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"La esperanza le abre una ventana a la eternidad"

POPE FRANCIS

1936-2025



INSIDE THE BULLETIN

EASTER HOPE & DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

REMEMBERING POPE FRANCIS

"The eternal Son of God, in His utter transcendence, chose to love each of us with a human heart."

Dilexit nos 60



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

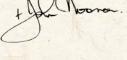
Today, on this Easter Monday, we arise from our rest at the announcement of the death of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. This holy man led us to the core of our faith, the heart of God. His legacy is always to lead us, as Christ does for us, as our Blessed Mother advocates, as all the saints offer, the treasure of God's love. His challenge to us was to seek things from above, not from this earth. Time and time again, he called us to listen to one another, to open our eyes to the dignity and sacredness of each person, to love one another as Jesus loves us. He asked us to be instruments of the Peace of the Lord, not from an earthly view; but from the extraordinary forgiveness which heals wounds and lays to rest sorrows.

Now, as we pray for the repose of his soul, we also ask God to guide us to extend His tender mercy to one another. We pray that we journey as pilgrims of hope in the Lord all our days. May we be transfigured, as Pope Francis prayed, into tireless cultivators of the seed of the Gospel that heaven and earth become one.

Many of you may ask, 'what is next?' I suggest that Pope Francis would say, 'Do not weep for me. Do not delay in the work of the Lord; rather go forth and be Christ to one another.'

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend John Noonan Bishop of Orlando

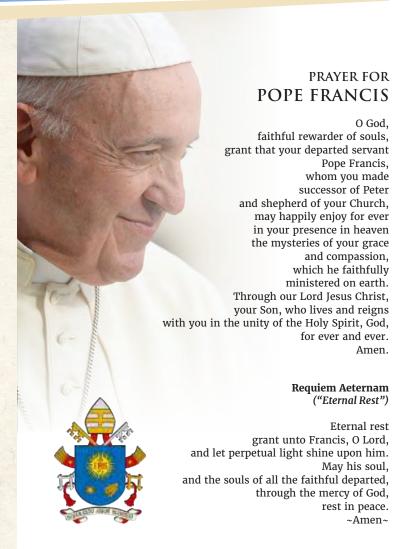


Hoy, en este Lunes de Pascua, nos levantamos de nuestro descanso con el anuncio de la muerte de nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco. Este santo hombre nos condujo a la esencia de nuestra fe, al corazón de Dios. Su legado es guiarnos siempre, como Cristo lo hace por nosotros, como aboga nuestra Santísima Madre, como ofrecen todos los santos, el tesoro del amor de Dios. Su reto para nosotros fue buscar las cosas de arriba, no de esta tierra. Una y otra vez, nos llamó a escucharnos unos a otros, a abrir los ojos a la dignidad y la sacralidad de cada persona, a amarnos unos a otros como Jesús nos ama. Nos pidió ser instrumentos de la Paz del Señor, no desde una perspectiva terrenal, sino desde el perdón extraordinario que sana las heridas y apacigua las penas.

Ahora, al orar por el descanso de su alma, también pedimos a Dios que nos guíe para extender su tierna misericordia unos a otros. Oramos para que caminemos como peregrinos de esperanza en el Señor todos nuestros días. Que seamos transformados, como oró el Papa Francisco, en incansables cultivadores de la semilla del Evangelio, para que el cielo y la tierra se conviertan en uno.

Muchos de ustedes se preguntarán: "¿Qué sigue?". Sugiero lo que el Papa Francisco diría: "No lloren por mí. No se demoren en la obra del Señor; más bien, vayan y sean Cristo los unos para los otros".

Concédele, Señor, el descanso eterno y que brille para él la luz perpetua. Que su alma y la de todos los fieles difuntos, por la misericordia de Dios, descansen en paz. Amén.



POPE FRANCIS

Jorge Mario Bergoglio
December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

On March 13, 2013, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 76, archbishop of **Buenos** Aires, was elected in the conclave to become the pope from the Americas. As the 265th successor to St. Peter, his name was chosen in honor of St. Francis of Assisi because he wanted "a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it



has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security."

Pope Francis' motto on his coat of arms, "miserando atque eligendo" is taken from a homily by Saint Bede, an English eighth-century doctor of the Church, of the Gospel account of the call of Saint Matthew. It roughly translates to "having mercy, he called him."

