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April 4, 2021 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



MASS SCHEDULES

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4 PM, Wednesday 6-7 PM

Reconciliación

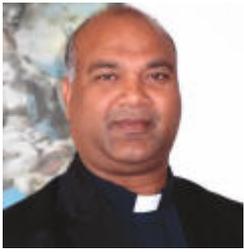
Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4PM

Masses Currently we have outdoor masses in English on Sunday at 9:00 AM and in Spanish on Sunday at 2:00 PM

Mass Schedule

We have indoor weekend masses at on Saturday at 4:30 PM in English and 6:00 PM in Spanish and on Sunday at 10:30 AM in English — All Masses are live streamed on Facebook or our webpage live. You can receive communion after the weekend masses by coming to the placita immediately after mass.

United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit



From the Pastor's Desk:

Egyptian pyramids are world-famous as one of the "seven Wonders" of the ancient world. But they are actually gigantic tombs containing the mummified bodies of Egyptian Pharaohs. Westminster Abby is famous,

and thousands visit it because the dead bodies of famous writers, philosophers and politicians are entombed there. But there is a Shrine of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, and pilgrims from all over the world visit a tomb there which is empty with a note at its entrance which says, "He is not here." It is famous because Jesus Christ Who was once buried there rose from the dead, leaving an empty tomb, as He had told his disciples he would. Thus, He worked the most important miracle in His life, defying the laws of nature and proving that He is God. We rejoice at this great and unique event by celebrating Easter. (Fr. J P)

The southernmost point of Africa is a point which for centuries has experienced tremendous storms. For many years no one knew what lay beyond that cape, for no ship attempting to round that point had ever returned to tell the tale. Among the ancients it was known as the "Cape of Storms," and for good reason. But then a Portuguese explorer in the sixteenth century, Vasco De Gama, successfully sailed East around that very point and found beyond the wild raging storms, a great calm sea, and beyond that, the shores of India. The name of that cape was changed from the Cape of Storms to the Cape of Good Hope. Until Jesus Christ rose from the dead, death had been the "cape of storms" on which all hopes of life beyond had been wrecked. No one knew what lay beyond that point until, on Easter morning, Jesus arose. The ancient visions of Isaiah became the victory of Jesus over our last great enemy. Like those sixteenth century explorers, we can see beyond human death to the hope of Heaven and eternal life with the Father. More than that, we dare to believe that we shall experience in our own human lives exactly what the Son of God experienced in His, for the Risen Christ says to us, "Because I live, you shall live also." This is the heart of our Faith.

One lady wrote in to a question-and-answer forum. "Dear Sirs, Our preacher said on Easter, that Jesus just swooned on the cross and that the disciples nursed Him back to health. What do you think? Sincerely, Bewildered. Dear Bewildered, Beat your preacher with a cat-of-nine-tails, nail him to a cross; hang him in the sun for 6 hours; run a spear through his side...put him in an airless tomb for 36 hours and see what happens." Sincerely, Charles.

Former Governor of Arkansas, Mr. Mike Huckabee was once asked if he believed in resurrection. "Of course, I do," said Huckabee. "Dead people vote in every election we have in Arkansas. Resurrection is very real to us."

Nota de nuestro pastor: Las pirámides egipcias son mundialmente famosas como una de las "siete maravillas" del mundo antiguo. Pero en realidad son tumbas gigantes que contienen los cuerpos momificados de los faraones egipcios. La Abadía de Westminster es famosa y miles la visitan porque allí están enterrados los cadáveres de escritores, filósofos y políticos famosos. Pero hay un Santuario del Santo Sepulcro en Jerusalén, y peregrinos de todo el mundo visitan una tumba allí que está vacía con una nota en la entrada que dice: "Él no está aquí". Es famoso porque Jesucristo, quien una vez fue sepultado allí, se levantó de entre los muertos, dejando una tumba vacía, como les había dicho a sus discípulos que lo haría. Por lo tanto, obró el milagro más importante de su vida, desafiando las leyes de la naturaleza y probando que Él es Dios. Nos regocijamos por este gran y único evento celebrando la Pascua. (Padre J P)

