



# SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Easter Sunday of the  
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**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** We welcome new members to our parish family. Registration forms can be found on our website. For admission to our religious education program, reception of the sacraments, or to receive a letter for sponsorship outside the parish, an individual must be a registered, participating member of the parish, attend the sacraments, and support the ministries of the church.

## DAILY MASSES:

**Monday thru Friday** - 7:15 AM (Mt. Carmel Monastery);  
12:00 Noon (Sacred Heart)  
**Saturday** - 8:00 AM (Mt. Carmel Monastery); 9:00 AM (Sacred Heart)

## WEEKEND MASSES:

**Saturdays:** Vigil at 5:00 PM with Rosary at 4:20 PM (Sacred Heart)  
**Sundays:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 12:00 PM (Sacred Heart)  
8:00 AM (Mt. Carmel Monastery)

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

M, Tu, W, & Th, 12:30-8:30 PM, and F 12:30-5:30 PM (Sacred Heart)

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION:** Mass at 7:00 PM followed by devotional prayers to the Sacred Heart and All Night Adoration until 9 AM Mass on Saturday (Sacred Heart).

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION & FEDERAL HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE—SACRED HEART:

11:00 AM — 12:00 PM, Holy Hour  
11:30 AM — 12:00 PM, Confessions  
12:00 PM — 12:30 PM, Mass  
12:30 PM — 1:00 PM, Confessions

## SACRAMENTS

**ANOIDING OF THE SICK:** To arrange for this Sacrament, please contact the parish office.

**BAPTISM:** For children younger than 7 years old, parents should fill out the online "Request Form" under Sacraments / Baptism on the parish webpage. For scheduling or questions, call the office manager at least one month in advance of preferred date to attend a preparation class.

**HOLY EUCHARIST:** To arrange for "at-home Communion," call the homebound coordinator or the parish office.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples must contact a priest or deacon at least 6 months before the anticipated date. The bride or groom must be a parishioner of Sacred Heart. Marriage preparation program is required.

## RECONCILIATION:

- **30 Minutes Before and After Most Masses** (Sacred Heart)
- **First Fridays:** 6:30-7:30 PM (Sacred Heart)
- **Saturdays:** 4:00-4:45 PM (Sacred Heart)
- **By appointment**

**CCD—RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:** We are an affiliate parish of the St. John Paul II Regional Faith Formation Program for K thru Grade 8 that meets Sundays, 10:30-11:40 AM at ANS, September thru May. Registration available on the parish website; questions, contact the Pastoral Associate.

**OCIA—ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS:** Please contact the Pastoral Associate to arrange for instruction about our faith. Classes are held on Tuesdays (September thru May) from 7:00-8:30 PM.

**MARIAN DEVOTIONS:** Weekly Miraculous Medal Novena and Rosary after 9:00 AM Saturday Mass. Rosary on Sunday at 8:30 AM before 9:00 AM Mass and Saturday at 4:30 PM before 5:00 PM Vigil Mass.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Meets the 4th Sunday of the month at 12 Noon in the conference room of the Friendship Room.

**YOUTH GROUP:** For students in grades 6-12, see website for calendar events.

**ITEMS FOR UPCOMING BULLETIN DUE TO PARISH OFFICE BY 12 NOON MONDAY**

## SACRED HEART CHURCH, LA PLATA

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### **SUNDAY, April 20, Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord**

7:00 AM	Intentions of Armando Preciado
9:00 AM	Repose of the soul of Jeanne Hagar
10:00 AM	Intentions of the Carmelite Nuns
12:00 PM	Intentions of Sacred Heart Parishioners

#### **MONDAY, April 21, Monday within the Octave of Easter**

7:15 AM	Intentions of George Jackson
12:00 PM	Repose of the soul of Loretta Hoffman

#### **TUESDAY, April 22, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

7:15 AM	Intentions of Sr. Dolores Peter
12:00 PM	Intentions of Mary and Matthew Varkey

#### **WEDNESDAY, April 23, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

7:15 AM	Intentions of Sr. Agatha Rose
12:00 PM	Repose of the soul of Hugh Gardiner, III

#### **THURSDAY, April 24, Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

7:15 AM	Intentions of Dominic Carter
12:00 PM	Repose of the soul of David Ross

#### **FRIDAY, April 25, Friday within the Octave of Easter**

7:15 AM	Intentions of Sr. Agatha Rose
3:00 PM	Repose of the soul of Jessica Crawford

#### **SATURDAY, April 26, Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

8:00 AM	Repose of the soul of John Jameson
9:00 AM	Repose of the soul of Sharon Rolf
5:00 PM	Intentions of the Sacred Heart Parishioners

Please note that the 8:00 AM Saturday and Sunday Masses, and the 7:15 AM daily Mass are celebrated at Mt. Carmel Monastery (MC). All other Masses are celebrated at Sacred Heart (SH) unless otherwise noted.