The pope passed away April 21, 2025, Easter Monday. The Funeral Mass for Pope Francis is scheduled to take place on Saturday April 26 at 10:00am (4:00am ET) in St. Peter's Square in Rome.

FR. DUBERNEY

You are a Blessing to St. Mary Magdalen

On April 29, Fr. Duberney Rodas Grajales, our associate pastor, celebrates the anniversary of his ordination in 2006. On this and every day, we thank God for your "yes" to God and the vocation of your priesthood.

El 29 de abril, el P. Duberney Rodas Grajales celebra el aniversario de su ordenación en 2006. En este y todos los días, damos gracias a Dios por su "sí" a Dios y la vocación de su sacerdocio.



WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED AT ST. MARY MAGDALEN FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Join our Culture of Life Ministry's Mother's Day Baby Items Collection. According to retired Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas, former head of USCCB Pro-Life, "In regard to the Walking with Moms in Need Initiative, when we help these moms, within our Parishes or Pregnancy Centers, we become 'Pilgrims of Hope.'"



We will collect baby items to support moms at Life Choices Medical Clinic. The collection will take place at every Mass on Mother's Day Weekend, May 10–11. Life Choices supports parents facing economic hardships who choose life for their babies. See below for the full list of desired items.

- · Baby bath tubs
- Infant toiletries, nail clippers, and thermometer
- Footie pajamas (girls size 0-6 months)
- · High chairs

- · Infant car seats
- · Infant vibrating seats, rockers, or springs
- · Lightweight strollers
- · Teethers
- Wipes

Unanse a la colecta de articulos de Bebes con nuestro Ministerio de Cultura de Vida de Santa Maria Magdalena en el Dia de Las Madres!

Según el obispo retirado Joseph Naumann, ex jefe de la USCCB Pro-Life, "En lo que respecta a la iniciativa de Caminar con Madres Necesitadas, cuando ayudamos a estas madres, dentro de nuestras Parroquias o en los Centros de Embarazo, nos convertimos en 'Peregrinos de La Esperanza'."

En el fin de semana de el Dia de las Madres, Mayo 10-11, estaremos recogiendo cochecitos, corralitos, cunas, moises, sillitas de comer, asientos de bebes para carros, ropitas de bebes, piyamas, frazaditas, etc para dar apoyo a las mamas que son atendidas en la clinica de Life Choices. En esta clinica se les da asistencia a las mujeres que atraviesan embarazos dificiles e inesperados y eligen la Vida para los bebes en sus vientres!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EASTER & HOLY WEEK GIFTS!

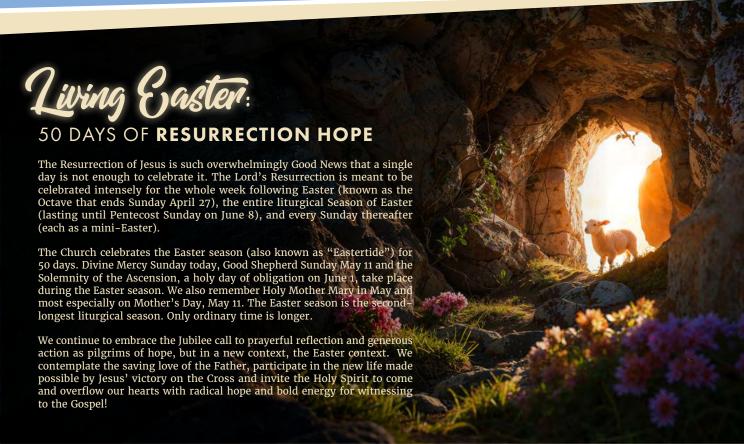
In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord of \$3,195 on Holy Thursday, \$3956.89 on Good Friday for Holy Land Special Collection and \$101,179.57 on Easter Sunday. As Christian stewards our response is witness to what we believe – that all that we have is a gift from God!

Your gifts to St. Mary Magdalen for the Easter special offering greatly benefit the ministries of our parish and school. More impact. More reach. More of Christ's hope in the world.

