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# OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH

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# NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. PHILOMENA

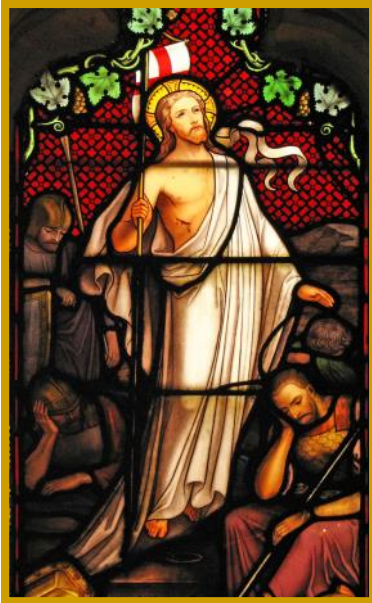
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THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

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March 31, 2024 A.D. – Easter Sunday

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## Hospitality

*“Let the charity of the brotherhood abide in you and hospitality do not forget; for by this some, being not aware of it, have entertained angels.” (Heb. 13, 1-2)*

*“Wherefore receive one another, as Christ also hath received you unto the honor of God.” (Rom. 15, 7)*

## Gregorian Latin liturgy

Until 1969, the various Catholic liturgies were all of apostolic origin. The Gregorian Latin liturgy, celebrated in this church, follows the tradition of Saint Peter, the first Pope, and has never undergone any essential change till the present time. Every gesture, every word has been weighed and measured with the assistance of the Holy Ghost for the greatest glory of God and the salvation of souls.

## Welcome Visitors!

We thank you for coming. Whether you are just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a spiritual home, are returning to the practice of the Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church; we are happy to have you here, as you are.

Please take time to read this bulletin, to meet with the priest after Mass and to socialize. Enter the Holy Temple of the Good Lord to worship Him. *Pax vobis!* Peace be with you!



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# News and Announcements

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**Today is Easter Sunday.** It is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It marks the end of Holy Week, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and it is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year. Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion. His resurrection marks the triumph of Good over evil, sin and death. Easter represents the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind and it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar.

*Regina caeli, lætare, alleluia: Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia, Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.  
Gaude et lætare, Virgo Maria, alleluia. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.*

The **second collection** will be for the **building fund**.

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- ▶ **NO MASSES Friday, April 5th and Saturday April 6th** due to the Pascua Florida Pilgrimage™.
- ▶ **Mark your calendar:** There will be a **Spring Market Day April 21st after every Holy Mass**. Buy handmade and handcrafted items made by our very own parishioners! All proceeds will go to building our new church. The vendor list is now full, thank you to those that signed up to sell items. Now we need buyers so **please come support the church** and check out our very talented parishioners!
- ▶ **Easter Duty:** All Catholics have the grave obligation binding under pain of sin to worthily receive Holy Communion at least once each year between today and Trinity Sunday.
- ▶ **Pascua Florida Pilgrimage™ April 2-7 along the path of the Martyrs** by walk and canoe from St. Thomas More Church to the shrine of our Lady of LaLeche in St. Augustine. **Join the Pilgrimage in Spirit by Sponsorship:** Twelve priests, seminarians, and a Brother will join over 100 pilgrims on the long journey by walk and canoe. **A few seminarians are still in need of sponsorship.** Please consider sponsoring the seminarians who will journey for you and carry your intentions to our Lady of LaLeche. Sponsorship may be completed at [spxflorida.com](http://spxflorida.com) or by check with the sponsorship form in the vestibule. May our Lady of LaLeche bless your generosity! **Pilgrimage Sunday Mass will be April 7th, at 10:00 am at the Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine. All are welcome.**

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**Of all the seasons of the liturgical year Eastertide is by far the richest in mystery.** We might even say that Easter is the summit of the Mystery of the sacred Liturgy. The Christian who is happy enough to enter, with his whole mind and heart, into the knowledge and love of the Paschal Mystery has reached the very center of the supernatural life. Hence it is that the Church uses every effort in order to effect this: what she has done hitherto was intended as a preparation for Easter. The holy longings of Advent, the sweet joys of Christmas, the severe truths of Septuagesima, the contrition and penance of Lent, the heartrending sight of the Passion – all were given us as preliminaries, as paths, to the sublime and glorious Pasch which is now ours.

- Dom Prosper Guéranger

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## Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit!

