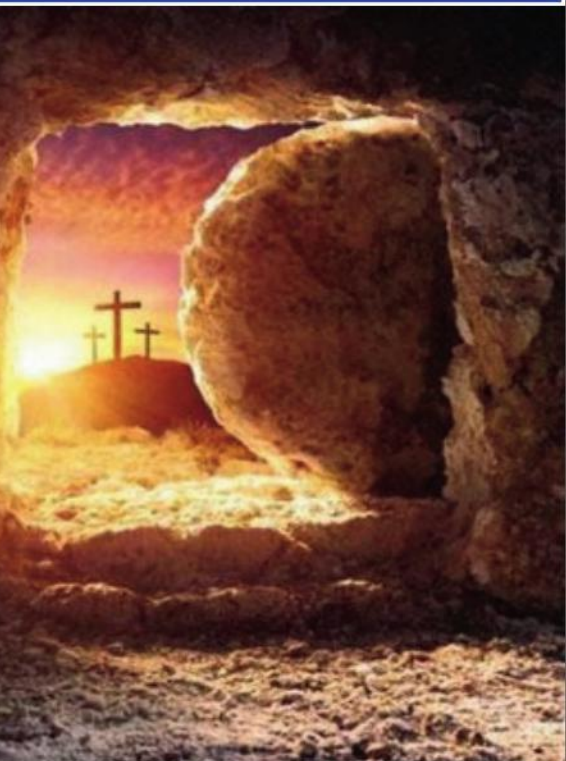
Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.



The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

Jesus Christ is Risen!!!



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