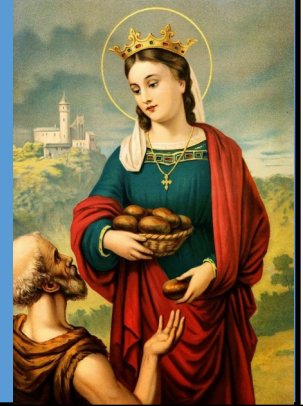


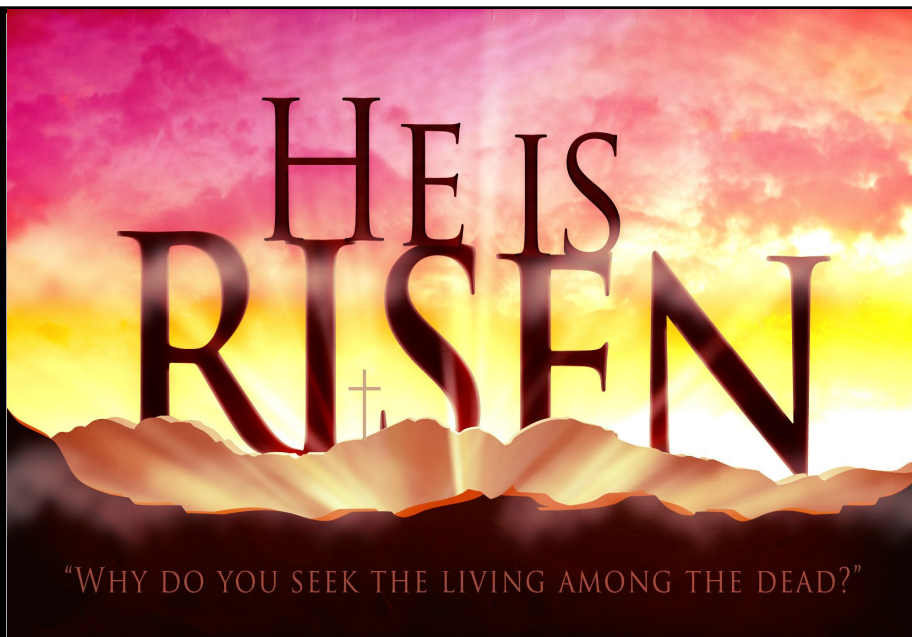
CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. PAUL AND ST ELIZABETH

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This Week: Sunday, April 5th—Easter Sunday



A blessed and joyful Easter to all of you! Today, we celebrate the greatest truth of our faith: the tomb is empty, and Jesus is alive! What seemed like defeat on Good Friday has become victory on Easter Sunday. Darkness has been overcome by light. Death has been conquered by life. Sin has been defeated by love.

Easter is not just an event that happened long ago—it is a living reality. The Resurrection of Jesus tells us something powerful: no situation in our life is ever beyond hope. There are moments when we all

feel like Good Friday—times of pain, loss, confusion, or fear. We may carry burdens in our hearts: worries about family, health, relationships, or the future. Sometimes life can feel like a sealed tomb, with no way forward. But Easter speaks directly into those moments.

The stone was rolled away—not so that Jesus could come out, but so that we could see in. So that we could believe. So that we could understand: God is always at work, even when everything seems silent and still.

The Risen Lord comes to us today just as He came to the disciples, saying: “Peace be with you.” He brings: Peace in our anxiety- Hope in our struggles- Light in our darkness- New life where things seem dead. Easter reminds us that: Failure is not the end- Suffering is not meaningless- Death is not final- Because of Jesus, every cross leads to resurrection.

So today, let us be people of hope. Let us carry the joy of Easter into our homes, our families, and our communities. Let us be witnesses of the Resurrection by the way we love, forgive, and care for one another. If there is something in our life that feels “dead” today—let us bring it to Jesus. He is still in the business of rolling away stones and bringing new life.