## EASTER WEEK & DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE

### **EASTER SUNDAY, April 20**

Regular Mass & Rosary Schedule (SH, SC & SI)  
10:00 AM—Mass (MC)  
Day 3, DIVINE MERCY NOVENA, AT HOME

### **EASTER MONDAY, April 21**

Regular Mass & Confession Schedule (MC, SH, SI & SC)  
11:00-12:00 Noon—Holy Hour (SH)  
11:40 AM—DAY 4, DIVINE MERCY NOVENA (SH)

### **EASTER TUESDAY-FRIDAY, April 22-25**

Regular Mass, Confession, and  
Adoration Schedule (MC, SH, SI & SC)  
11:40 AM—DAY 5-8, DIVINE MERCY NOVENA (SH)

### **EASTER SATURDAY, April 26**

Regular Mass and Confession Schedule (MC, SH, SI & SC)  
8:40 AM—DAY 9, DIVINE MERCY NOVENA (SH)

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 27**

Regular Mass Schedule (MC, SH, SI & SC)  
1:00-3:00 PM—Adoration after Noon Mass (SH)  
1:00-3:00 PM—Confessions (SH)  
3:00 PM—DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET (SH)  
4:00 PM—Benediction

**LEGEND:** Mt. Carmel (MC), Sacred Heart (SH), St. Ignatius (SI), St. Catherine's (SC)

## Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father,  
we come before you on this Easter Sunday  
with full and grateful hearts for the gift of  
the Paschal Mystery that you showed us  
in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son,  
our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess  
belief in your saving love.  
Bless also those who have yet to profess  
belief in you. You are God for all.  
We ask all this in Christ's name.  
Amen.

**HE IS RISEN**  
CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

**HAPPY EASTER to all parishioners and visitors who have gathered here at Sacred Heart to celebrate the resurrection of our LORD! HE IS RISEN!**

We extend our sincere appreciation to all who contributed to the Easter Flower Fund. Thank you to those who so generously shared their time and talent to decorate the church for Easter.

**The Parish office is closed on Easter Monday, April 21, 2025.** As always, if an emergency situation should arise and you need to contact a priest, please call the emergency line. The number is 301-648-8783.

**HAPPY EASTER**



### *From the Book "Jesus our Eucharistic Love"*

St Anthony Mary Claret said, "When we go to Holy Communion, all of us receive the same Lord Jesus, but not all receive the same grace nor are the same effects produced in all. This comes from our greater or lesser disposition. To explain this fact, I will take an example from nature. Consider the process of grafting: the greater the similarity of one plant to the other, the better the graft will succeed. In the same way the more resemblance there is between the person who goes to communion and Jesus, so much the better the fruits of Holy Communion be."

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

## \*\*PRIEST'S CORNER\*\*

Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen! Today, we celebrate the day that not only changed the world but brings more hope, expectation, and joy into the world than any other day. This is true no matter how good or bad the economy is, this is true even in times of war, this is true even in times of political and social upheaval, this is true even when we approach the death of our loved ones, or as we approach our own death.

Because He is risen, we have the hope that we who believe and strive to live Christ centered lives and those who died in faith will also rise with Him into eternal life, forever with Him in Heaven and with Mary, and with the angels, and with our loved ones who are with Him now and will be with Him in the future.

Because He is risen, we know that sickness and death, and taxes, and the anxieties and frustrations, and losses we suffer in this life will come to an end! And then we will only know and experience the Love of God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit for all eternity! We also know that this day He opened the way for us to receive the sacraments that purify us, heal us, and will help us to grow in that relationship of Love that we were made for and that our hearts most desire.

Because He is risen, even though this Easter may not be outwardly like the Easter's we had in the past, we know that we can still rejoice in what the Lord has done, is doing, and will do through His sacraments and in our prayer throughout our lives. This Easter is a chance for us to recommit ourselves to meditate on the Resurrection, to appreciate even more deeply what happened this day and the ramifications of the resurrection in all time and on all of us who believe and walk in the Light of the Lord! Christ is Risen! Let us Rejoice always and in all circumstances!!!

