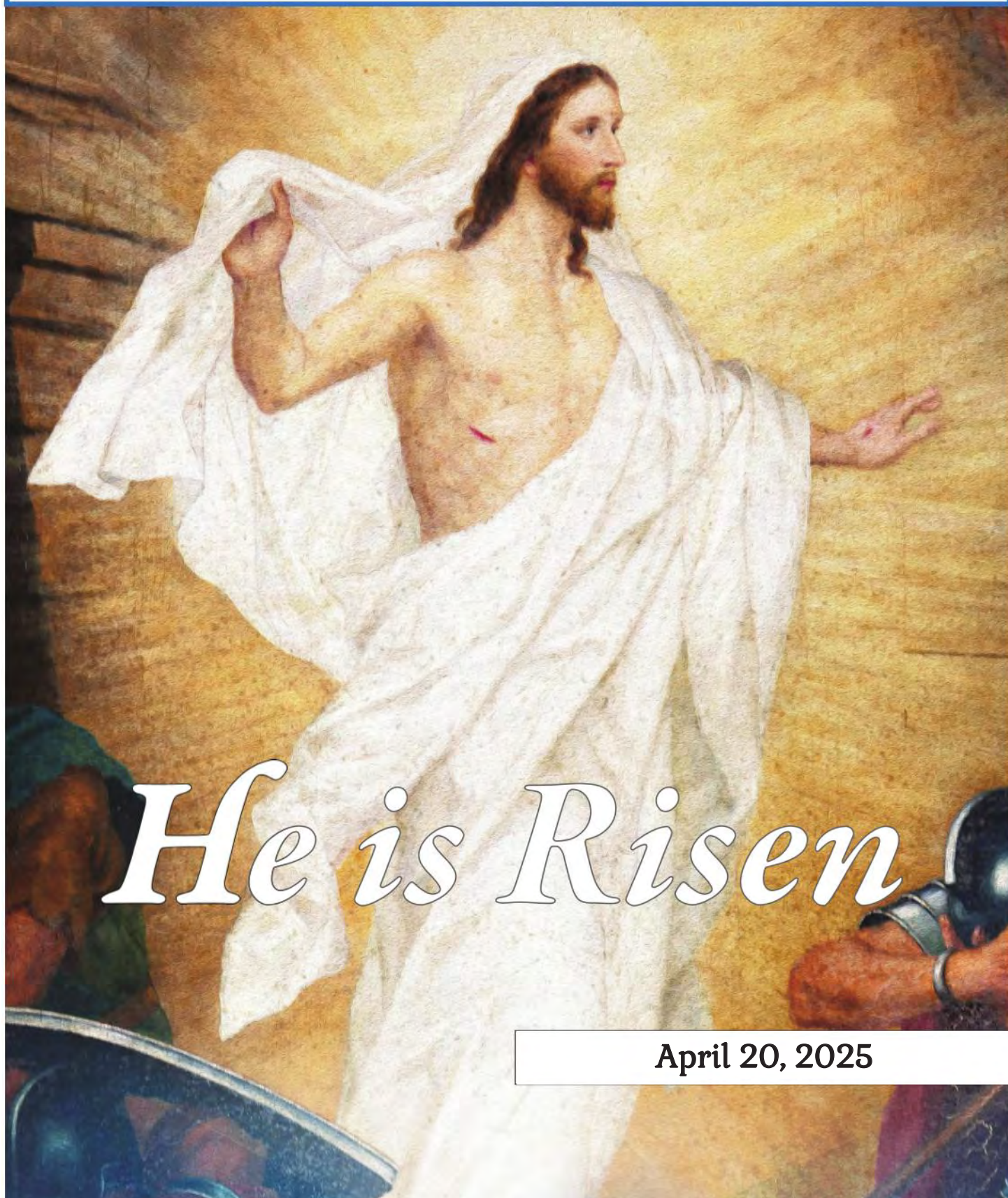


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He is Risen

April 20, 2025

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“Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us persevere in a good life. Therefore the servant of God ought always to be in good spirits.”
—Saint Philip Neri

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The Fund supports a Catholic legacy, aiding schools, poor parishes, capital investments, and major expenses at St. Katharine Drexel.

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Stewardship April 13, 2025

Offertory: \$17,440.54

Online Giving: \$8,053.87

Maintenance Fund to Date: \$74,154.3

Catholic Faith Appeal 2025

Our Parish Goal: \$250,000.00

Pledged to Date: \$145,456.00

Payments to Date: \$82,472.83

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 and click on the Online Giving link!

SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 21:

9:00 am Ladies Auxiliary Board Mtg (FFW)
 6:30 pm AA Meetings (FFE)
 6:30 pm K of C Meeting (FFW)

TUESDAY, APRIL 22:

5:45 pm TOPS (FFW)
 6:00 pm Alpha Connect (Hall)
 6:00 pm Theology of the Body Youth (FFE)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23:

8:00 am TOPS (Hall)
 11:00 am Bible Class (FFW)
 6:00 pm Youth Group (FFE)

THURSDAY, APRIL 24:

10:00 am CCW Board Meeting (FFW)
 7:00 pm TMIY-Men of Christ (Hall)
 7:30 pm Bible Class (FFW)

FRIDAY, APRIL 25:

10:00 am Legion of Mary (FFW)
 10:00 am SKD Pro-Life Diaper Drive (Hall)
 6:00 pm Youth Group (FFE)
 7:00 pm Ultreya/Cursillo (FFW)

SATURDAY, APRIL 26:

10:00 am Legion of Mary Curia (FFW)
 3:30 pm First Communion (Church)
 6:30 pm ARK Young Adult (FFE)

SUNDAY, APRIL 27:

12:30 am First Communion (Church)

*“Where Eucharistic life flourishes,
 there the life of the Church will blossom.”*
—Saint John Paul II

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 21: Octave of Easter

9:00 am † William and Mary Niemiec

Tuesday, April 22: Octave of Easter

9:00 am † Robert Boucher

Wednesday, April 23: Octave of Easter

9:00 am † Mary Troia

Thursday, April 24: Octave of Easter

7:00 pm † Nancy Altieri

Friday, April 25: Octave of Easter

9:00 am † Kathleen Fontaine

Saturday, April 26: Octave of Easter

9:00 am † Dorothy and Sue Hummer

4:00 pm † Deceased Members Batanian/Killion Family

Sunday, April 27: Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 am † Deacon Rich Spiro

10:30 am † William Grange

12:30 pm SKD Parishioners

"Jesus taught a new sacrifice which the Church received from the Apostles and offers throughout the whole world."

-Saint Irenaeus

Week of: April 20, 2025

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Helen and Blaine Varner

By Edwidge Williams

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Joyce Leuthard

By Debbie Eppinger



The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ.

Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday—9:00 am

Saturday—9:00 am

Vigil—4:00 pm

Sunday—8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays—After 9:00 am Mass

Saturdays—After 9:00 am Mass

and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

First Fridays of the Month—After 9:00 am Mass

and 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

FAITH FORMATION

(239) 283-0525 or email rose@drexelcc.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday—8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Tuesday—9:30 am to 4:30 pm

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM: Please obtain a baptism registration form either at the weekend Masses, or visit our website. After reading the requirements and completing the form, return it to Religious Education. For more information please email rose@drexelcc.org. Baptisms are scheduled after consultation with a priest.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the parish office at least nine (9) months prior to the desired date of the ceremony.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Call Faith Formation at (239) 283-0525.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Are you homebound or in the hospital? Do you need The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick? Please call the parish office for more information.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Registration forms are in the church, parish office and on the parish website.

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Ministries

AA Mondays at 6:30 pm FFE contact phillyjd@att.net

Adoration Chapel: Open 24 hours. Please call the parish office for more information at: (239) 283-9501.

Altar Servers: Call Rose at: (239) 283-0525.

Ark Young Adult: Third Tuesday at: 6:30 pm, email Anthony Rivera at: arofficial23@outlook.com

Bible Study: Wednesdays 11:00 am and Thursdays 7:30 pm. Call Russ at: (239) 728-1912.

Embrace Grace-Mom & Dad Support Groups: Contact Rose Talbot-Babey at: rose@drexelcc.org

Church Decorators: Contact Donna Frys at: (239) 540-7568.

Young Adult Rosary: 1st Saturday of Month, at 9:30 am Contact Anthony Rivera at: arofficial23@outlook.com

Council of Catholic Women: Meets First Thursdays September to May. Contact Madeline DeBlois at: (207)754-2215 or email at: mmcdeblois@gmail.com

Cursillo/Ultreya: Vicki Minervini: vickiminervini@gmail.com

Gift Shop: Open Sundays after weekend Masses.