May this Easter fill our hearts with deep joy, unshakable hope, and renewed faith. Happy Easter

Prayer List: Emila Adkins, Connie Allen, Betty Baker, Glenn Campbell, Carol Carter, Sharon Clemons, Allie Sue Collins, Norman & Hettie Conder, Dale & Donna Darst, Teresa Elmore, Crystal Frazee, Frank & Catherine Gawarecki, Helen Gawarecki, Erica Gibson, Lisa Graas, Jeff Hack, Ralph Haycraft, Dennis Higdon, Pat Higdon, Nancy Hill, Roz Hill, Mary Jackey, Gibson Jagers, Jr & Eve Jarboe, Donald Kennedy, Ron Kennedy, Chris Lampton, Travis Lampton, Lora Lashley, Mike & Pat Leonard, Dianna Lush, Teresa Lynn, Bernice McCombs, Mary McDermott, Savanna Mercer, Lucas Meredith, Delois Miller, Joe Ed Milliner, Timmy Milliner, Irv & Coreen Moore, Zachary Nelson, Mary Norris, Lois Pack, James Paris, Taylor Pharis, Sharon Portman, Sharon Roberts, Bobby & Michelle Robinson Family, Belinda Roof, James Ryan, Karen Smallwood Sackstedar, Gene Schafer, Dan Scholl, Ellen Schraeder, Mark Seabolt, Mary Sue Seward, Michelle Shaffer, Ann Skaggs, David Skaggs, Iris Smith, Linda Steinhoffer, Mimi Stinson, Misty Thomas, Shelia Thomas, Bud Underwood, Jon Usher, Jerry Wheatley, Brian Wilson, Norma Jean Witten, Bill Wortham, Ellen Johnson, mother of Sandy Clemons

For Those Serving In The Military: Ben Foster, Dan Harrison, Dan Leonard, Owen Meredith, Shelby Gregorio, Phillip Sims

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS—St. Paul

Date: Saturday, April 11

Lectors: Angie Whitworth; Jeff Burkhead

Eu Min: Joe Kipper; Jarek Whitworth

Servers: Annie, Adalyn, Rosie

Gifts: Linda Smith/ Sylvia Sanders

Date: Sunday, April 12

Lectors: Erica Cockerel; Amy DePoyster

Eu Min: Tina Disselkamp; Charlie Drake

Servers: Nora, Audrey, Mollee

Gifts: Murrell & Ann Sims

Mass Intentions for the week April 6—12

Monday	No Mass		
Tuesday	8:00 am	St. Paul	Communion Service
Wednesday	6:00pm	St. Eliz	Beville Family
Thursday	8:00 am	St. Paul	Rose Ward +
Friday	Noon	St. Paul	Gerald Milliner +
Saturday	5:00 pm	St. Paul	Clay & Mattie Smallwood+
Sunday	8:30 am	St. Paul	Cletus & Clara Whitfill+
Sunday	10:30 am	St. Eliz	Parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTERS –St. Elizabeth

Date: Sunday, April 12

Lectors: Roberta, Sherri

Eu Min: Patty, Allen

Servers: Jude, Abel

Gifts: Jim & Edna Bratcher

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. ELIZABETH

Mar 29 Collection: \$

Needed for Budget each week: \$2,050.00

Under /Over this week :

Budget for the whole year : \$106,000

Under/ Over from July 1st: ~~-\$12,444.75~~

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. PAUL

Mar 29 Collection: \$

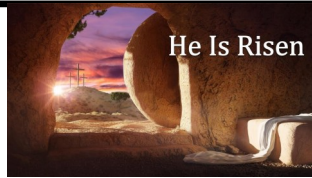
Needed for Budget each week: \$ 3,380.00

Under/ Over this week :

Budget for the whole year : \$176,000

Under/ Over from July 1st: ~~-\$3,621.37~~

Pastors' CORNER



Inscriptions at the Tombstones: In the cemetery, we see various inscriptions on tombstones, some of them truly amusing. On the tomb of an atheist: "Here lies an Atheist, All dressed up, And no place to go." On the tomb of a famous lawyer who lies no more." To a greedy and selfish woman it is

written "Returned unopened" On the tomb of Jesus, perhaps the most appropriate words would be: "Jesus was here, but not anymore, for He is risen."



Be Yourself: A group of animals started a school. Each was going to study something he knew nothing about. So the duck, an excellent swimmer, took up running. Well, try as it might, it remained a poor runner and in the meantime became second class in swimming too. The dog was a good runner, but it broke its leg trying to fly. The cockatoo was a natural at flying, but almost drowned trying to swim. At the end of all these special courses, none of the animals was

very good at anything. "Be what you are! Try to become and be the best of whatever you are!"



