

# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Fr. Juan Areiza, Pastor

## Easter Sunday

## Resurrection of the Lord

April 1, 2018

### MOUNTAINS OF LOVE

Natural disasters are sometimes called “acts of God” – as if the kind of act God does is always violent and unpredictable. But at Easter we remember another mighty act of God, the raising of Christ from the dead. That is the action that defines God’s others.

Still, there are times of great distress at home and far away. But these are not signs of God’s anger. They are distractions from the overwhelming message of God’s love. One of the readings for the Easter Vigil brings welcome relief to anyone who ever felt abandoned by God. Isaiah compares the situation between God and Israel as a marriage that broke up briefly but is now back together. God speaks with reassurance. “I have sworn not to be angry with you, or to rebuke you.”

There will be times of distress. Home life will have moments of disintegration. Trusted friends will turn away. Role models will let you down. And there will be natural disasters. “Though the mountains leave their place and the hills be shaken,” God says through Isaiah, “my love shall never leave you.” God does not say that mountains will stay put. They may move. As we put another Lent behind us, let us rejoice in the good news of Easter. Jesus is risen – God’s love never fails!

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### Weekend Mass Schedule

Sat/Sun:

4:30 p / 8:30 a, 11:00 a, 1:00 p Sp.

**Daily Mass:** Mon to Sat: 9:00 a

**Adoration:** Mon to Fri: 9:45 – 12

**Reconciliation:** Sat: 3:30 - 4:15

or by appointment

**Baptism/Marriage**

Please contact the parish office.

**Pastor:** Rev. Juan Areiza

**Priest in Residence:** Fr. Wise

**Deacons:**

Dcn. Larry Casey

Dcn. Paul Dietz

Dcn. JP, OFS

Dcn. John Barone



### SEEKING

Easter Sunday is a day all about seeking. The early Christian communities gathered around the Apostles, seeking more about the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus. Saint Paul told the baptized Colossians to “seek what is above.” Mary of Magdala went to the tomb, seeking to find the Lord’s body so that she could anoint it. We come to church on Easter Sunday, seeking many things.

For some of us, this is a once-a-year journey, when we seek connection with the foundations of the Christian faith. For others, this day is the culmination of a long journey of Lenten repentance. For the newly baptized, this is the first day of a new life filled with promise and expectation. Whatever it is that we seek, let us be inspired by the disciple whom Jesus loved who, when he saw the wrappings of cloth inside the empty tomb, “saw and believed.” © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

### INFORMATION CORNER

**OFFICE HOURS: 10-4:30 M-Th**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Easter/Octave of Easter**  
**(April 1 – Apr 7, 2018)**

Sat	8:00 p	†/L	<b>People of St. Francis</b> <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
Sun	8:30 a	†	<b>Barbara Kopec</b> <i>by Bob &amp; Karen Kopec</i>
Sun	11:00 a	†/L	<b>People of St. Francis</b> <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
Sun	1:00 p	L	<b>Dell O'Neill</b> <i>by Debbie Ramsey</i>
9a	Mon	†	<b>Carole Schramm</b> <i>by Charlie/Maureen Schramm</i>
9a	Tue	†	<b>Lynn Rogers</b> <i>by Charlie/Maureen Schramm</i>
9a	Wed	†	<b>Helen Tierney Zaverntnik</b> <i>by Lew/Jean Caputa</i>
9a	Thu	†	<b>Robert A. Cushen</b> <i>by Mary Ann Fitkin</i>
9a	Fri	†	<b>John/Marcella Heinzman</b> <i>by Bruce &amp; Sue McFarlane</i>
9 a	Sat	†	<b>Pam Burrell</b> <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
4:30 p	Sat	L	<b>Woody Family</b> <i>by Leslie Woody</i>

Eucharistic Adoration is held Mon-Fri after the 9 am Mass. Benediction is at noon. Says St. Pope John Paul II, "From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others."

