

The CATHOLIC CHURCH of SAINT GERARD MAJELLA

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024



HE IS RISEN!

"I am the resurrection
and the life. He who
believes in Me, though
he may die, he shall
live." – John 11:25

Biblical Christianity

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 AM

ADORATION

Friday 9:00 am - Noon

RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAY

3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Also by Appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:30am—4:30pm

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From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Easter!!

Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen!

Today we celebrate the greatest moment in our faith. Jesus Christ is bodily risen from the dead and His Resurrection has conquered death for all of us. Genesis tells us that God never intended for us to die. God wanted to dwell with us forever. Because of sin, death entered the world and God withdrew His presence from us.

God was determined, however, not to let death and sin have the final word. In the fullness of time, God Himself dwelt among us as a man. Though Jesus was crucified, death could not contain Him because He is sinless. Jesus has refashioned human nature so as to enable us to be the men and women we were called to be in Genesis.

As we begin the Easter season may we rejoice in the gift of new life that God has given us!

Peace,

Fr. Brian

WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30,
EASTER VIGIL, 7:00 PM**

MARY & RALPH BROWN+
(Libby & Mike Simons)

SERVERS:

Nick, Leo & Troy Velk

LECTORS: Linda Swope

Paula Stinnett, Sheri Fava

Bill Tougaw

EM's: Richard Ring

John Fava

USHERS: Scott Fisher

Kieron Gleeson

NO MASS

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

EASTER, MARCH 31, 9 AM

WALTER SANTILLI+ (J. Dwyer)

SERVER: Dale Osterling

LECTOR: David Elsenrath

EM'S: Leigh-Anne Blaylock

Aggie Edwards

EASTER, MARCH 31, 11 AM

SERVERS TBD

LECTORS: Allen Hinton

Joseph Kowalewski

EM's: Ed Tougaw,

Connie Schlueter

USHER: Teri Hughes

EASTER PRAYER

Thank you for the gift of new life

Lord God,

We bless your holy name for the love
you've shown us

We bless the name of our Lord, Jesus
Christ,

Who was crucified for our sake

Today, as we celebrate his resurrection,

We are more than grateful to know such
love

Thank you for the gift of new life through
his resurrection

Thank you for the privilege to come close
to you through your son

Fill our hearts with joy on this day and all
the days of our lives

Amen

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

Please Pray for Our Sick Parishioners
Please keep in your personal prayers the following members of our parish who are in need of healing:
 Scotty Auten, Asher Barhite, David Bensley, Nancy Brabner, Candace Carne, Mason Cobble, Tracy Congdon, Carol Corkum, Nancy Jane Edwards, Sheri Fava, Cynthia Fulton, Matthew Gaudet, Daniel Hamby, Megan Hoette, Anne Janecjii, Pamela Kanter, Phyllis Lampert, Laura McClung, Linda Meeks, Emilie Meyer, Sandy Murphy, Dale & Jane Osterling, Lillian Pierce, John Pitner, Bill, Jeff & Rose Pugliano, Nicholson Richardson, Kathy Samilo, Mary Ann Shanahan, Jim Staub, Helen Telford, Ross Vecchio Sr. & Jr., Trey Wright Family & baby Nalayva Rose Marie.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday, Happy Easter!**
Egg Hunt at Noon following Mass.
- **Wednesday, April 3, Senior Ministry Meeting at Noon.**
- **Tuesday, April 9, Finance Committee Meeting & Ladies Guild at 6 PM.**
- **Wednesday, April 10, Knights of Columbus Business Meeting at 7 PM.**

Knights of Columbus

Any male 18 or older and a practicing Catholic can become a Knight. If you are interested, please contact **Kieron Gleeson** at 423-240-1798 or kierongleeson@gmail.com

EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 31st

AFTER THE 11 am MASS

NEED DONATIONS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY

CHILDREN'S BICYCLES

PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!



Weekly Offerings

3/24 Offertory Received: \$5,057
(Online Giving): \$510
Weekly Offertory Goal \$6,000
Holy Land \$512

St. Vincent de Paul

HE is Risen, Alleluia!! Your SVDP ministry has much to celebrate this Easter!