El punto más austral de África es un punto que durante siglos ha experimentado tremendas tormentas. Durante muchos años nadie supo qué había más allá de ese cabo, porque ningún barco que intentara rodear ese punto había regresado para contarlo. Entre los antiguos se le conocía como el "Cabo de las Tormentas" y por una buena razón. Pero entonces, un explorador portugués del siglo XVI, Vasco De Gama, navegó con éxito hacia el este alrededor de ese mismo punto y encontró más allá de las tormentas salvajes y furiosas, un gran mar en calma y, más allá, las costas de la India. El nombre de esa capa se cambió de Cabo de Tormentas a Cabo de Buena Esperanza. Hasta que Jesucristo resucitó de entre los muertos, la muerte había sido el "manto de tormentas" en el que se habían arruinado todas las esperanzas de vida más allá. Nadie sabía qué había más allá de ese punto hasta que, en la mañana de Pascua, Jesús se levantó. Las antiguas visiones de Isaías se convirtieron en la victoria de Jesús sobre nuestro último gran enemigo. Como esos exploradores del siglo XVI, podemos ver más allá de la muerte humana la esperanza del cielo y la vida eterna con el Padre. Más que eso, nos atrevemos a creer que experimentaremos en nuestra propia vida humana exactamente lo que el Hijo de Dios experimentó en la Suya, porque el Cristo Resucitado nos dice: "Porque yo vivo, tú también vivirás". Este es el corazón de nuestra fe.

Una señora escribió en un foro de preguntas y respuestas. "Queridos señores, Nuestro predicador dijo en Pascua, que Jesús acaba de desmayarse en la cruz y que los discípulos lo cuidaron hasta que recuperó la salud. ¿Qué piensan? Atentamente, Desconcertado. Querido Desconcertado, Golpea a tu predicador con un gato de nueve colas, clávalo a una cruz; cuélguelo al sol durante 6 horas; Pasa una lanza por su costado ... ponerlo en una tumba sin aire durante 36 horas y veras qué pasa ". Atentamente, Carlos.

Al ex gobernador de Arkansas, al Sr. Mike Huckabee se le preguntó una vez si creía en la resurrección. "Por supuesto que sí", dijo Huckabee. "Los muertos votan en todas las elecciones que tenemos en Arkansas. La resurrección es muy real para nosotros".

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of April 4, 2021

Sun/Dom:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Mon/Lunes:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tues/Martes:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wed/Mier:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thurs/Juev:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Fri/Vier:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Sat/Sab:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sun./Dom:

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

NEW SATURDAY DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Morning Mass — 9:00 AM

Monday—Friday Mass — 10:00 AM

Weekend Masses

sign up in advance for indoor masses

- Saturday 4:30 PM English inside Church
- Saturday 6:00 PM Spanish inside Church
- Sunday 9:00 AM English parking lot
- Sunday 10:30 AM English inside Church
- Sunday 2:00 PM Spanish parking lot

ALL INDOOR CELEBRATIONS ARE LIVE STREAMED

OFFICE INFORMATION

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Mon- day-Friday 10 AM-7:30

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7:30 PM

Saturday 10 AM- 4 PM

Bilingual available 10 AM-4 PM

Sunday 12 PM -4 PM

Bilingual available 12 PM-4 PM

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till further notice

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Rev. Joseph Antony Sebastian, SVD