Holy Spirit group: First Thursday at 6:30 pm Hall. Contact Renee Marazon at: renee@marazon.com

Homebound Ministry: Contact Parish Office at: (239) 283-9501 or email at: office@drexelcc.org

Hospitality: Call Virginia Hinspeter at: (239) 410-7653

Knights of Columbus: First Monday, 6:30 pm. Contact Bob Snyder at: 239-321-9012 or www.SKDgrandknight11177@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary: Contact Sandy Wilkin at: swilkinfl@aol.com

Lay Augustinians Every 2nd, 4th Mondays at 7:00 pm. Call Russ Summerton at: (239) 574-0020.

Lectors: Contact Laura Funderer at: (239) 691-2233.

Legion of Mary: Contact JoAnn Piacente at: (239) 258-0666.

Music Ministry: To be determined.

Prayer Network: Call Jean Triplett at: (239) 699-2624

Prayer Team Ministry: Contact Renee Marazon at: renee@marazon.com

Prayer Shawls Ministry: Meeting third Thursday at: 2:00 pm Call Tessa Buechler at: (904) 583-3298

Pro-Life Commission: Jeanine Pennington-Chairperson Contact at: SKDprolife@gmail.com

Redeemer Associates: Fourth Mondays at: 6:30 pm. Contact Barbara M. at: bmeiderdrut@hotmail.com

Respect Life: Email Maria at: RespectLifeSKD@gmail.com

Rosary: After Weekday Mass and Sundays at: 12:00 Noon.

St. Katharine Drexel Endowment Fund: Contact Tom Feig at feigtom@gmail.com or call (618) 322-3632.

Secular Franciscans: Second Saturday, 9:30 am. Contact Doug Elliott at: (585) 370-6178.

Sons of Saint Joseph: Mike Vasquez at: qyllr@me.com

Spiritual Direction: Rose Marie Talbot-Babey email at: Rose@drexelcc.org

SKD Family Life: Contact Rose at: skdfamily@gmail.com

Table of Plenty Food Pantry: Contact Ron Curr at: (239) 281-8833 or Kathy at: (239) 770-3551

TMIY -Timothy J. Altieri, Esq. (239) 810-1093 Email: timothy.altieri@altierilawfirm.com

TOPS: Weight loss support, Wednesdays at 9:00 am, Contact Toni Bryant at: 239-225-8093 or Tonichief912@gmail.com

TOPS: Weight loss support, Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, Contact Joe Dever at: (239) 851-6442 email: nanukfla@aol.com

Vocations: Call Parish Office at: (239) 283-9501

Welcoming Committee: Contact Judy Ketteler at: (816) 809-2227 or at: judydesch@gmail.com

Wedding Coordinator: Karen at: karenrn1008@gmail.com

Women Bible Study- Walking with Purpose : Contact Connie Orr at (239) 565-8969

Youth Group: Aileen Vasquez Email: aileen@drexelcc.org High school: 1st & 3rd Fridays & Every Wed (6:00 pm to 8:30 pm) Middle school: 1st and 3rd Fridays. (6:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

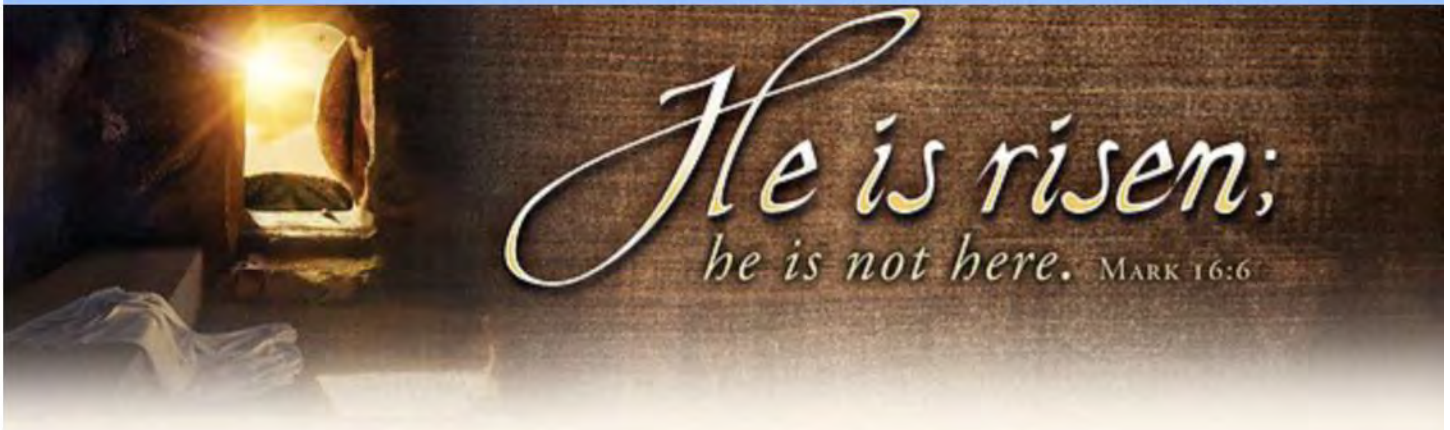
Pope Francis prayer Intention for April 2025: For the use of the new technologies

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.

