

April 18, 2021

 **Cristo Rey Catholic Church** 



3rd

SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

Entonces les abrió el entendimiento para que comprendieran las Escrituras y les dijo: "Está escrito que el Mesías tenía que padecer y había de resucitar de entre los muertos al tercer día". - Lc 24, 45-46

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April 4, 2021

General Fund.....	\$ 3,485.00
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Mass Intentions for the Week

April 24- Saturday - Easter Weekday

4:30pm †Kenneth Delgado, †Julian &
†Patricia Montoya - Lilly Delgado

April 18 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00am †Vicente, & †Aurora Romero -
Angela & Anita
†Peter (BD) & †Margaret Smiley -
Smiley Family
†Ernesto "Ernie" Garcia -
Rubel & Virginia Garcia
†Ana Luz Rodriguez Socolov - Daughters
For the People of the Parish

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

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

MON 4/19 Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/
Jn 6:22-29

TUES 4/20 Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a,
17 and 21ab [6a]/ Jn 6:30-35

WED 4/21 Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

THR 4/22 Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

FRI 4/23 Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

SAT 4/24 Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn
6:60-69

SUN 4/25 Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
[22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

GOSPEL MEDITATION THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.



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: In publicly bearing witness to Jesus' resurrection, Peter urged the people to repent of their sin of ignorance and their denial of Jesus. How does Jesus' resurrection from the dead inspire you to repentance?

Second Reading: John teaches his community that the key to avoiding sin is to follow Jesus' commandments. What do you find challenging in this seemingly simple and clear instruction?

Gospel: Luke tells us that the resurrected Jesus opened the minds of the disciples "to understand the Scriptures" and see how his suffering, death, and resurrection was connected to repentance and forgiveness of sins. What tools do you use to better understand our faith?

LIVE THE LITURGY**Inspiration for the week**

When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News

WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question: Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer: For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.



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