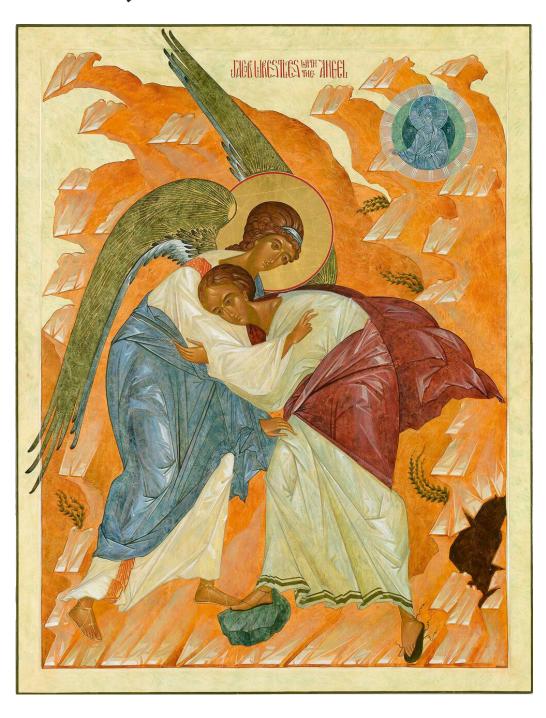


# The Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025 | 8 & 10:30 a.m.

# WRESTLE



Idolatry: How do you make sure you don't get "pinned" by your greatest idol?

## **≫**WELCOME≪

We are so glad that you have come to the Cathedral. We would love to get to know you. If you would like to learn about our community, please fill out a connection card that can be found in front of your seat. You can place the card in the silver offering plate that passes by half way through the service or simply hand it to an usher. You can also go to our website at jaxcathedral.org/welcome and fill out a welcome card online.

#### **CHILDREN**

We love having children join us and they are always welcome in worship. We embrace their energy and joy they bring to our church family! While in church, Blessings Bags are available on the Narthex rack to help keep hands and minds engaged. They contain quiet activities and materials to enhance their worship experience. Feel free to borrow one during the service and return afterward so they can be shared with others. If you need a quieter space, a sitting area with a live stream of the service is available near Taliaferro Hall. Ask an Usher for directions.

We also offer the Hakimian Nursery, staffed with trained caregivers for babies and toddlers up to 3. The nursery is open on Sundays from 9 a.m. to Noon. Children ages 4 and up are invited to gather in the Narthex at the start of the 10:30 a.m. service to join in the Procession and proceed to faith formation, rejoining their families at the Peace. Thank you for making worship a family experience!

#### PASTORAL CARE

If you or a loved one is in need of prayer, in the hospital, or wish to receive home communion, please call the church at (904) 356-5507 to let us know. St. John's clergy and chaplains are on call every day and will respond quickly and confidentially. If you are unable to attend

services in person, licensed eucharistic visitors are available to bring you communion upon request. If you need to reach us after hours, dial the number above and select option 4 to be connected with clergy. You may also submit requests through the cathedral website: https://jaxcathedral.org/pastoral-care

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Sunday Programs during the 9 a.m. Education Hour

#### Breakfast, Taliaferro Hall

Stop by for coffee and breakfast. Take it to your class or enjoy it in the Sunday Flex Café.

#### Digital Disciples, Zoom

Sign up links for this online class are sent in the Eagle and by email on Sunday mornings.

#### Dean's Forum, Taliaferro Hall

Wrestle with Faith: Getting Strong for Difficult Days

#### Engage @ Jax Cathedral, Burwell Court

Join us as we explore Lent, the Episcopal Church, and ways to engage at the Cathedral. Led by Tom & Linda O'Dell.

#### Children and Families Program, Ingram Lounge

A casual and interactive Family Service will be held on the first Sunday of every month beginning at 9 a.m. On all other Sundays, families will find a haven in the Sunday Flex Café. Drop in as you

### > THE HOLY EUCHARIST ≪

Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on Adoro te devote, Gerald Near

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

Introit (10:30 a.m.)