Pastor

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday

10 AM to 12 PM

5 PM to 8 PM (with appointment)

lunes, martes, miércoles, y viernes

10 AM a 12 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (con cita)

Rev. Ricardo Gonzalez, SVD

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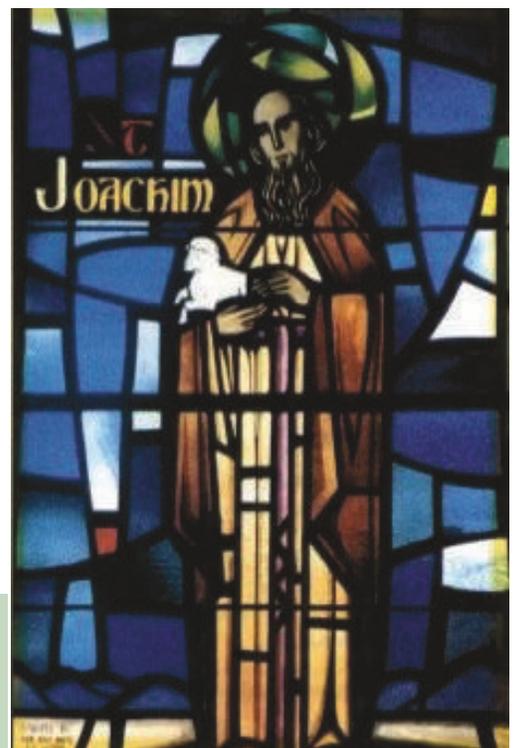
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The Paschal Candle

The Paschal candle represents Christ, the Light of the World.

The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity, the flame, His Divine Nature, both soul and body.

Five grains of incense (most often red), which are embedded in the **candle** (sometimes encased in **wax "nails"**) during the Easter Vigil to represent the five wounds of Jesus: the three **nails** that pierced his hands and feet, the spear thrust into his side, and the thorns that crowned his head.

During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night the priest carries the candle in procession into the dark church. A new fire, symbolizing our eternal life in Christ, is kindled which lights the candle. The candle, representing Christ himself, is blessed by the priest who then inscribes in it a cross, the first letters and last of the Greek alphabet, (Alpha and Omega 'the beginning and the end') and the current year, as he chants a prayer he then affixes nails in the candle .

The Easter candle is lighted each day during Mass throughout the Paschal season until Ascension Thursday.



PRAY FOR

Jennie Harling
Ivan Benin
Melanie Fabio
Jennifer Bliss
Nelie Esguerra
Herminigilda Manuel
Rodelio Manuel
Florencio Rodriguez
Albert Gonzales Jr.
Albert Gonzales III
Brenda Gonzales
Gabby & Giselle Gonzales
Kristina & Angelita Gonzales
Hali & Hunter Bubon
Beatriz Perez
Tammie Chambless
Reena Salud

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sopas o sopas en vaso

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food. ~ Thank You

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COLLECTIO FOR
March 15-21, 2021

The Plate Collection

\$ 4,965.00

EFT Collection

\$ 495.00

On Line Giving

\$ 881.00

TOTAL

\$ 6,341.00

March 28 weekend not available at press
time, will be in the next bulletin.

VATICAN CORNER

Why does the date of Easter which marks the date of Jesus' death and resurrection move around from year to year? Sometimes it comes at the end of March and other times it happens in late April. It all has to do with the cycles of the moon. According to the Bible, Jesus' death and resurrection happened around the time of Jewish Passover. Passover is the commemoration of the Biblical story of Exodus – where God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, and its date, as well as that of Easter is calculated using the lunar calendar.



But in the past the lunar cycles was calculated in different ways by different groups and some groups celebrated the Resurrection on Passover itself while others held it on the following Sunday. It was considered improper and a scandal to have some Christian followers engaged in fasting and penitence, while others were indulging in festivity and relaxation. Therefore In 325 AD, the Roman Emperor Constantine, who had been converted to Christianity some years before and for reasons which may have been political as well as religious, called a council in the city of Nicea, the first council of the Christian Church, to discuss key beliefs, but also to settle the issue of the date of Easter. Approximately three hundred bishops came to Nicea, a town near Constantinople (now Istanbul), with all expenses paid. They came to discuss and resolve faith issues and to settle the method used to determine the date of Easter. The Nicea Creed, our statement of Christian faith had its origin at this first council. It was decided that all Christians should celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox. Consequently, Easter can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25 and is dependent on the lunar cycle. But at the end of the 16th century, things changed again. Christians had up to that point followed the Julian calendar (named after Julius Caesar). In that calendar there is a repeating pattern of three years of 365 days followed by a leap year of 366 days. However it overestimates the length of the year. To solve this, in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII suggested knocking off a few days from the calendar and adjusting the frequency of leap years. Today the Gregorian calendar is the international civil calendar, but it is not used by all churches. Orthodox Christians still use the Julian calendar to calculate the Easter date, making it normally fall on a different day. The next time both Churches will celebrate Easter on the same day is in 2025. The president of the Pope's Council for Christian Unity, Cardinal Kurt Koch, on March 12, 2021 has supported a suggestion that Catholics and Orthodox work to agree on a common date to celebrate Easter. A representative of the Patriarchate of Constantinople to the World Council of Churches (WCC) said a common Easter date could be a sign of "encouragement" for the ecumenical movement. Orthodox Archbishop Job Getcha of Telmessos suggested that the year 2025 which will be the 1,700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea, would be a good year to introduce this reform of the calendar. Cardinal Koch said "it will not be easy to agree on a common Easter date, but it is worth working for it. This wish is also very dear to Pope Francis and also to the Coptic Pope Tawadros." Sources: Timeanddate.com, bbc.co.uk, catholicnewsagency.com, enwikiversity.org

