

EASTER VIGIL



APRIL 4, 2026
CHURCH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
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SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL

Blessing of the Fire

We go outside as a community to the Parking Lot Circle.

Our new Easter fire is blessed. This fire represents the light of Christ who enflames our hearts with love.

Preparing the Paschal Candle

Our Paschal candle is then prepared. It is marked with the sign of the **cross**.

The Greek letters **Alpha** and **Omega** are traced on the candle to symbolize that Christ is the beginning and end.

Five wax nails of incense are imbedded in the candle as it represents the crucified Christ.

Lighting the Paschal Candle

Shattering the darkness, the great Paschal candle is lit with a taper from the Easter fire.

Father McClane proclaims: ***“The Light of Christ”*** (three times)

All respond: Thanks be to God.

We then process back into the Worship Space following the Paschal Candle.

The Easter Proclamation (Exultet)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 1:1 - 2:2

“God looked at everything He had made, and found it very good!”

Responsorial: Psalm 104

“Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.”

Psalm Prayer (*please stand*)

Second Reading: Exodus 14:15 - 15:1

“Thus the Lord saved Israel on that day from the power of Egypt.”

Responsorial: Exodus 15: Cantic of Moses

“Let us sing to the Lord, who is covered in wondrous glory!”

Psalm Prayer (*please stand*)

Third Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

“All you who are thirsty, come to the water!”

Responsorial: Isaiah 12

“Cry out with joy, for the Holy One is among you!

Cry out with joy, for the Holy One is among you!”

Psalm Prayer (*please stand*)

GLORY TO GOD

Mass of Restoration
Josh Blakesley and Leland G. "Grae" McCullough, IV

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy
you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al - might-y Fa - ther.
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be - got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the
world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a -
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect (Opening Prayer)

Epistle: Romans 6: 3-11

We who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. . .so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead. . .we too might live in newness of life.

Gospel Acclamation

Fr McClane will chant "Alleluia" three times with a chanted response by community

Presider: Alleluia **All: Alleluia**
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ALLELUIA

Josh Blakesley and
Leland G. "Grae" McCullough, IV



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Gospel Blessing

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

"The angel said to the women in reply, 'Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.'"

Homily

BAPTISMAL LITURGY

Litany of the Saints will be sung during our procession to the atrium.

Lord have mercy **All: Lord have mercy.**
Christ have mercy **All: Christ have mercy.**
Lord have mercy **All: Lord have mercy.**

(Saint invocation) **All: Pray for us.**
(Lord be merciful) **All: Lord deliver us we pray.**

After each verse: **All you holy men and women pray for us.**

Response after Paschal Candle is lowered into font the third time:

Priest: ...who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever

All: Amen

As the candle is taken out of the water:

**All: Springs of water, bless the Lord;
praise and exalt him above all for ever.**

Blessing of the Water

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith for Elect

Baptism of Ainsley Grace Farrell, McKenna Ryann Farrell, Maura Ferrell,
Ashley Martinez, Sydney Elizabeth Nahill, MeganRae Burke,
Donald C. Jentsch, & Michael J. Jentsch, Jr.

Sung Acclamation after each Baptism: “Alleluia”

Clothing with Baptismal Garment

*“You have become a new creation and
have clothed yourself in Christ.
See in this white garment the
outward sign of your Christian dignity. . .”*



Presentation of Lighted Candle

*“. . . Keep the flame of faith
alive in your heart.”*

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith for the
Candidates—Gianna Ferrell, Isabella Ferrell, &
Joanna M. Szurley—and the Assembly

Let us respond with a prayerful “I do” after each question.

Sprinkling Rite

RIVER OF GLORY

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Riv - er of glo - ry, springs of our birth, flood of God's
rich - es poured on the earth. We are born from the dark - ness
and clothed in the light! We are bathed in the glo - ry of
God! God, bathed in the glo - ry of God!

1-4 to Verses Final

Detailed description: The image shows four staves of musical notation for the song 'River of Glory'. The first three staves are labeled 'Refrain'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) over groups of three notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The fourth staff is divided into three sections: '1-4' (a quarter note followed by a quarter rest), 'to Verses' (a quarter note followed by a quarter rest), and 'Final' (a quarter note followed by a quarter rest). The final section also includes a triplet marking. The lyrics 'God! God, bathed in the glo - ry of God!' are written below this staff.

Celebration of Confirmation of

Ainsley Grace Farrell, McKenna Ryann
Farrell, Maura Ferrell, Ashley Martínez,
Sydney Elizabeth Nahill, Megan Rae
Burke, Donald C. Jentsch, Michael J.
Jentsch, Jr., Gianna Ferrell, Isabella Ferrell,
& Joanna M. Szurley



Universal Prayer

**Response: “Risen Lord,
hear our prayer.”**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts and the Altar

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I Will Rise

Verse 1

There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say it is well
Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead

Chorus

(And) I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise I will rise (I will rise)

Verse 2

There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes

Bridge

And I hear the voice of many angels sing
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart
Worthy is the Lamb

Invitation to Prayer

Presider: Pray brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable
to God the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Preface Dialogue

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Preface

HOLY

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score for 'HOLY' is written on five staves of a single melodic line. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

Eucharistic Prayer

Memorial Acclamation/Mystery of Faith

WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD

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When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your
Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain.

The musical score for 'WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD' is written on two staves of a single melodic line. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: 'When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain.'

Sign of Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Fraction Rite

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us. grant us peace.

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Invitation to Holy Communion:

Presider: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Note about Communion: We invite everyone to come forward to participate in the Communion procession. If you are not receiving Communion, you may receive a Blessing—to receive the Blessing, just cross your forearms/hands across your chest and bow your head as you approach the Priest or Eucharistic Minister, and he or she will give you a Blessing.

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing and Dismissal

Sending Forth:

AT THE NAME

Josh Blakesley and Sarah Hart

Verses



1. You took up - on your-self our cruel and heav - y cross.
2. You split the night in two; one bright and ho - ly day,



1. You con- quered death it- self to ran- som all the lost,
2. and with the might- y truth you rolled the stone a - way.



1. hum- bled your - self be - fore a world of sin.
2. You are ex - alt - ed by the Light of Love.

Refrain



That at the name ev-ery knee should bow, ev - ery tongue



con - fess you are Lord; and at the name



ev-ery heart should sing, ev-ery tongue con - fess you are Lord,



you are Lord, you are Lord.



Welcome to our newly
initiated members of
the Catholic Church:

Ainsely Grace Farrell
McKenna Ryann Farrell
Maura Ferrell
Ashley Martinez
Sydney Elizabeth Nahill
MeganRae Burke
Donald C. Jentsch
Michael J. Jentsch, Jr.
Gianna Ferrell
Isabella Ferrell
Joanna M. Szurley

As we welcome the newly initiated into the Church this Easter, let us pray for their zeal, for the faith to remain firm and for them to truly connect into the life of the Church. May they always feel the same joy, fervor, and hunger for Jesus that drew them to the Catholic faith, and walk confidently and enthusiastically with Christ each day.