Come, I pray thee, W. H. Anderson

Come, I pray Thee, Thou sweet and true joy. Enter a soul that longs for Thee. Enflame with Thy divine fire all my heart. Enlighten my inmost parts with Thy radiant light. Amen.

In Procession, Hymn 699

"Jesus, lover of my soul" *Aberystwyth* 

## > THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ❖

Celebrant

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Celebrant

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." -Mark 12:29-31

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel.

All

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

The Kyrie (spoken in unison)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

All sit.

The Lesson 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches. For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

All stand.

LEVAS 106 (St. 1-2)

Take my hand, precious Lord

The Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

LEVAS 106 (St. 3)

Take my hand, precious Lord

All sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. Christopher Martin

A period of silence is kept.

## The Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# The Prayers of the People

Leader Eternal and Merciful One, we thank you that you have given us the gift of life. Help us to

be generous like you and to use our resources for the benefit of others.

In your great mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We ask you to bless the sick, the poor, the lonely and outcast, the immigrant and refugee

and all those who find themselves without a home.

In your great mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We ask you to guide the people of this nation, that we may serve justice and promote the

dignity of every human being.

In your great mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We ask you to guide us in caring for this beautiful earth that you have given us.

In your great mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We ask you to bring peace among races and people, among all the nations of the world.

In your great mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We ask you to embrace the souls of those that we love who have died.

In your great mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greet one another with the peace of Jesus.

# Welcome and Announcements



As the altar is prepared for Communion, please place your offering in the collection plate as it is passed. You may also give by texting jaxcathedral \$(amount) to 73256. Or use the QR code to give online. Thank you for your generosity.

# >> THE HOLY COMMUNION ◆

The Offertory Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, S. S. Wesley

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day: The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike. God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for evermore. -Isaiah 26:3

# The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching our Worship I

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

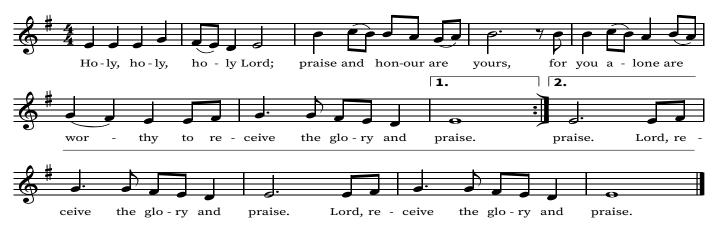
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

## Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Liat Chung Ham



#### All stand or kneel.

#### Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: (spoken at 8 a.m., sung at 10:30 a.m.)

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

All

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.** 

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.



Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who long for God are welcome to receive communion. Please let clergy know if you would like a glutenfree wafer. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by folding your arms across your chest. If you would like to receive communion and are unable to come to the altar, please ask an usher for assistance. A socially distant communion table is set in the chapel to the left of the altar (the North Transcept). Intercessory prayers may be received at the Baptismal Font.

# Music at Communion (10:30 a.m.)

Gospel Offering

God so loved the world, John Stainer St. John's Celebration Choir

Motet

Here, O my Lord, Alan Viner

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen; Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace. And all my weariness upon thee lean. Here would I feed upon the bread of God; Here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven; Here would I lay asideeach earthly load. Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

# Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Blessing

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** 

All stand.

In Procession, Hymn 688

"A mighty fortress is our God" *Ein feste Burg* 

## Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Prelude in C minor, Felix Mendelssohn

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The flowers at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God.

## **≫** LOVE AT THE CORE ❖

Love at the Core is our motto; it refers to the heart of who we are. For nearly 200 years, St. John's Cathedral has sought to lead people in worship and community service here in the urban core of Jacksonville. We believe that through beauty, art, and worship we can draw people into community to experience God's love and serve those in need. We are a diverse congregation that welcomes all people. You are welcome to learn about the love of Jesus with us.