After much work and communication, we are happy to announce that we are now a local agent for the Chattanooga Food Bank. This means we can purchase food for pennies on the pound for our pantry and also take advantage of special one-time deals the food bank offers. Your donations will go much farther in supplying food for our neighbors who come to our pantry for help. In addition, our food boxes will be larger and more substantial.

In March, we had 12 families who came by for food. The next pantry day will be April 20 at 10:00 AM.

We have two new members who have joined our ranks. We welcome Stephen Baldwin and Jennifer Breedlove. Thank you for your willingness to serve. More members are always needed and welcome.

Gina Wilson, the Vincentian Services Manager from Atlanta has visited and given us new ideas about growing our ministry.

We continue to help our neighbors in need financially with their bills; so your generous financial support is critical. There will be a quarterly financial statement coming next month. As always, we thank you and wish you and yours a blessed and joyful Easter Season.

Karen Baldwin 815-712-6658.

HELP LINE 678-892-6163.

SVdP meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00.

Women in Prayer

We have prayer shawls available for anyone who needs one. Please contact Irene or Linda, and also if you have any prayer requests.

Contact Irene Staub at istaub1014@aol.com or Linda Swope at rlswope374@comcast.net.

Easter Overview

He is risen! Alleluia! We have reached our goal: Easter, the day we celebrate Christ's resurrection. This is the single most important feast day of the Church. In the words of the Eastern church calendar this is "the sacred and great Sunday of the Pasch, on which we celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and God, the Savior Jesus Christ." With Christ's death and resurrection, Christ has conquered sin and death, the gates of heaven are now open to man. This is the Feast of Feasts, the Solemnity of Solemnities, the highest Feast of the Church, the holiest day of the year.

**Remember, we are not
saved by what we do, we
are saved by what God has
done for us. May your faith
in God bring Peace, Hope, Love
and Renewal to your heart and
everlasting joy to your soul.**

Happy Easter!

**Kelly's
Treehouse**

**May the blessings
of the Lord
shine upon you and
your Family this
Easter Sunday
and for always.**

The Cross



A symbol of my faith
That strengthens me each day
As I by God's grace
Walk the narrow way.

You see God's own Son
He gave His life for me
And took my debt of sin
To a place called Calvary.

I owe Him my life
And all I'll ever be
All He asks is that
I'll let Him live through me.

So I run the race
Empowered by His grace
And give Him all the glory
As I look into His face.
JESUS is LORD!

American Heritage Girls Catholic Troop
is open to girls ages 5-18 who are looking
for a Catholic-centered scouting
experience! Meetings are held every
Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at
St. Stephen's Catholic Church on Lee
Highway.

Come check us out! Parents and
grandparents welcome! For more
information, please email
ahgchattanooga@gmail.com.

TECH CORNER

The sound system in the PLC is for use by
anyone. Follow the directions on the cabinet door.
Try the Alexa mounted on the door! (sound system
must be ON for Alexa to talk to you...). The
microphone on the stand is always ready and
there is a connection inside the door for your
phone if you like. When you are done, remember
to turn the system OFF.

Questions or suggestions? Call Jim Tahler
423-505-1648 or jim@tahler.net.

TECHWIZARD

April 2024

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◀ Mar 2024	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 pm SVdP	2	3 Noon – Senior Ministry	4	5 9 am Adoration	6	
7	8	9 6 pm Finance Committee Meeting 6 pm Ladies Guild	10 7 pm KC Business Meeting	11 6:30 RCIA	12 9 am Adoration	13	
14 9 am-Noon KC Pancake Breakfast 10 am Religious Ed	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due) 7 pm SVdP	16	17	18 6:30 RCIA	19 9 am Adoration	20 10 am-Noon Gabriel's Hope Pantry	
21 10 am Religious Ed	22 Earth Day	23 6 pm Parish Council Meeting	24 Administrative Professionals 7 pm KC Officers' Planning Meeting	25 6:30 RCIA KC Golf Tournament	26 Arbor Day 9 am Adoration	27 Noon – Ladies Luncheon	
28 10 am Religious Ed	29	30					