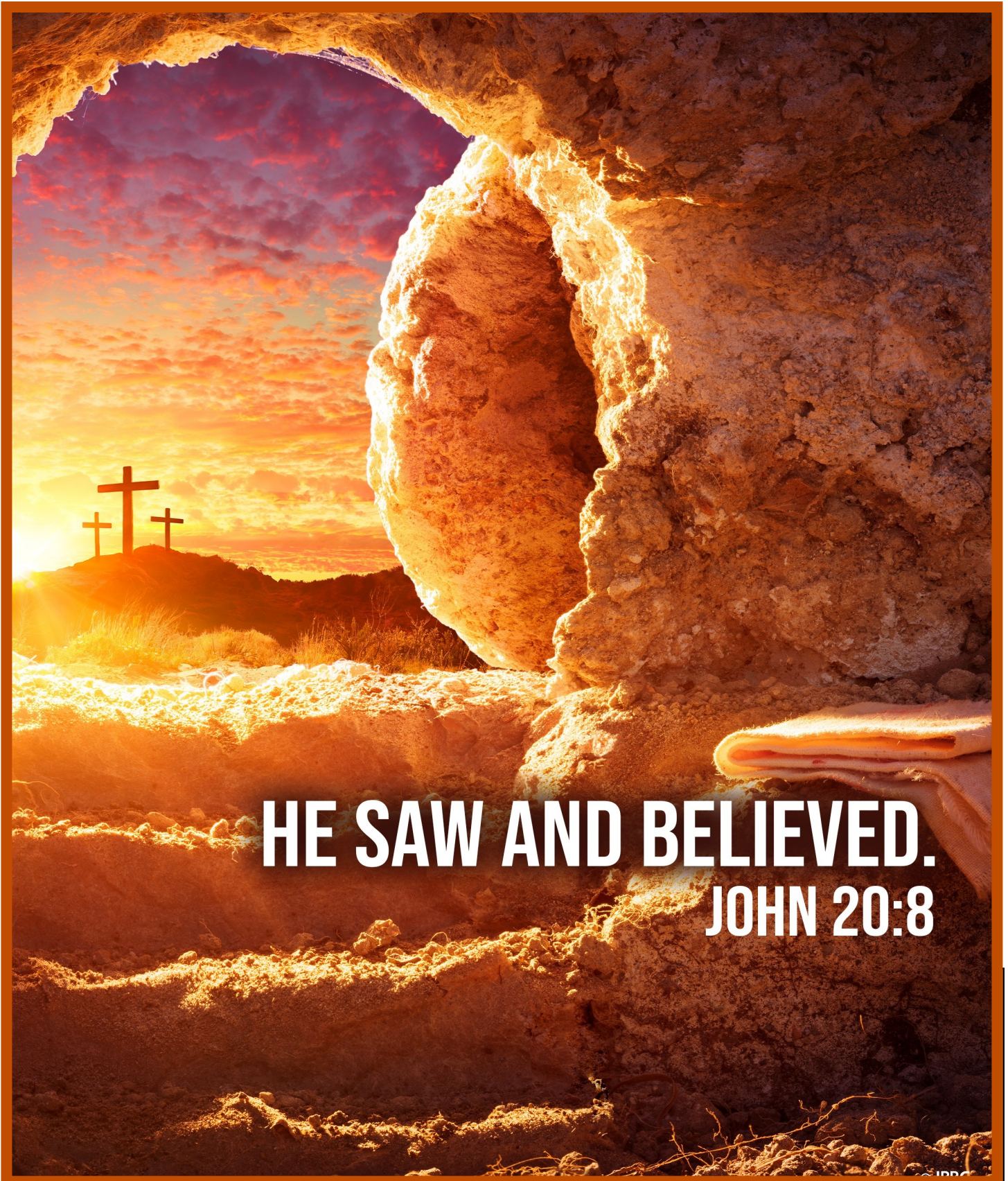


April 20, 2025

SAINT JAMES THE LESS PARISH

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HE SAW AND BELIEVED.
JOHN 20:8

A message from Fr Juan C. Gaviria

Each of the four Gospels reports the discovery of the empty tomb after Jesus' death. At the Easter Vigil each year, we read from one of the Synoptic Gospels. This year we are in Lectionary Cycle C and we read from the Gospel of Luke. On Easter Sunday, the Gospel reading is always taken from the Gospel of John.

In each of the four Gospels, we learn that it was the female followers of Jesus who first went to the tomb. Luke reports that the women from Galilee go to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, bringing with them the spices they had prepared. Luke names three women who found the tomb empty: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary, the mother of James.