# Our Clergy



The Very Rev.
Kate Moorehead Carroll
Dean



The Rev. Canon
Mark S. Anderson
Vicar



The Rev. Dr. Linda Privitera Associate Priest



**The Rev. Saundra Kidd**Deacon for Pastoral Care
and Outreach



The Rev. Thomas O'Dell
Associate Priest for Welcome
and Engagement

# Our Vestry

Steve Busey, Chancellor John Sefton, Subchancellor Charles Winney, Treasurer (In Loving Memory)

Martha Cox, Sr. Warden Patrick Kimball, Jr. Warden

John Bass, Donna Walker Bell, John Erstling, Glenn Guiler, Paige Hakimian, Lewis Hunt, Lisa McKenna, Laura Jane Pittman, Louis Russo, Adam Smith, Shane Williams

## >> WEDNESDAYS AT THE CATHEDRAL ◆

# 11 a.m. – Growing through the Word

A lectionary Bible Study led by Deacon Saundra in the Busey Conference Room.

# 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch

Enjoy a delicious meal in Taliaferro Hall.

# 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Holy Living: Discerning God's Will for Your Life

Your faith, quite literally, can make you well. This class will take you through the basics of the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church. Meet in Ingram Lounge.

# 12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Midday healing service in Cummings Chapel

# 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Dinner

Join us in Taliaferro Hall for a community meal.

# 6 p.m. - Classes & Small Groups

Holy Living: Discerning God's Will for Your Life in Ingram Lounge (same content as morning)

Art Class in the Painting Place

7 p.m. – River City Mindfulness
Dooly Library



### **Getting Strong for Difficult Days**

This Lent, our Dean's Forum will equip us to wrestle with life's difficult questions and deepen our faith. Join Dean Kate and guest speakers as we explore practices that strengthen us for the journey ahead. Equip yourself with prayer, reflection, and spiritual tools to face life's challenges with courage and grace.

# SUNDAYS AT 9 A.M. TALIAFERRO HALL

Schedule of Topics and Speakers:

#### TWELVE STEPS FOR ALL

#### March 6 — John Roberts

Discover how the wisdom of the Twelve Steps can guide anyone seeking spiritual growth and healing.

#### ART AS PRAYER

#### March 16 — Linda Privitera

Explore creativity as a powerful form of prayer and connection to God.

#### **DISCERNING GOD'S WILL**

# March 23 — Christopher Martin

Learn practical tools for listening and responding to God's call in your life.

#### SPIRITUAL JOURNALING

#### March 30 — Owene Courtney

Deepen your spiritual journey through the practice of reflective writing.

#### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

## April 6 — Joe O'Shields

Discover how spiritual direction can help you navigate life's challenges with grace and wisdom.

COME WRESTLE WITH FAITH.

GET STRONG FOR THE JOURNEY AHEAD.

## ≈ EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ≪

#### LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Every Sunday, 11:30-12:30

Please join us for food and fellowship in Taliaferro Hall following the 10:30 service.

#### RETHREADED T-SHIRT DRIVE

Rethreaded is a local non-profit that helps survivors of human trafficking reclaim their lives through employment and holistic services. During this Lenten season, you can participate in a T-shirt drive to help make a difference in the life of a survivor here in your own community! During lent, we will keep a donation bin outside of Ingram Lounge where you can place your donated shirts. Thank you for your continued generosity to our community!

# WRESTLE: AN ART EXHIBITION BY DR. LINDA PRIVITERA

#### On Display Through April 20

We invite you to experience our newest art exhibition: Wrestle. This powerful and contemplative collection explores the depth of struggle, reflection, and spiritual insight, offering a unique Lenten journey through art.

# ART@NOON ZOOM MEETING: PART II OF 3-PART STAINED GLASS DISCUSSION SERIES

#### Thursday, March 27, 12-1 p.m.

Join ART@noon for the second edition of a three-part discussion about stained glass. We will be discussing early and contemporary stained glass artists.