Your Brother and Father in Christ,  
Fr. Scott

## World Villages Benefit!

**St. Jude's Benefit for the Sisters of Mary World Villages for Children with special guest Fr. Dan Leary.** St. Jude's Catholic Church, 12701 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, MD on **Saturday, April 26 at 7:00 PM.**

- \$35/person
- Featuring music of local D.C. group, Hathway Brothers
- Ticket includes great music, beverages and snacks
- Register today: [worldvillages.org/st-jude-bash](http://worldvillages.org/st-jude-bash)

## Protect Religious Freedom and Catholic Healthcare OPPOSE SB 447!

Maryland SB 447 threatens the ability of Catholic hospitals to provide life-affirming care in accordance with deeply held religious beliefs. This legislation may force faith-based hospitals to violate their religious and ethical commitments undermining their ability to serve patients while remaining true to their mission. **Protect the rights of Catholic hospitals and healthcare workers by urging our representatives to vote NO on SB 447.** Go to <http://mdcatholic.quorum/campaign/conscienceprotections/> to let your voice be heard.



## Please, Pray for Our Sick!

Fr. Rory Conley, Fr. Ron Potts, Pam Hanes, Mike Runfola, Melissa King, Diane Harmis, Tiffany Swann-Bratton, Gabrielle Hoffmaster, Brenna Kelly, Debbie Boetker, Rosemary Perrier, Charles Scott, Ella Leighton, Carroll Clements, Brenda Monshower, Rusty Carson, Jean Latimer, Barbara Bowie, Tim Hicks, Laura Farmer, Michael Haste, Travis Rhoden, Gary and Darlene Valdisera, Beth Furman, Robert Smoot, William Simms, Bernice Simms Fernande Graham, Ann Marlow, Kristina Wilk, Michael Dobry, Linda Welch, Brian Wasko, Louissette Lamoureux, Stephen Graham, Daniel Rodriguez, Haiden Holt, Amy Frances Scroggins, Elizabeth Swann, Ann Bluey, Michael Haste, Jeff Radosh, Reginald Zackery, Mike Scoggins, Linda Curry, John Norton, Rose Radcliff, Janet Proctor, Paul Eric Neal, Jr., Lorenzo Neal, Anthony Pruet, Elroy Hemsley, Mary Watts, Beverly Brown, Agnes Theresa Proctor, Dr. John Lucero, Caeli Glor-ia, Joe Gardiner, George Jackson, Mikey Raymond

*Names will remain on the above prayer list for 60 days from the time they are requested. At the end of that time, you may renew your request.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 25—Flame of Love Cenacle**, 4:30-5:30 PM with Our Eucharistic Lord in the Church

**May 2—First Friday Mass w-Healing Prayers** at 7 PM followed by all-night adoration

**May 3—First Saturday Morning Reflection and Breakfast**, after 9 AM Mass and 9:30 AM Rosary

**May 3—1st Holy Communion**, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

**June 14-17—Sacred Heart Summer Parish Mission**, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers



## Registration for **Sacred Heart Summer Camp** is now OPEN!

Our camp is open to all children ages 4-13 and offers up to 6 weeks of activities including: Cooking & Baking, Dance, Gross & Fun Science, Minecraft, Survival, and more! We are also accepting applications for camp counselors and volunteers. Dates, rates, registration, and employment/volunteer details can be found on our website at: [www.sacredheartplata.org/summer-camp](http://www.sacredheartplata.org/summer-camp).

## SACRED HEART MEN'S GROUP (SHMG)

**HAPPY EASTER!**

## AFTERNOON TEA?

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pomfret invites you to join them for their second annual *Afternoon Tea* on **Sunday, May 4, 2025** at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. Afternoon Tea is \$55 per person and includes finger sandwiches and freshly baked scones. To make a reservation, email [stjoetea24@gmail.com](mailto:stjoetea24@gmail.com) by **April 28, 2025**.



*Happy Easter!*

The Cemetery Committee



### Easter and the Gospel of Life

Eighteen years ago, in his encyclical "Evangelium Vitae" (The Gospel of Life), St. Pope John Paul II called us to follow "the way of love and true mercy upon which faith in Christ the Redeemer, who died and rose again, sheds even new light."