Wife and Husband: Once a husband and wife had a big quarrel. It had been a pitched battle of wills, each digging heels in to preserve the position each had vehemently taken. Emotions had run high. As they were driving to attend a family wedding in a distant city, both were nursing hurt feelings in defensive silence. The angry tension between them was so thick you could cut it with a knife. But, then the silence was broken. Pointing to a donkey standing in a pasture out beside the road, the husband sarcastically asked, "Relative of yours?"

The wife quickly replied, "By marriage!"



Murphy's grave: Mrs. Murphy is looking for the grave of her late husband as it has been a while since she was there. She goes to the cemetery's management office and says "I am looking for my husband's grave" "Ok madam", say's the director "What was his name?" "John Murphy" she answers. He looks through his large book for quite a time and says "sorry there are no John Murphy in our cemetery, nothing but one Mary Murphy". The woman brightens up and says "Of course that's it, everything was in my name"



The Priest & The Taxi Driver – A priest and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the Pearly gates waiting for them. 'Come with me,' said St. Peter to the taxi driver. The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine from a bowling alley to an Olympic size pool. 'Oh my word, thank you,' said the taxi driver. Next, St. Peter led the priest to a rough old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set. 'Wait, I think you are a little mixed up,' said the priest. 'Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all, I was a priest, went to church every day, and preached God's word.' 'Yes, that's true.' St Peter rejoined, 'But during your Easter sermons people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed.'

Fr. Suneesh Mathew :Have a Blessed week

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, April 7

Sunday, April 12

Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, 11:30 AM—6:00 PM

First Communion; Both Churches

Youth Group Progressive Dinner; St. Paul, 4:45 PM

St. Paul School News:

- **Pork Lunches will return on 4/24/26 and 5/8/26.**
 - **St. Paul Palooza – May 1, 2026** Join us for a fun and welcoming introduction to St. Paul School!
 - We are hosting a special **Palooza event for incoming Pre-K and Kindergarten families** from **11:30 AM – 2:00 PM**. Come meet our staff, explore the classrooms, and see what makes St. Paul such a special place to learn and grow. **Interested in grades 1–8?** We invite you to stop by during the event to tour the school and learn more about our programs. If you're unable to attend on May 1, we would be happy to schedule a visit at a time that works best for your family. We look forward to meeting you!
 - **Golf Scramble is scheduled for Shady Hollow on 5/23/26.**
- Yard Sale – June 4, 5, 6**

YOUTH GROUP—LAST MEETING

Join us on Sunday, April 12th for a Progressive Dinner. We will travel to 3 different parishioners houses for apps, dinner, dessert—plus prayer and fellowship. We will meet at 4:45 PM in the parking lot near the rectory and leave 5:00 PM sharp. This will be our last youth group meeting until August. Permission slips will be available at church.



Mother-In-Law Dies In The Holy Land: A man, his wife, and his cranky mother-in-law went on vacation to the Holy Land. While they were there, the mother-in-law passed away. The undertaker told them, “You can have her shipped home for \$5,000, or you can bury her here in the Holy Land for \$150.” The man thought about it for a while and told the undertaker he would just have her shipped home. The undertaker asked, “Why.... why would you spend \$5,000 to ship your mother-in-law home when it would be wonderful to be buried here and spend only \$150?” The man said, “A man died here about 2,000 years ago. He was buried here and three days later, he rose from the dead.” “I just can't take that chance.”



St. Elizabeth

Birthdays:

April 6—Kinsley Dixon; Dawson Lee

April 9—Abigail Burlison

Anniversaries:

April 6—Blake & Vanda Aubrey (7 years)

April 8—Garry & Trensia Skaggs (50 years)

St. Paul

Birthdays:

April 7—Jenna Lucas

April 11—Nora Drake; Betty Meredith

April 12—Tina Higdon

Anniversaries:

None This Week

RESURRECTION FAIR INFO

Please see the bulletin boards at St. Paul for donation needs for the fair. It will be held Sunday, April 19 after Mass.

Grace Marriage offers couples a relaxed, monthly space to reconnect, strengthen their marriage, and enjoy uninterrupted conversation—no pressure to share. Meets the third Tuesday each month at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. Our first meet up is April 21st at 6pm.

For further information please contact St. Paul Office—

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Sign Up Link

<https://connect.gracemarriage.com/register/4PN4K9KT6I3XG7RW7P4WKXUW>