#### LGBTQ+ FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, March 27, 6-8 p.m.

#### **Ingram Lounge**

Join the St. John's Cathedral LGBTQIA Friends and Fellowship Group at their next social gathering. Light refreshments will be served as we discuss our hopes and goals for the future of the group. Bring a friend, make a friend, and be a friend. We can't wait to meet you!

IMMIGRATION COMPLEXITIES (SESSION 1): THE EVOLUTION OF U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICY (1924-2017)

# Sunday, March 30, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Ingram Lounge

You may be wondering why so many Sudanese refugees have arrived in Jacksonville and how immigration policy shapes these resettlements. To help us understand these complex issues, parishioner and former U.S. ambassador John Caulfield will lead a three-session class exploring the history of U.S. immigration policy, the border crisis, and potential solutions. Each session consists of a 40-minute presentation followed by 20 minutes of Q&A.

#### **GUIDED STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

#### April 4 & April 11, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Join parishioner Vince Ferrigno for a guided walk of the Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral Nave, handcarved by Christine Bailey. Throughout Lent, the fourteen stations line the perimeter of the Cathedral sanctuary. You may walk them on your own during church office hours.

# SPIRES IN THE SUN AUTHOR TALK AND BOOK SIGNING

# Sunday, April 6, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. St. George Episcopal Church, 10560 Fort George Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32226

Join us for an author talk on the Florida Carpenter Gothic Episcopal churches featured in the awardwinning book, Spires in the Sun. There will be a Meet and Greet/Book Signing before and after the author event with Jonathan Rich.

IMMIGRATION COMPLEXITIES (SESSION 2): CRISIS AT THE BORDER: WHAT HAPPENED, WHY, AND HOW IT WILL END (2017-2025)

Sunday, March 30, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Ingram Lounge

(Unless noted otherwise, please register to attend events at jaxcathedral.org/events) 1



at St. John's Cathedral

#### PALM SUNDAY | April 13

8 a.m. **HOLY EUCHARIST**,

Cathedral

PROCESSION OF THE 9 a.m.

**PALMS** 

Corner of Duval and Market Street to James Weldon Johnson Park and back!

10 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST, Cathedral

**HOLY WEDNESDAY** | April 16

11:30 A.M. WRESTLE ART WALK **AND 6 P.M.** A walk and talk with the artist

Taliaferro Hall

MAUNDY THURSDAY | April 17

7 p.m. **HOLY EUCHARIST WITH** 

**FOOT WASHING AND** STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

**PRAYER WATCH** begins in homes, 8 p.m.

ending at 12 p.m. Friday

#### GOOD FRIDAY | April 18

2-3 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY: THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF

**CHRIST.** This three hour service includes scripture, prayer, homily, music and silence. Come and go as you are able.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH 7 p.m. MUSIC AND POETRY.

Marcel Dupré's Le Chemin de la Croix Tim Tuller, organ

**HOLY SATURDAY** | April 19

7 A.M. **HOLY SATURDAY SUNRISE** 

Meet at Bold Bean Coffee in Jax Beach and we will walk 3 blocks to the beach for a brief meditation.

**HOLY SATURDAY LITURGY** 9 A.M.

followed by decorating the Cathedral

with lilies.

# **EASTER SUNDAY** | April 20

Celebrate

Easter

6 a.m. THE GREAT VIGIL, Cathedral

The first celebration of Easter begins in candlelight with Holy Baptism. We greet the sunrise with The Great Noise and Holy Eucharist. (Bring your noisemakers!)

9 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST & FLOWERING OF THE CROSS, Cathedral Children are encouraged to bring fresh cut flowers for the cross.

10:15 a.m. EASTER EGG HUNT, Cathedral Park

II:15 a.m. EUCHARIST, Cathedral (incense will be used)