Abuse Reporting

An allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by anyone should be reported immediately to: **Florida Department of Children and Families Child Abuse Hotline:** 1-800-96abuse (800-962-2873) or visit <https://reportabuse.dcf.state.fl.us>.

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Dear SKD Families:

EASTER 2025

As we celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on this Easter Sunday, I greet you with joy and hope, knowing that through His triumph over sin and death, we are offered new life and eternal peace. This is truly a day to rejoice, for the tomb is empty, and our hearts are filled with the light of Christ's victory!

In the Gospel of John, we read the beautiful account of the empty tomb. Mary Magdalene, overcome with grief, arrives at the tomb and discovers the stone rolled away. She runs to tell Peter and the other disciple, who come quickly, and in their astonishment, they behold the evidence of Jesus' Resurrection. They are left in awe, understanding that Christ has risen, as He promised.

"Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed."

This moment of belief is the foundation of our faith. We are called, like Peter and John, to witness the empty tomb and, through our faith, to see the power of the Resurrection at work in our lives. It is a powerful reminder that no matter how dark or difficult life may seem, the light of Christ shines brightly, offering us hope and new beginnings.

As we reflect on the Easter message, let us also remember the example set by Mother Katharine Drexel, whose legacy continues to inspire us today. Through her pillars of Prayer, Learning, and Service, we are called to live out our Easter faith with apostolic zeal and boldness.

Prayer is the foundation of our relationship with God. In prayer, we open our hearts to the Lord, allowing Him to strengthen and guide us. This Easter, let us commit ourselves to deeper, more fervent prayer, especially as we celebrate the joy of Christ's Resurrection.

Learning calls us to continually grow in our knowledge of God's Word and His will for our lives. Just as Peter and John grew in understanding through their encounter with the empty tomb, we, too, are invited to grow in our knowledge of the Risen Christ. Let this Easter be a time for us to renew our commitment to the study of Scripture and to deepen our faith.

Finally, **Service** is the outward expression of our love for God and for others. As disciples of the Risen Lord, we are called to serve with humility and compassion, bringing the light of Christ to those in need. Let our actions reflect the love of Christ, and may our service be a testimony to the world of the hope we have in Him.

Through these pillars of Prayer, Learning, and Service, we live out our Easter faith and follow the example of the early disciples. As we go forth from this day, let us do so with the same zeal and boldness that characterized the apostles after the Resurrection, ready to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to all. May the joy and peace of the Risen Lord fill your hearts this Easter and always. May you be strengthened in faith and emboldened in your discipleship, sharing the hope of Christ with all whom you meet. **Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!**

United in the holy Eucharist,

-Father Ricky Varner



HE IS RISEN

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

JESUS Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save! Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now he reigns above as King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heav'nly, host Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

GLORIA

GLORY to God in the highest
and on earth peace to people, to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to people, to people of good will.
Amen, Amen, Amen!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PSALM 118)

THIS is the day that the Lord has made; let us
rejoice and be glad.

EASTER SEQUENCE

SING to Christ your paschal victim,
Christians sing your Easter hymn.
The sinless Lord for sinners,
Christ God's Son for creatures died,
The sheep who strayed, the Lamb of
God redeemed.

Then death and life their battle
Wonderfully fought, and now
The King of life, once dead, for ever
lives.

Tell us, Mary, we pray,
What you saw on Easter day?
Empty was the grave, and looking
I saw there the glory of his rising.

The angel witnesses
I saw, and folded linen.
Christ my hope is risen truly
In Galilee he goes before you.

We know he rose from death indeed
And so to him we pray,
Great King and Lord of life bless us
this day. Amen. Alleluia.

RIVER OF GLORY

Refrain: River of glory, springs of our birth,
flood of God's riches poured on the earth.
We are born from the darkness
and clothed in the light!
We are bathed in the glory of God!
God bathed in the glory of God!

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

JESUS is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.

THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

Refrain: Precious body, precious blood,
seen as bread and wine;
here the Lord prepares the feast divine.
Bread of love is broken now,
cup of life is poured:
come, share the supper of the Lord.