Sus donaciones a Santa María Magdalena para la ofrenda especial de Pascua benefician enormemente a los ministerios de nuestra parroquia y escuela, permitiéndonos hacer más juntos de lo que podemos hacer solos. Más impacto. Más alcance. Más del amor de Dios en el mundo. Gracias por todo lo que haces para compartir a Cristo con el Mundo.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

LET FAITH, MERCY, HOPE GROW

ACTS 5:12-16; PS 118: 2-4,13-15, 22; REV 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19; JN 20: 19-31

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of "Doubting Thomas" but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

John 20 is the account of the resurrection of Jesus through the eyes of his closest followers as they process that he is alive in real time. This whole chapter is centered on a key word: "believe" and a response – an awakening of faith, a blossoming of real hope that was only imagined before the Resurrection.

The passages from this chapter of John offer four examples of people who came to believe that Jesus rose from the dead and came to trust in him and have faith in him. They experience shock, confusion, fear, and doubt, and yet they come to believe in the risen Jesus, in new life, and their faith is not shaken but empowered to share Christ and Easter hope with the world.

From the Acts of the Apostles that will take us through the season we witness: Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. (Acts 5:12-16)

In the Gospel, Jesus comes to the apostles on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation, the seeds of hope, compassion and love. What a precious and powerful gift!



EASTER SEASON MESSAGE: **SEEDS OF HOPE**

Easter calls us to share the hope of Christ Risen with the world – planting seeds of faith, compassion, generosity, mercy and peace. As Pope Francis prayed, so we may become "tireless cultivators of the seed of the Gospel", sowing good seed, sowing love for one another, sowing Jubilee hope to the ends of the earth. Join us for the Easter Season on the Sundays to Pentecost for our Gospel message series: Seeds of Hope.

PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU: **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina Kowalska of Poland on Divine Mercy as shared in her diary, He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, fitting in that the liturgical texts of this day concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance.

This Feast was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000.



- · Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (Diary, 300)
- I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. (Diary, 341)
- This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. (Diary, 420)

Jesus asked Saint Faustina, and through her us, to celebrate in prayer the Hour of Great Mercy.

· At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy... In this hour I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion. (Diary, 1320)

FIRST COMMUNION BLESSINGS

This weekend, families of St. Mary Magdalen will celebrate the First Holy Eucharist with their children. Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to You for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. May their eagerness to receive Your Body and Blood inspire all of us to cherish this Sacred Sacrament. Amen.

PRAY FOR CLERGY

In the month of their passing, we pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased clergy of the Diocese of Orlando.

- · Most Rev. Thomas Grady, Bishop of Orlando
- Msgr. Terrence J. Farrelly
- · Rev. Eduardo Benitez
- Rev. Domingo Gonzalez
- · Rev. Edward Hamilton
- · Rev. Sean Heslin

- · Rev. Clyde Bonar
- · Deacon Louis Bonneau
- · Deacon Richard Del Papa
- · Deacon Vern Henry
- · Deacon Alan Michels
- · Deacon Greg Nelsen

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

Please pray for the deceased and dearly missed, including:

- · Felix Lopez Iñigo
- · Kathleen Znosko
- · John Landry

· Manuel Vilanova Gonzalez

· Kevin Gonzalez

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

APR 26 SAT

Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

5:00nm

🕆 Russ & Reggie Sciandra 7:00pm (Spanish) All the People of the Parish

APR 27 SUN

Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; In 20:19-31

8.00am

₱ Jay Crowe 10:00am Henry Klega 12:00pm Dan and Alex Looke 5:30pm

David Roman

APR 28 MON

Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

7:30am

⊕ Keith Seifert

APR 29 TUE

Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2. 5: Jn 3:7b-15

4 James Mclaughlin

APR 30 WED

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

7:30am

† Christians Murdered in Africa

MAY 1 THU

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

7:30am

† Charles Debold 7:00pm (Spanish) Chavez Reyes Family



MAY 2 FRI

Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 5:34-42: Ps 27:1. 4. 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

7:30am

₱ Miguel Perez

MAY 3 SAT

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

8:00 am

⊕ Mark Esselborn

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14

5:00pm

All the People of the Parish 7:00pm (Spanish)

Christopher Gomez & Martin Suarez

MAY 4 SUN

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14

8:00am

† Mary Gerry 10:00am

⊕ Dot Foret

12:00pm

+ Charles N. Frank

⊕ Maria Teresa Gonzalez Bedova

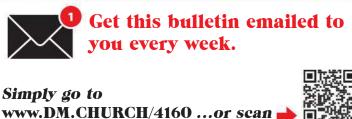


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