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MASS INTENTIONS

April 3-10, 2021

Saturday 8:00 PM

Davy Rodriguez (*8th birthday*)
Maria Teresa Gutierrez (*birthday*)
Domingo Marquez †

Sunday 9:00 AM

Ernesto Santos (*healing*)
Geronimo Secoquian Jr. †

Sunday 10:30 AM

Alvin Marquez (*thanksgiving*)
Talaue Family (*thanksgiving*)
Maria Silva †
David A. Tayco †
Rafael Valderrama Jr. †
Edgar Delos Angeles †
Jose Fulgado Jr. †

Sunday 2:00 PM

Paula & David Cruz †

Monday 10:00 AM

Ava Parras (*8th birthday*)
Geronimo Secoquian Jr. †

Tuesday 10:00 AM

Geronimo Secoquian Jr. †

Wednesday 10:00 AM

Geronimo Secoquian Jr. †

Thursday 10:00 AM

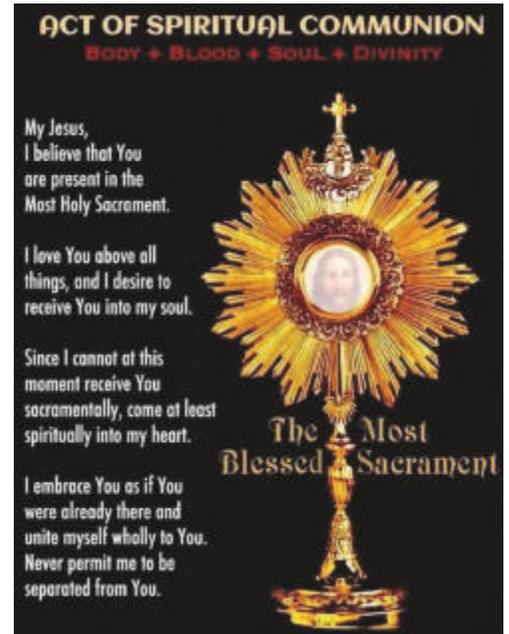
Geronimo Secoquian Jr. †

Friday 10:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Saturday 9:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim



Say this prayer
when Father receives
Holy Communion
when you are
participating from
your home in our
on line masses.

HOW TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION

If you would like to do a mass intention while the office is closed the easiest way is to do it online on our parish website saintjoachim.net / Select the Donate/Pay in the upper right hand corner and then select mass intentions , put all your payment information in and in the comment section please put a date and time of the mass you would like your intention read at. Even though right now those mass times do not exist we would like to know which mass would be your preference. Intentions must be in by noon the day before except for the weekend masses - those must be submitted by noon on Friday. You can still drop mass intentions in the Rectory mail slot or in the mail but these must be a minimum of one week in advance since we are not in the office on a regular basis now. If you have questions about this process, please call the Rectory Office and someone will return your call.



Easter in 40 Words

*Love gave.
Help came.
Compassion reached.
Mercy saved.*

*Beauty filled.
Hope instilled.
Burdens lifted.
Grace revealed.*

*Death ended.
Breach mended.
Joy danced.
Peace extended.*

*Curtain torn.
Power soared.
Freedom breathed.
Life reborn.*

*He forgave.
Truth overcame.
Glory Rose.
Light reigns.*

-Debbie McDaniel

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