Upon arriving at the tomb, the women find that the stone has been rolled away from the entrance. They enter the tomb but do not see the body of Jesus. Before the women have drawn any conclusions about this, they see two men dressed in dazzling garments. The women are said to be terrified. When these men speak to the women, they announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead. As if to prove their announcement, the men recall Jesus' own words to them. The women leave the tomb and report to the others what they have seen and heard.

These women disciples were faithful followers of Jesus who had probably served Jesus in many ways during his journeys. Luke tells us that they remained present with Jesus on his way to the crucifixion site and witnessed his death. They came to the tomb that morning expecting to serve Jesus once again by anointing his body. Instead, they were sent to minister in a different way, as messengers to Peter and the apostles.

Yet the apostles do not believe the women. Luke reports that the women's story seemed like nonsense. It is odd that Peter goes to the tomb at all. Perhaps Peter knew these women well enough to give their story credence. Perhaps he remembered something that Jesus had said that led him to hope that the women's story was more than nonsense. Without explaining why, Luke tells us that Peter goes to the tomb to investigate the women's story. He looks into the tomb, sees the burial cloths alone, and then goes home amazed.

We see in Luke's Gospel that the Twelve (who now number eleven because of Judas' betrayal) are identified as separate from the other disciples. These men were identified as Jesus' inner circle; they hold a position of authority in the community of disciples. At the start of his ministry, Luke tells us that Jesus chose the Twelve and named them apostles ([Luke 6:12-16](#)). The word apostle means "one who is sent." During his lifetime, Jesus prepared these apostles to be his witnesses by sending them to heal the sick, to exorcise demons, and to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

Peter is singled out from among the Twelve. The authority of Peter and the other apostles will continue to be described in the Acts of the Apostles, which was written by the author of the Gospel of Luke. We can trace our faith in Jesus' Resurrection to these witnesses. Their teaching, their ministry, and their bold proclamation of Christ's saving death and Resurrection are the beginning of the Church's witness to salvation through Christ.

Stewardship Scripture Reflection

April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10:38)

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

Ministry Schedule April 26th and April 27th

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
Saturday 4:00pm	Pat Moke	Ann Fletcher	Demi Dale & Gianna Scilingo
Sunday 8:00 am	Susanne Alvarez	Susan Fritz	Jake Fiordaliso
Sunday 10:00 am	Mike Raimondi	Anne Mary Demetzky	Misael Ortiz
Sunday 2:00 pm	Francisca Vidal	Jose Lopez	Annette Olachea, Adrian Vergara, Stacy Vazquez
Sunday 5:00 pm	Mary Desmond	Sean Desmond	Ryan Desmond & Nick Brady



If requestors are in attendance for a mass intention and wish to bring offertory gifts to the priest, please advise the usher before the start of mass.

MONDAY, April 21

8:30 AM + Margaret DiGangi

R/B: Family

TUESDAY, April 22

8:30 AM + Lourdes Zapanta

R/B: Lina Mercado

WEDNESDAY, April 23

8:30 AM Charo Unite (living intention)

R/B: Dino Sian

THURSDAY, April 24

8:30 AM + John Cashin

R/B: The Marines

FRIDAY, April 25

8:30 AM + Martin Castro

R/B: Family

SATURDAY, April 26

4:00 PM + Antonio Cioffi

R/B: Your Loving Family

SUNDAY, April 27

8:00 AM + Deceased Members of the Governale Family

R/B: Mary Lou & Charles

10:00 AM + Francesco Oliveri

R/B: Wife & Family

2:00 PM Luis Fernando Quizhpi (living intention)

R/B: Luis Quizhpi

5:00 PM Anthony & Pamela Ciallella and Perrina & their families (living intention)

R/B: Maria Stahorska



"The Lord loves our brothers and sisters who are ill. With trust let us pray to him that he will comfort them with his grace."

David Adesso, Kristen Aikens, Neil Armorer, Barbara Boyer, Denis Brady, Len Caglianone, Joe Conti, Charles Ferrito, Janice Gervasi, Finnley Hanway, Ellie K., Ronnie Kreutzer, Rev. Brian McCormick, Eileen R., Irene Resnick, Tony Rondinelli, Grace S., Peggy Schiller, Bill Sharp, Annette Sowa, Rev. Louis Stingel, Richard G. Tittel, Antoinette Tumas, Cathy Valendo

IMPORTANT

If you wish to add a name to the list in the **2025** bulletins, please call the Parish Office. 2025 names will be added and remain on the list for 60 days. Please notify the office if you wish to remove it sooner, or by the 15th of the ending month if you wish to keep the name on the list.

