

Happy Easter!
WELCOME!

Our parish community welcomes you! We are blessed by your active participation in our worship together. Thank you for helping us grow!

"Be faithful in little things."
-Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

SUNDAY MASS
8:00 am and 10:30 am

CONFESSION
Sundays beneath the stairwell
before, between, and after Sunday Masses
or by appointment: call Fr. Jim

DAILY MASS
Wednesdays at 8:30 am at
Steinway Piano Gallery on Hwy 31
Thursdays at 8:30 am at
Women's Health Center off Hwy 31

Parishioners can still sign up to have a Daily Mass in their home via the church website.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK
Please contact the parish office if you or anyone you know would like to receive weekly communion.

STEWARDSHIP: YOUR GIFT OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

Contact these parishioners if you are interested in assisting in the following ways:
Altar Servers: contact Theresa West at (228) 209-4935;
Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers: contact Joan Dryden at (251) 680-5541;
Coffee Social: contact Zannyha Wright at (334) 405-3631

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING
Tithe Collection: \$3,836.00 || Building Fund: \$2,130.00
Central and Eastern Europe: \$488.00
Easter Flowers \$605.00
UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS
4/21, 4/28 and 5/5: Building Fund

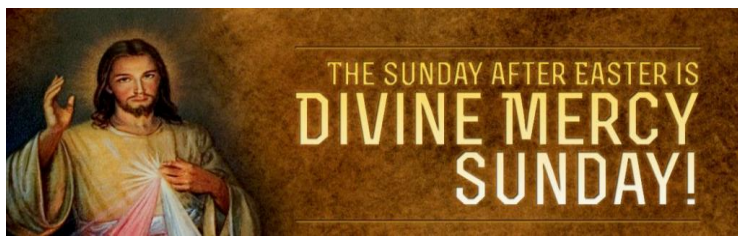
HUGE THANK YOUS!
Many, many thanks to all of our liturgists and the Liturgy Committee for leading our worship during Holy Week and Easter, the liturgical summit of the Catholic year. If you are interested in joining this committee or assist in the Liturgy, contact the names above or Fr. Cink.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CONTINUES
"The Wild Goose" is a video-based series on the Holy Spirit. Continuation of the series begins the week of May 6th. **Come join us!** Sign-up sheets are available at the main entrance. There will be a special Holy Spirit Blessing during both Masses on 4/28.

Why is it called "the Wild Goose?" The Wild Goose was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit because God's Spirit is power, moves freely, and blows, at times, like a raging wind...or without restriction, like a wild goose. The Wild Goose Project is a simple attempt to invite Catholic Christians into a more profound life-giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit desires to be present to us in a manner that brings light out of darkness, freedom out of bondage, order out of chaos and life out of death.

HOLY THURSDAY GIFTS FOR THE POOR
Thank you for your generosity in helping Prodissee Pantry and Catholic Social Services assist their clients!

NO WEEKDAY MASSES
There will be no Masses at Steinway Piano Gallery or Women's Health Center this week (4/24 or 4/25).



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CHAPLET
April 28 is Divine Mercy Sunday, a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul who goes to Confession and Holy Communion, on that day. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be recited on April 28th at 9:30 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES
APR 21 @ 8:00 AM AND 10:30 AM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
APR 28 @ 9:30 AM
See announcement below. All are invited to receive His mercy!

HOLY SPIRIT BLESSING
APR 28 @ 8 & 10:30 AM MASSES

GULF COAST CRAWFISH & BBQ FESTIVAL
APR 28 @ 1- 6 PM
See announcement below.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Please Note:
No Sunday School classes or Children's Liturgy of the Word on Easter. Classes will resume 4/28. The last class will be on May 5.

Confirmation Students
Our next meeting will be at the Adoration Chapel at Christ the King on Sunday 4/28 @ 5pm.

First Communion
Congratulations to Nicco Arensamosa and Nick Hansen who received their 1st Communion on Holy Thursday!

