

# Celebrate Easter!

April 20, 2025

*As Christ was raised up from the dead...  
we also should walk in newness of life. ROMANS 6:4*

## MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Festival Canticle : Worthy is Christ #583

*Loving and Forgiving #553*

Lord Have Mercy: #916

Glory To God: #897

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Gospel Acclamation: Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;  
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Homily Fr. Koo

### Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Sprinkling: River Of Glory #639

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: -Lord hear our prayer

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Morning Has Broken #627

Holy: #900

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this  
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

### *Lord's Prayer*

Lamb of God: #905

Communion: I Am The Bread Of Life #355

Meditation: Down To The River To Pray #644

Recessional: Alleluia, Alleluia #190



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord  
April 23rd & 24th No Daily Mass

April 27th-Divine Mercy Sunday & KOC Pancake Breakfast

April 30th & 31st- Daily Mass

May 1st-Adoration @ COV 10:00am

May 4th-3rd Sunday of Easter "Baptism-Calvin Derdock"



## OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR April 13, 2025

Collection:	\$ 3,966
Second Collection: St Noa School	\$ 2,731
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 108,587
Total Budget Projection	\$ 104,229
Loan Balance:	\$ 98,067

There is no second collection today.

We did not sign any principal checks this week.



## EASTER SUNDAY

Please join us after Mass today for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Although all chocolate lovers might like to participate, we have to restrict the hunt to all children 12 and under. Please congregate after Mass in the Fellowship Hall for instructions. If you need a container, we will have one for you. When you are finished, please remember to empty the candy from the eggs and leave the eggs in the box provided.

We will use them next year.

*Thank You and Happy Easter.*



## LEGACY GIFTS

How long has it been since you updated your will? Does it still express your wishes? Does it leave a gift to your church to carry on its ministry after your death?

You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by careful estate planning which includes your church in your will. During your lifetime you will have the joy of knowing that whatever you do not use in this life will continue in ministry through your church after your death.

When your estate planning documents are prepared by your attorney, you can include your church as the final beneficiary to receive any benefits that remain after other beneficiaries are remembered.



*Potential Promise & Purpose*

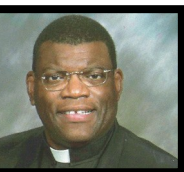
## VISITS TO SICK AND HOMEBOUND ARE AVAILABLE

Father Koo and our Pastoral Care Ministry want to be attentive to the needs of the sick and homebound in our parish. Please notify Lynne Richardson (571-239-0980) or the church office (804-758-5160) if a friend or family member enters a hospital or nursing home or is homebound for any reason.



## FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP

"Any individual or group requesting a grant from the Fr. John Boddie Scholarship Fund for any educational purposes please submit the request before spending any money. If approved the check should be written to the company. In your request, please provide the company name and address to whom the check will be written. Thank you."





Journey Through the Bible Readings and Daily Prayer Points  
Apr 20 through Apr 26, 2025

Sun, Apr 20: Easter Sunday  
Bible Readings (Day 110): 1 Samuel 17; Psalm 12  
*\*Prayer Point: That Christ risen will bless our families*

Mon, Apr 21: Bible Readings (Day 111): 1 Samuel 18-19; Psalm 59  
*\*Prayer Point: That Christ risen will bless our parish*

Tue, Apr 22: Bible Readings (Day 112): 1 Samuel 20; Psalm 142  
*\*Prayer Point: That Christ risen will bless our country*

Wed, Apr 23: Bible Readings (Day 113): 1 Samuel 21-22; Psalm 52  
*\*Prayer Point: For the safety of all travelers*

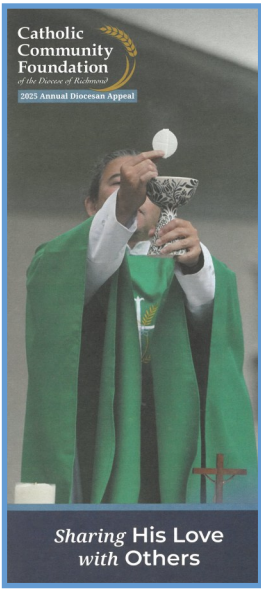
Thu, Apr 24: Bible Readings (Day 114): 1 Samuel 23; Psalm 54  
*\*Prayer Point: For an end to oppression, hatred and injustice*

Fri, Apr 25: Bible Readings (Day 115): 1 Samuel 24; Psalm 57  
*\*Prayer Point: With thanks for the abundant resources of our land*

Sat, Apr 26: Bible Readings (Day 116): 1 Samuel 25; Psalm 63  
*\*Prayer Point: For an increase in compassion when we meet those at the margins*

ANNUAL APPEAL 2025

As the campaign ebbs, we continue to demonstrate our willingness to support the Diocesan Appeal and its call for help. Our donation total of direct and pledged funds has reached \$14,760 or 167% of goal. Importantly, our number of donor families is up to 52, six short of last year. Please remember that any gift, large or small, is gratefully and still welcome.



Today we celebrate  
*David and Barbara Morrisons'*  
63rd Wedding Anniversary.



JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE: RESURRECTION AND THE PASCHAL LAMB

Let’s have one more look at the Gospel of John on this Easter Sunday before we return to the First Book of Samuel.

After the Prologue, the first twelve chapters (1:19-12:50) of the Gospel of John are titled The Book of Signs. There are seven signs, sometimes referred to as miracles or wondrous deeds: water is turned into wine at Cana; a royal official’s son is cured simply by the word of Jesus; a paralytic is cured near the Sheep Gate at the Bethesda pool; a few loaves are multiplied to feed thousands; Jesus walks on water; a man born blind is given his sight; and, finally, Jesus raises Lazarus.

Before Jesus raises Lazarus, he says to Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” Martha replies, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” (John 11:25-27)

This last sign of raising Lazarus leads directly to the decision of the Sanhedrin to kill Jesus. Lazarus is a token of the real life that Jesus dead and raised will give to all who believe in him. The evangelist's typical irony is found in the fact that Jesus’ gift of life leads to his own death.

At the meeting where the Sanhedrin decide to kill Jesus, Caiaphas, who was high priest, prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, “and not only for the nation, but also to gather into one the dispersed children of God.” (John 11:52)

The dispersed children of God are perhaps the “other sheep” that John mentions earlier in The Good Shepherd narrative of Chapter 10: “I have other sheep who do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.” (John 10:16)

At the beginning of the Gospel of John, John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29) This recalls the spotless paschal lamb, whose blood saved Israel at Passover before the Exodus from Egypt. (Exodus 18) Unlike all prior paschal lambs, Christ, the new paschal lamb, rises.

Saint Paul uses the image of the rising associated with yeast to describe what sharing in the resurrection looks like. “Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.” (1 Cor 5:7)

For those who have died with Christ through baptism, the call to celebrate Passover in Christ entails avoiding a different kind of yeast, the old yeast of malice, evil, and vice. Instead, we share in Christ’s resurrection, partaking in the bread of sincerity and truth.



*Please remember in your prayers*  
All those who have gone before us.



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*If you need to add to the prayer list or would like a Mass intention please call the office, email, or leave a note in the box outside the office.*

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Marty Hawksworth-*Tom & Sharon Hawksworth*

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In loving memory of Spike Nunn-*Becky Nunn*

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For the Loved Ones of Sal & Lorie Messina

*Thank you all who have donated to our Easter Flowers.*  
*God Bless Everyone!*