THIS is the bread of God
coming down from heav'n,
giving life to us,
to all the world.

I am the living spring
of eternal life;
you that drink from me
shall not thirst again.

I am the bread of heav'n
giving life to you;
you that eat this bread
shall never die.

All those who feed on me
have their life in me,
as I have my life
in the living God.

All praise to you, O Christ,
present in this feast;
in this bread, we share
in one life, one Lord.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! LET THE HOLY ANTHEM RISE

A LLELUIA! Alleluia!
Let the holy anthem rise,
And the choirs of heaven chant it
In the temple of the skies;
Let the mountains skip with gladness,
And the joyful valleys ring
With hosannas in the highest
To our Savior and our King!

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Like the sun from out the wave,
He has risen up in triumph
From the darkness of the grave.
He's the splendor of the nations,
He's the lamp of endless day;
He's the very Lord of glory
Who is risen up today!

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Blessed Jesus, make us rise
From the life of this corruption
To the life that never dies.
May your glory be our portion,
When the days of time are past,
And the dead shall be awakened
By the trumpet's mighty blast!

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts A Retreat for Charism Discernment

Are you longing to understand your purpose more deeply? Curious about how God has uniquely equipped you to serve others? Join us for this transformative retreat dedicated to *Charism Discernment*, a sacred time to explore and awaken your *spiritual gifts*.



What Are Charisms?

Charisms, also known as *spiritual gifts*, are special graces given to us by the Holy Spirit. These gifts are not just for personal enrichment but are the ways God uses you to bring Christ to others – family, friends, and even strangers and often unexpected ways. Whether it's the gift of teaching, healing, hospitality, leadership, or others noted in Scripture, discovering your charisms can change your life.

Why Attend?

This retreat is more than just a workshop—it's a spiritual experience. You'll be guided through prayerful reflection, scripture insights, a personal inventory tool, and discussions that help you discover and learn how the Holy Spirit is working in your life. You will leave this day with a renewed sense of direction, deeper self-awareness and confidence to step boldly into your calling from God.

Who Should Come?

If you are seeking clarity in how God is using you to bring his love to others, this day is for you! If you desire a deeper connection with the Holy Spirit or a better understanding of how you are gifted to serve in your parish, this is your day! Whether you're new to the concept of *spiritual gifts* or you've been sensing a call for years, this day is for you!

Date: May 10, 2025

Location: Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Hall, 1922 SW 20th Ave, 33991

Cost: \$25.00 includes Charism Book, Materials, Lunch and Snacks

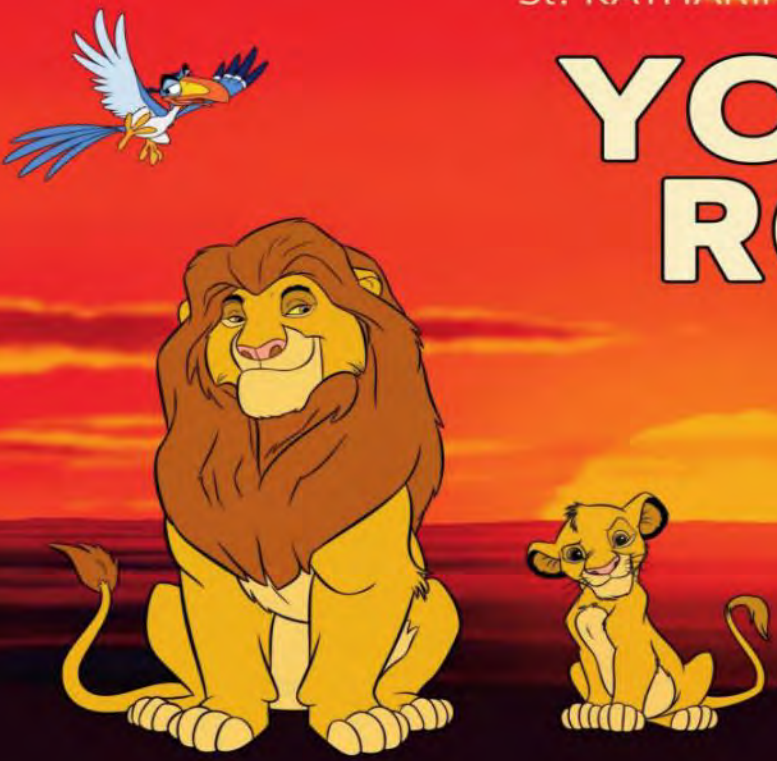
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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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