



EASTER VIGIL - HOLY SATURDAY

March 30, 2024, 10am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM and Renewal of Baptism

THE WELCOME

Pastor David R. Mattson

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

THE PRESENTATION AND QUESTIONS

PROFESSION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father and He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

THE BAPTISM

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

ANOINTING WITH OIL (Chrism)

THE BAPTISMAL WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing His creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
Amen.

People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life. Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here.

You, O God, wash us clean.

Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair -- All are washed away by grace.

You, O God, wash us clean.

Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the power to define us.

You, O God, give us new life.

The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.

You, O God, give us new life.

Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

You, O God, give us new life.

And so, as we wait to celebrate Easter, the day of resurrection, we give thanks to You, O God - for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ. We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

(Those whose desire may come forward and receive the water, with the sign of the cross, as the pastor proclaims: Remember your baptism - you are God's child - and be thankful. **Amen.**)

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

People of God, Jesus said, "You are the light of the world." Go in peace to share the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK:

- Easter - Resurrection Sunday, March 31 (6:30am-outside; 8:30am & 10am inside Sanctuary)
- Eggstravaganza (9:30am)
- Choirs, special music, refreshments & lilies

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE VISIT - Directors, Manager, and some of the older youth will be in worship on April 7 (morning). If you would like to help with activities that weekend, see the sign-up.

DANIELA Y SU MARIACHI provides special music on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at both morning services (8:30 & 10am). They will perform during the service times and also in between on the patio (9:30am).

Invite a friend to worship with you!

YOUTH FUND RAISER DINNER - Gloria Dei Youth will be serving a Cajun dinner to congregation members & friends on April 19, 6pm as a means to raise funds for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY PETTING ZOO - Gloria Dei will host a petting zoo (with sheep) on April 21 between the morning services (9:30am). Invite a friend to join in the fun and worship!

ORDINATION of Deacon Daneen Pysz takes place on Sunday, May 5, 5pm. Bishop Dave Nagler will preside. Afterwards, (6pm) Cinco de "Magico" fellowship event takes place - great food and drink, entertainment, a magician, and more. All ages are invited for this wonderful event. Sign-up if you plan to attend the dinner. Food - Adults/\$10, Children/Free.

VBS (VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL) - "SCUBA - Diving into Friendship with God", June 17-21, 9am-12pm. Children ages 4 (Pre-K) - 5th grade are welcome! VBS Registration is open online www.mygloriadei.org/vbs_form. More details: email Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS - Sign-up to be a volunteer helper at the Welcome Table. Middle School and High School kids are needed as helpers and volunteer hours will be signed off. Questions, email Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Confirmation Sunday (May 5, 10am); Moms & Mimosa Pancake Breakfast (May 12, 11am); Synod Regional Gathering at Gloria Dei (May 18, 10am); Baccalaureate Sunday (June 2); Women's Tea (June 2, 2pm); Church Campout (June 7-9)