Every human heart is made by God to seek the reality of the resurrection. Everyone, especially those who have suffered the loss of loved ones, seeks consolation and companionship in the face of our mortality. The Holy Father continued, "The request which arises from the human heart in the supreme confrontation with suffering and death, especially when faced with the temptation to give up in utter desperation, is above all a request for companionship, sympathy, and support in the time of trial. It is a plea for help to keep on hoping when all human hope fails." (EV. #67) He was commenting especially on patients with terminal illnesses, who are at risk of euthanasia in today's culture. His remarks are relevant for all of us who need to remember our mortality, and the victory that has been won over death in order to have the right perspective on our lives.

St. John Paul II refers to Vatican II's affirmation that "man rebels against death because he bears in himself an eternal seed which cannot be reduced to mere matter." He explains, "This natural aversion to death and this incipient hope of immortality are illumined and brought to fulfillment by Christian faith, which both promises and offers a share in the victory of the Risen Christ. The certainty of future immortality and hope in the promised resurrection cast new light on the mystery of suffering and death, and fill the believer with an extraordinary capacity to trust fully in the plan of God." (EV. #67)

As we enter into a new springtime of evangelization, let us consider how our lives offer visible signs of new life. Do our lives reflect Pope Francis' words about Jesus Christ, "Above all, we know that He accompanies us and carries us on His shoulders. This is our joy, this is the hope that we must bring to this world"? The more we give authentic joyful witness to the Resurrection, the more others will be drawn to embrace the Gospel of Life.

**Happy and blessed Easter to everyone!**



### For Pondering... Divine Mercy Matters!

*Words from Jesus to St. Faustina on His Divine Mercy:*

**"No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to My mercy, and this is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy." (Diary 570)**

Don't miss the tremendous graces available on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th. Join us at Sacred Heart for Mass (12 N), adoration (1-4 PM), confession (1-3 PM) and the chaplet (3 PM)! To learn more, pick up a Divine Mercy Novena pamphlet, a prayer card and brochure explaining Divine Mercy at one of the entrances of the church.

### ARCHBISHOP NEALE SCHOOL

Archbishop Neale School is currently accepting applications for substitute teachers for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information, please contact the school office by email at [office@archbishopnealeschool.org](mailto:office@archbishopnealeschool.org) or at (301) 934-9595.

ANS is currently accepting applications for aftercare workers for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information please contact Mrs. Margaret Morris at (301) 934-7005. or at [mmorris@archbishopnealeschool.org](mailto:mmorris@archbishopnealeschool.org).

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### 2025 HOLY JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

**Make a daily pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in LaPlata to gain a plenary indulgence beginning 12/29/24 through 12/28/25.** Our parish is incredibly blessed to have the designation of a Jubilee parish during the Holy Jubilee Year, one of only nine in the entire Archdiocese.

**All are invited in 2025 to attend the monthly First Friday Mass with Healing Prayers at 7 PM, and the Mornings of Reflection on the First Saturdays following the 9 AM Mass and Rosary at 9:30 AM.** We endeavor to bring increased opportunities of evangelization, reconciliation, and healing to all those in the broader Charles County region and the Church.

### **—Don't Miss Out in this Month of May— SCRIPTURE STUDY ON OUR BLESSED MOTHER!**

*Do you think the Bible has very little to say about Mary? Think again. Join Deacon Bil each Sunday during May to learn more about our Blessed Mother from the pages of Scripture. Beginning May 4th, bring your Bible (Old & New Testaments) to the Parish Conference Room (formerly called the "Upper Room") after the 9 a.m. Mass. Can't make Sunday? Each Sunday's class will be repeated on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. as well.*



**The Knights of Columbus wish you and your family a joy filled Easter!**

**Answer the call to lead with faith!**

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Neale Council #2279 is looking for Catholic gentlemen to join our council. If you become a member of our council, you will find that KofC membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. KofC offers growth in faith, service to one's church and others in need, access to top-rated life insurance, and vetted moral investment products. Join us today, and help us to "make a difference in someone's life!"

Contact Michael Mickey, Grand Knight, at (240) 210-9009 or email at [michaelkmickey@gmail.com](mailto:michaelkmickey@gmail.com). Register online for free at: [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) using Local Council #2279 and Referral Code #4913849.



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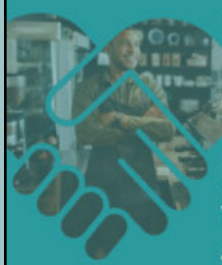
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