To add or remove someone on the sick list, please call the Parish Office at 732-521-0100, or send an email to:

jamestheless1880@gmail.com.



Week of April 21

MONDAY/LUNES

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

TUESDAY/MARTES

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY/MIÉRCOLES

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

THURSDAY/JUEVES

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

FRIDAY/VIERNES

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

SATURDAY/SÁBADO

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

SUNDAY/ DOMINGO

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31



Baptism: Parents who wish to have their child baptized need to call the Rectory. Preparation classes are required and are by appointment only.

Sponsors and Godparents: Church law mandates that a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation be an active Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the church, is in a valid Catholic marriage (if married), and leads a life compatible with Church teaching. **We can only write letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.** Mass attendance is confirmed by envelope use. Please call the parish office to obtain a sponsor letter or for additional information.

Matrimony: Couples contemplating this Sacrament must contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance. All couples planning marriage must attend Pre-Cana classes or Engaged Encounter.

Ministry of the Sick: Parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Rectory.

Religious Education Classes: For information on Religious Education classes, please contact our Religious Education office at 732-521-1188.

OCIA (formerly RCIA): Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the Parish Office for more information about the Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults which begins in September and runs through the following Easter.

Una carta de Rev Juan C. Gaviria

Todos los evangelios reportan el descubrimiento de la tumba vacía luego de la muerte de Jesús. Durante la vigilia pascual, cada año, hacemos las lecturas de uno de los evangelios sinópticos. Este año lo hacemos de San Lucas. Pero el domingo de Pascua, esa lectura se hace del evangelio de San Juan.

En cada uno de los cuatro evangelios, se narra que fue una mujer que era seguidora de Jesús, quien fue la primera en ir a la tumba. San Lucas narra que mas mujeres de Galilea iban a la tumba de Jesús a ungir el cuerpo de Jesús y que llevaban con ellas especias que eran cuidadosamente preparadas. San Lucas narra que las tres mujeres que encontraron la tumba vacía eran: María Magdalena, Juana y María, la madre de Santiago.

Luego de llegar a la tumba, las mujeres encontraron que la piedra de entrada había sido movida lejos. Ellas entraron a la tumba, pero no encontraron el cuerpo de Jesús. Antes de que ellas hicieran alguna interpretación de lo que habría podido pasar, ellas vieron a dos hombres vestidos con una ropa de color blanco resplandeciente. Las mujeres estaban aterrorizadas. Aquellos hombres anunciaron a las mujeres que Jesús había sido resucitado de la muerte. Para probar su afirmación, esos hombres recordaron las palabras de Jesús dichas a sus seguidores. Las mujeres dejaron la tumba y reportaron al resto de los amigos de Jesús lo que habían visto y oído.

Aquellas mujeres eran seguidoras de Jesús y quizás le habían servido en muchas formas durante sus viajes. San Lucas nos dice que ellas permanecían presentes con Jesús en su camino a la crucifixión y presenciaron su muerte. Ellas habían ido a la tumba aquella mañana esperando servir a Jesús una vez más. En lugar de ellos, ellas habían sido enviadas para hacer un ministerio diferente, y fueron llamadas a ser mensajeras ante Pedro y los apóstoles.

Aún así, los apóstoles no les creyeron a las mujeres. San Lucas reporta que la historia que ellas contaban no tenía sentido. Sin explicar razones, San Lucas narra que Pedro fue a la tumba a investigar la veracidad de la historia. El miró dentro de la tumba y vio la ropa funeraria doblada a un lado y luego se fue a casa asombrado.

Vemos en San Lucas que los doce apóstoles (quienes ahora eran once por la traición de Judas) era identificados como separados de los otros discípulos. Esos hombres eran identificados como el círculo mas cercano de Jesús y tenía una posición de autoridad en la comunidad cristiana. Al comienzo de su ministerio, San Lucas nos dice que Jesús escogió a los doce y los llamó apóstoles. La palabra apóstol significa “enviado.” Durante su vida, Jesús prepara a esos apóstoles para ser sus testigos y para ser enviados a sanar a los enfermos, exorcizar demonios, y proclamar el Reino de Dios.

Pedro es distinguido entre los apóstoles. La autoridad de Pedro y de los otros apóstoles sería descrita en el libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, el cual fue escrito también por San Lucas. Podemos rastrear nuestra fe en la resurrección de Jesús por medio de esos testimonios, sus enseñanzas, su ministerio y su firme proclamación del poder salvador de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús son el comienzo del testimonio de la Iglesia como testiga de la salvación por medio de Jesucristo.