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*“The LORD is in his Holy Temple;  
let all the earth keep silence before Him.”* (Hab. 2, 20)



## ON THE MISERABLE STATE OF RELAPSING SINNERS

by St. Alphonsus Liguori (Adapted)

*"Be not affrighted: you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen; he is not here." MARK xvi. 6.*

I hope, my dear Christians, that, as Christ is risen, you have in this holy paschal time, gone to confession, and have risen from your sins. But, attend to what St. Jerome teaches that many begin well, but few persevere. *"Incipere multorem est, perseverare paucorum."* Now the Holy Ghost declares, that he who perseveres in holiness to death, and not they who begin a good life, shall be saved. "But he that shall persevere to the end, he shall be saved." (Matt. xxiv. 13.) The crown of Paradise, says St. Bernard, is promised to those who commence, but it is given only to those who persevere. *"Inchoantibus præmium promittitur, perseverantibus datur."* (Ser. vi. De inodo bene viv.) Since, then, brethren, you have resolved to give yourselves to God, listen to the admonition of the Holy Ghost: "Son, when thou comest to the service of God, stand in justice and in fear, and prepare thyself for temptation." (Eccl. ii. 1.) Do not imagine that you shall have no more temptations, but prepare yourself for the combat, and guard against a relapse into the sins you have confessed; for, if you lose the grace of God again, you shall find it difficult to recover it. I intend this day to show you the miserable state of relapsing sinners; that is, of those who, after confession, miserably fall back into the sins which they confessed.

St. Paul tells us, that we have to contend not with men like ourselves, made of flesh and blood, but with the princes of hell. "Our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers." (Ephes. vi. 12.) By these words he wishes to admonish us that we have not strength to resist the powers of hell, and that, to resist them, the divine aid is absolutely necessary: without it, we shall be always defeated; but, with the assistance of God's grace, we shall, according to the same apostle, be able to do all things and shall conquer all enemies. "I can do all things in him who strengtheneth me." (Phil. iv. 13.) But this assistance God gives only to those who pray for it. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find." (Matt. vii. 7.) They who neglect to ask, do not receive. Let us, then, be careful not to trust in our resolutions: if we place our confidence in them, we shall be lost. When we are tempted to relapse into sin, we must put our whole trust in the assistance of God, who infallibly hears all who invoke his aid.



### To receive Holy Communion :

- You must be a **baptized Catholic**, having made a good confession since the last committed mortal sin - if any - in order to hopefully be **in the state of Grace**.
- You must believe in the doctrine of **Transubstantiation**. *"For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself"* (1 Cor. 11:29).
- You must observe one hour of **Eucharistic fast** (*except water and medicine. However, we advise to abstain from food and alcohol for three hours and one hour for other liquid before Holy Communion*).
- One must not be a **public sinner** (*public adulterer, concubine, public homosexual*), or excommunicated, or interdicted.

- **The most important requirement** is to have a **great desire** to receive the Body, the Blood, the Soul and the Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You can humbly approach the Communion rail at any time after the Communion of the priest.

Then, open your mouth wide and extend smoothly and horizontally your tongue.

There is **no special order**, so that nobody should feel compelled to follow a general movement.

Do not judge your neighbor who abstains from receiving Holy Communion, as there is no obligation to receive it daily. However, *"Live in a manner to be able to receive communion every day?"* (St. Augustine)

In this Church, the faculty to absolve sins is directly granted to the priests by the Holy Father.

“I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.” Rm 12:1

Out of respect for Our Lord Jesus Christ and for the edification of our neighbor, we beg all to appear in Church decent in deportment and modest in dress.

However, no one has the right to question others, especially visitors. It belongs to the parish priest alone to instruct the laity when they repeatedly dress or deport below expectation.

**For gentlemen and lads:** Neither shorts, T-shirts nor sneakers meet the norms of modesty.

**For ladies and girls:** Neither shorts, slacks, sleeveless, short nor low-cut dresses meet the norms of modesty.

Furthermore, according to apostolic custom or Church law, gentlemen are bareheaded in church; and ladies are requested to cover their heads.

Thank you for your charity.

### **Mass Times and Feasts from March 31 to April 8**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Devotion</b>	<b>Chapel</b>	<b>Feast Day</b>
Sunday, 31 <sup>st</sup>	12:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Easter Vigil Low Mass† Low Mass	Davie W Palm Bch Davie W Palm Bch	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	—	—	—	<b>Monday in the Octave of Easter</b>
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	—	—	—	<b>Tuesday in the Octave of Easter</b>
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	—	—	—	<b>Wednesday in the Octave of Easter</b>
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Holy Hour for Priests	Davie	<b>Thursday in the Octave of Easter FIRST THURSDAY</b>
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup>	—	NO MASS	—	<b>Friday in the Octave of Easter FIRST FRIDAY</b>
Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	—	NO MASS	—	<b>Saturday in the Octave of Easter FIRST SATURDAY</b>
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Low Mass† Low Mass† Sung Mass† Sung Mass	Davie Davie Davie W Palm Bch	<b>LOW SUNDAY</b>
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup>	—	—	—	<b>ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>

† Confessions available **1/2 hour prior** to Holy Mass