

April 11, 2021



# Cristo Rey Catholic Church



“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN  
AND HAVE BELIEVED.” —JN 20:29

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“DICHOSOS LOS QUE CREEN SIN HABER  
VISTO”. —JN 20, 29

2º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

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**April 17 - Saturday - Easter Weekday**

**4:30pm** †Johnny (8th), †Ray (BD), &  
 †Dolores Vigil - Grace Vigil  
 †Andres "Andy" J. (1st) & †Stella L.  
 Gonzales (10th) - Family  
 For All Living and Deceased member of  
 Union Protectiva Femenina

**April 18 - Third Sunday of Easter**

**10:00am** †Robert, †Ernestine & †William Babcock -  
 Angela & Anita  
 †Richard Vender - Fred Hondowicz  
 †Dorothy Garcia, †Agnes Mayer &  
 †Vicente Gutierrez - Robert & Pam  
 Quintana  
 For the People of the Parish

**Readings for the week of April 11, 2021**

SUN 4/11 Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

MON 4/12 Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

TUES 4/13 Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

WED 4/14 Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

THR 4/15 Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

FRI 4/16 Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

SAT 4/17 Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

SUN 4/18 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

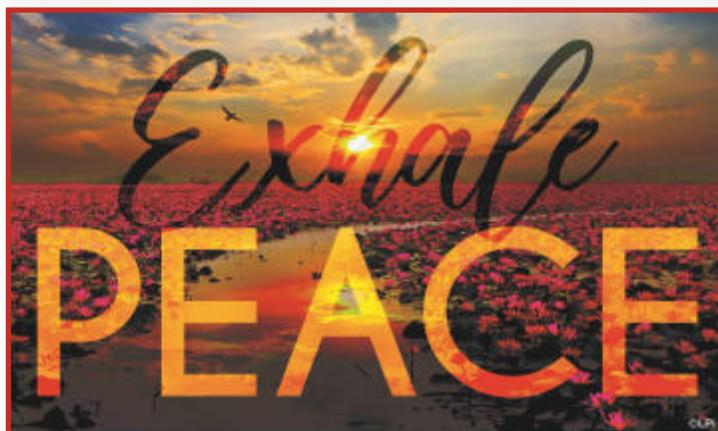


**GOSPEL MEDITATION  
 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY**

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.



Prayer Intentions*God's help is only a prayer away*

Please call the parish office, 983.8528, with the names of family members or friends for whom you would like us to pray. Please pray for the following: Christopher Gonzales, Ben Salazar, Carlos Rodriguez, James Salazar, Benji Anaya, Sue Moraz, Socorro Rodriguez, Ed Vigil, Jeff & Ann Marie Mascarenas, Julie Montoya, Isaac Oliveres, Shirley Archer, Margaret Trujillo, Thelma Hagman, Steve Alire, Marcos Mendes, Christopher Browne, Catherine Brown, Carl Cox, Lucy Saiz, Rosie Saiz, Michele Lowrance, Florence Sanchez, Helen Keller, Mel Ortiz, Albert Rivera, Valentino Rivera, Joe Madrid, Salomon Sena, Francisco D. Gonzales, Manuel Montoya, Kathleen Kennedy, Josie Lopez, Lucas Tapia, Marla Sanchez, Billie Branham, Peggy Vigil, Phil Bove, Cheo Gonzales, Rosina Medrano, Cindy Laursen, David Perlowin, Mabel Roybal Trujillo, Tony Lalli, Joe T. Roybal, David Gomez, Deacon Tom Van Valkenburgh, Dennis McSadden, Edward Ganzo Gonzales & Tina Herrera

**LITURGICAL LIFE****QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK****Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

**First Reading:** Luke gives us a glimpse into the solidarity of heart and mind with the original community of believers in Jerusalem. How does your current community of faith compare to this first-generation Jerusalem church?

**Second Reading:** John speaks of the power of faith and love for believers in conquering evil in the world. How does the faith and love in your life sustain you?

**Gospel:** The story of Thomas' doubt in the resurrected Jesus is one of the most well-known resurrection narratives. Why do you think Christians throughout the ages are drawn to this story?

**LIVE THE LITURGY****Inspiration for the week**

Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!

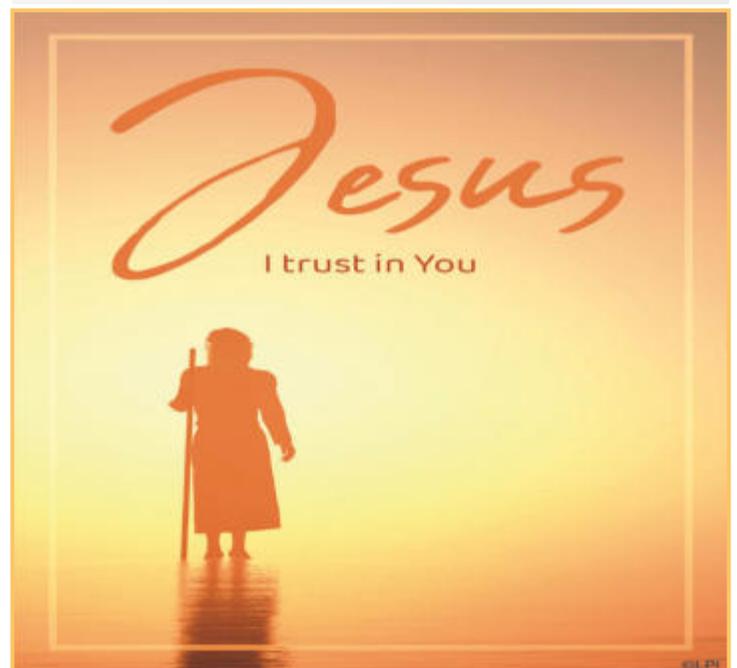
**WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:**

**Question:** Why are priests transferred from one parish to another? How is that decided?

**Answer:** Bishops take the appointment of pastors to parishes very seriously and the decision to assign or transfer priests is one of the most important decisions bishops can make, effecting the lives of everyone in the parish community.

In 1984, the bishops of the United States implemented a six-year term limit for pastors (which can be renewed by bishop); term limits for associate pastors vary from diocese to diocese. Sometimes a particular priest is assigned to a parish or chaplaincy to respond to specific issues (such as a parish merger, a fundraising campaign, or because he has special qualifications that make him a good fit for the community). In the case of new or recently ordained priests, the vibrancy and diversity, the presence of a school, or certain social programs offer invaluable training and ongoing formation.

In making their decisions regarding the placement of priests, most bishops rely on a priest personnel committee or a council of priests. There is also a period of dialogue with the priest(s) who will be moved, sometimes even including an extended period of discernment and self-assessment, helping to be as sure as possible that the assignment of a priest to a particular community will truly benefit the people and be a healthy one for the priest himself.



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