REFLEXION BIBLICA SOBRE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

20 de abril de 2025 - Domingo de Pascua de Resurrección del Señor

“...Él anduvo haciendo el bien y sanando a todos los oprimidos por el diablo, porque Dios estaba con Él.” (Hechos 10:38)

Nosotros no podemos dar lo que no tenemos. Abran su corazón para recibir el amor, la misericordia y perdón de Dios. Entonces, muestre lo mismo a los demás. Como hijos adoptivos de Dios, somos hechos a Su imagen y semejanza. Como dijo el Papa Benedicto XVI, “fuimos hechos para la grandeza”. Que nuestras vidas reflejen Su luz a los demás. Ore para vivir una vida agradecida y generosa. ¡Esfuézate para la grandeza! ¡Fuimos hechos para más! ¡Fuimos hechos por Dios!

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA (SPANISH)

Viernes, Abril 18 th	8:00 pm	
Sábado, Abril 19 th	6:30 pm	
Domingo, Abril 20 th	11:30 am	
Lunes, Abril 21 st	7:00 pm	
Martes, Abril 22 nd	7:00 pm	
Miércoles, Abril 23 rd	7:00 pm	
Jueves, Abril 24 th	7:00 pm <small>(in Parish Hall)</small>	
Viernes, Abril 25 th	7:00 pm	
Sábado, Abril 26 th	7:00 pm	
Domingo, Abril 27	5:00 pm	

La Novena de la Divina Misericordia se rezará del 18 al 26 de abril. Todos los días se celebrará en la iglesia excepto el jueves 24 de abril. Consulte el calendario para más detalles.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Weekly Collections

April 12th and 13th collection will be included in next week's bulletin.

Next week's 2nd Collection will be for Catholic Relief Services.

**I am the Resurrection
and the Life**



In observance of Holy Week, the Parish office will be closed on Easter Monday April 21st.



Thoughts From God's Garden

Sr. Gabriela of the Incarnation, O.C.D.

Rising to Light

As the Easter Vigil begins, the church is in darkness. A light flickers, dims, revives and becomes a flame. The flame spreads among all the people, the darkness is vanquished, and the church explodes into light!



What a perfect setting for the new members of the Church to enter into the fullness of faith! They have rejected the darkness and shadows that surrounded them and have moved forward into the light of grace and truth. They who walked in the shadow of death now walk into the fullness of light and we who have accompanied them on their journey to this moment rejoice with them in the glory of Easter joy!

But it is not only the catechumens, the new members of the Church, who can rejoice in a new light. We, too, who already belong to the Church, need to see the Easter dawns in our life. Many of us are cradle Catholics, yet we have known darkness and shadows in our lives. We, too, need to remember that every Easter is our new dawn, every sacrament guides us out of our shadows, and every prayer rolls away the stone from the tomb of our desolation. We, too, are Easter people, and even if we have lost sight of it, we still always walk in the glorious Easter light.



Visit our Monastery at www.flemingtoncarmel.org or scan the above QR code.



Registration for the 2025-26 Religious Education Program is now open. The registration packet was distributed to the students. Copies of the packet are available in the office. Please contact the Religious Education Office at (732) 521-1188 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited on Sunday, April 27 at 9:40 am before the 10 am Mass. All are welcome to attend.



Welcome Rev. John D. Kirwin from Unbound

Please welcome Rev. John D. Kirwin who will be with us to celebrate Masses on next weekend (Sat., 4 pm and Sun., 8 am). He will tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries. To learn more, visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

Annual Tea

St. James Columbiettes Annual Tea will be on Sunday, April 27 from 2pm to 4pm at St. James Knights of Columbus Clemons Hall. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling Linda Talnagi at (732) 766-5396. Admission is \$20 and auction tickets may also be purchased for \$15.

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the mission of the **Office of Human Life and Dignity**, remaining steadfast in its efforts to promote the sanctity of human life in all stages and in all conditions. Your support also brings the grace of the sacraments and compassionate care to those in hospitals and prisons through our **clergy chaplains**, and has a tremendous impact on the lives of so many in need through our **Catholic Charities**.

American Legion Auxiliary Poppies



ALA Star Unit 127 will be collecting "poppy" donations at all Masses during the weekend of May 3-4. The red poppy symbolizes the sacrifice of life made by the many men and women who fought for our freedom. All donations go directly to help our veterans in need and their family causes. The ALA appreciates your generosity.



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83 E. Lincoln Avenue, Monroe
1st & 3rd Monday of every month 8:00 pm

St. James Columbiettes

2nd Monday of every month 7:00 pm
except July & August