Our 2nd grade students will receive their First Communion on May 19th during the 10:30 am Mass.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

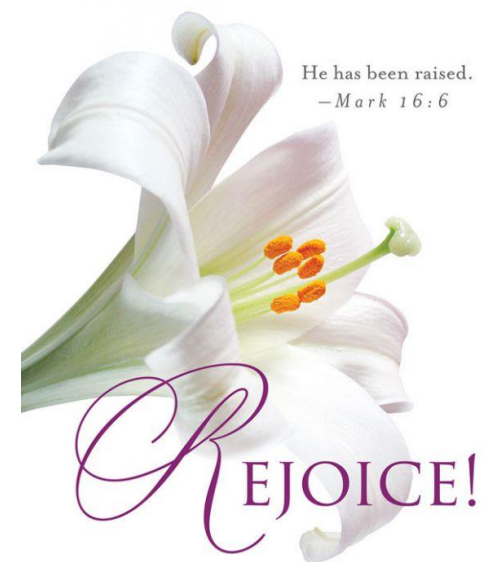
THIS YEAR'S EASTER FLOWERS HAVE BEEN DONATED

In Memory Of

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| Alson, Willie M. | H, Buddy | Stein, John |
| Alston, Jame L. | Ives, Frances | Sutton, Mildred |
| Angalitus, Frank & Elizabeth | Ives, George | Sutton Sr, Harold C |
| Bertagnolli, Oliver & Irene | Kittrell, Richard & Nellie Jane | Watson, Patricia |
| Boeggeman, Robert E | Larson, Patsy | West, Doug |
| Bolda, Joseph | Latapie, Walter & Hilda | |
| Bolda, Ria | Lind, Ken & Jeanette | |
| Boothe, Kirk | McCallen, Mac & Eunice | |
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| Boudreaux, Maurice & Annie | McCreary Parents | |
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| Cazalet, Jonathon | McKenzie, Mr & Mrs Robert | |
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In Honor Of

- Cink, Fr. Jim
Moore, Suzanne



SEEING AND BELIEVING: SCOTT HAHN REFLECTS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb.

More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan—to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27, 44).

Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them—that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," that today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him.

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

Read more at www.stpaulcenter.com.

GULF COAST CRAWFISH AND BBQ FESTIVAL

Join your Baldwin County Catholic community on the grounds at St. Patrick School in Robertsedale, AL on April 28th from 1-6 pm. All you can eat: crawfish and fixins, BBQ, cole slaw, corn, baked beans, jambalaya, crawfish pasta, and desserts! There will be silent auction, door prizes, children activities, plus live music by Grammy award-winning Terrance Simien and the Zydeco Experience.

Tickets are \$35, and children under 12 are free (only advance sales). Buy tickets at Catholic Social Services 251-947-2384 or on eventbrite.com until April 24th. All proceeds will benefit Baldwin County Catholic Social Services.

DAILY READINGS | APRIL 22 – APRIL 28

4/22: Monday in the Octave of Easter

ACTS 2:14, 22-33 / PS 16:1-2A AND 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 / MT 28:8-15

4/23: Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

ACTS 2:36-41 / PS 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 AND 22 / JN 20:11-18

4/24: Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

ACTS 3:1-10 / PS 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 / LK 24:13-35

4/25: Thursday in the Octave of Easter (St. Mark the Evangelist's feast day)

ACTS 3:11-26 / PS 8:2AB AND 5, 6-7, 8-9 / LK 24:35-48

4/26: Friday in the Octave of Easter

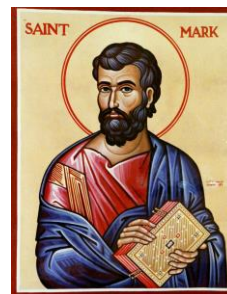
ACTS 4:1-12 / PS 118:1-2 AND 4, 22-24, 25-27A / JN 21:1-14