**Mar 25, 2018** 

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## 30,000 New Catholics Received at Easter Vigil

It's true. In the United States, at least 30,000 people have been received into the Catholic Church this weekend. In the Archdiocese of Atlanta alone, the number is almost 2,000. After a year of preparation, in RCIA class or similar, the Church receives those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church.

At St. Francis of Assisi, we received: Austin Byers, Kim Davenport, Lynda Bernhardt and Tommy Orchanian. Welcome in the name of the Lord!

## "We Share" Online Giving Now Available

You haven't heard from the parish about online giving in a long time. That is because we have been transitioning from our former provider, Parish Pay, to We Share. We Share is administered by Liturgical Publications, a Catholic stewardship and communications company. LPi acquired Parish Pay last year. You probably pay your bills online, so why not stop worrying about leaving your church envelope at home and try online giving? It is safe and easy! To sign up, login at:

<https://www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ynvrsi89>

If you have problems doing so, stop by the parish office or give us a call at 706-745-6400 and we will help you figure it out.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 8th is **Divine Mercy Sunday**. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung after each Mass. This beautiful prayer is said on the rosary.

**On each "Our Father" bead pray:** Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

**On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray:**

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

**Domingo de Pascua:  
La Resurrección del Señor  
BÚSQUEDA**

Who wouldn't love their Catholic Mom's Group? Irene Libertore leads the moms as they encourage each other and find motherly moments of grace. Babysitting available and breakfast provided. Sounds good!

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**New Faith Opportunities Starting in April**

**Divine Mercy Cenacle:** Thursdays @ 10 am - For those who have completed *33 Days to Morning Glory*, Consecration to Jesus through Mary, this is a weekly gathering of adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet and study.

**Men's Group:** Thursday @ 6:30 pm in Marian Hall. Fellowship, prayer, and guy talk about their Catholic faith.



- ✓ Jack Yost
- ✓ Tom Nay
- ✓ Dagny Kolomaznik
- ✓ Joey Bartlett
- ✓ Jo Schilling
- ✓ Dell O'Neill
- ✓ **Your Spiritually Adopted Baby**
- ✓ Lynda Bernhardt
- ✓ Wayne Weible
- ✓ Luke Porter
- ✓ Tarah Burrell
- ✓ Joan Tufford
- ✓ Afra Beggy
- ✓ Brendan McGuinness
- ✓ Carrie Derflinger

**Book Club Tues @ 10** *Ordinary Work, Extraordinary Grace* by Scott Hahn (about Opus Dei) Room 7

**Rice Bowls** are to be returned to the church office or given to an usher at Mass as soon as possible. Load up all the coins in your car, check under the couch cushions, throw in a few dollars, and don't hurt your back carrying such weight to church. You get the idea. Be generous! (And thanks.)



**Living Flame of the Sanctuary Light**

burns this week for the repose of the soul of

**Lisa Ann St. James**  
by  
**Cathy Frosini**

El Domingo de Pascua es un día para la búsqueda. Las primeras comunidades cristianas se reunían alrededor de los apóstoles para conocer más sobre la vida y el ministerio del Señor Jesús. San Pablo les dijo a los colosenses bautizados que buscaran "las cosas de arriba". María Magdalena fue a la tumba para encontrar el cuerpo del Señor y ungirlo. Nosotros vamos a la iglesia el Domingo de Pascua buscando muchas cosas. Para algunos de nosotros, este es un trayecto anual cuando buscamos conectarnos con lo fundamento de la fe cristiana. Para otros, este día es la culminación de una larga trayectoria para el arrepentimiento de la Cuaresma. Para los nuevos bautizados es el primer día de una nueva vida llena de promesas y expectativas. No importa lo que sea que busquemos, inspirémonos con la acción del discípulo amado de Jesús quien al ver el sudario dentro de la tumba "vio y creyó".

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I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. — *Psalm 118:17*

No moriré, continuaré viviendo para contar lo que el Señor ha hecho.— Salmo 118(117):17