4/27: Saturday in the Octave of Easter

ACTS 4:13-21 / PS 118:1 AND 14-15AB, 16-18, 19-21 / MK 16:9-15

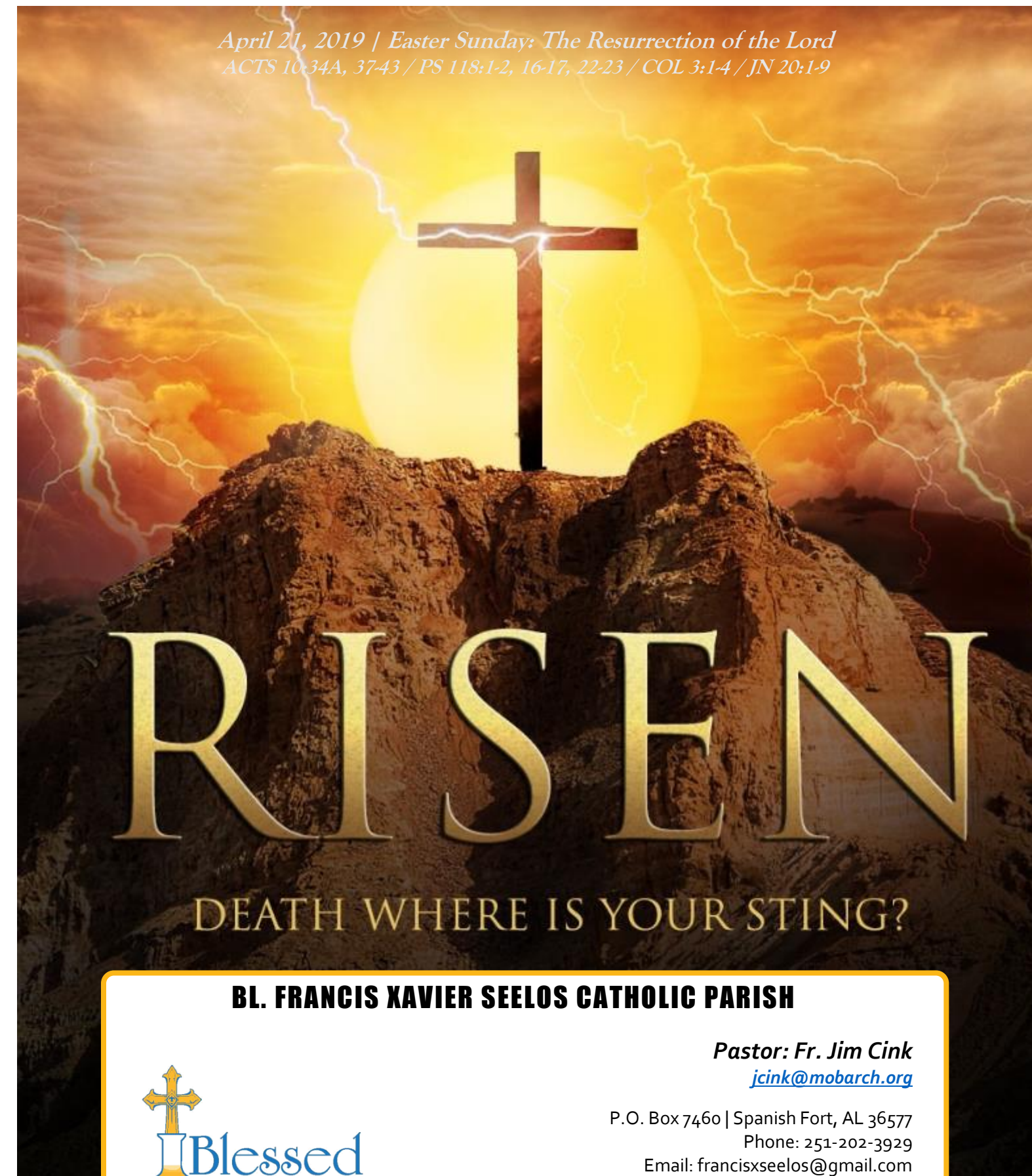
4/28: Sunday of Divine Mercy

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



St. Mark the Evangelist

Gospel-writer; possibly never knew Jesus but disciples Peter; wrote his gospel first, which influenced both Matthew and Luke to write their gospels about Jesus' life; symbol is a lion with wings; patron of notaries



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