



Holy Cross Catholic Church

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Welcome:

If you are a new parishioner, or visiting for the first time, welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church! We are glad that you are here and hope you find our parish home to be a warm and welcoming community. If you would like to become a member of our parish, please check with the parish office or give us a call.

Homebound: For Communion to the sick or the homebound, please call the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul: Food Pantry hours are Tuesday, 10am - noon and Thursday evenings, 5:30 - 7pm.

Funerals: To ensure the availability of a priest and the church, please call the office before you make arrangements with the funeral director.

Baptism Preparation: Classes offered as needed. Please contact the parish staff for more information. Se ofrece una clase cada tercer sábado del mes a las 10 de la mañana.

Senior Luncheon: We are working on re-establishing the Luncheons and will notify everyone when we are ready to offer lunch once a month at 11:30am in the school hall for Seniors and Friends.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday - Friday: 8am Rosary, 8:30am Mass

Saturday: 5pm Vigil, English

Sunday: 9am, English & 12pm, Español

Adoration: Thursdays, 8:30am-8:30pm

Adoración al Santísimo: jueves, 8:30am-8:30pm

Reconciliation: Tuesday and Wednesday, 7pm

Reconciliación: martes y miércoles, 7pm

Anointing of the Sick: Second Wednesday of each month following the 8:30am Mass.
(Anointing is available at all hours in emergency.)

School Mass: Friday, 8:30am (Sept.—June)

April 23rd & 24th, 2022: Sunday of Divine Mercy

The Church Teaches...



Happy Easter! A world which is very much wounded, whether by war, by internal strife, by division, or by so many other things, is celebrating Easter this year.

Our response to the pain and hardships of our age is often to “lock the doors and close the windows.” Hearts that are broken are too often frozen in grief and closed off to healing. Like nations overwhelmed by war and by the flood of refugees, we want to close the “borders” of our hearts and, in fear, we want to protect ourselves so that there can be no more wounds, or hurt, or pain.

Into all of that steps Jesus – who will not be kept out. Notice how He comes (in John 20, 19-31): with His wounds in plain sight, not hidden from view. A wounded Savior stands among the wounded!

Jesus showed His wounds to a wounded world and to His disciples, but He did not whine about them, exaggerate them, or blame anyone. He came as He always had before: to reveal something about the one He called “Father.” He revealed and continues to reveal a God who did not shy away from human suffering, pretend that it did not exist, or make nothing of the real pain human beings can cause one another.

In that upper room, Jesus revealed that in the Resurrection and His new life, the wounds do not disappear. But He also revealed that anger, vengeance, and hatred toward those who caused the pain is useless and will not take away the wounds. He came to reveal that even those who were afraid of wounds and locked themselves away in hiding find no healing and no life.

The broken and wounded Son of God stands in our midst whenever we are gathered together in His name. He stands among us with all our wounds to remind us again that there is no hiding, pretending, or avoiding, the fact that those who love and who are faithful to God cannot be lost, abandoned, or left unhealed. In spite of all the wounds, we shall rise again!



***Masks are now recommended in the church! We encourage you to keep your masks on while in the church.**

- **Masks are welcome** – in order to protect the more vulnerable in our community, like children *and* those with compromised immunities.
- **On a practical note**, whether you wear a mask or not at Communion, please continue to say “Amen,” step aside, consume the Consecrated Host, and then return to your pew.
- **Finally**, now more than ever, if you are sick in any way or even feeling a little “under the weather,” please stay home! Our overriding concern is for *your* good health and the good health of others in the pews.

Bulletin Announcements



HOLY CROSS Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 18th 2022

Gearhart Golf Links - Gearhart, OR



School News—Save the Date for the Annual Holy Cross Golf Tournament! Please join us Saturday, June 18th, 2022 at Gearhart Golf Links in Gearhart, OR.

Schedule of Events:

- 12pm, Noon— Check in
 - 1pm— Shotgun Start, 18 Hole Scramble
- There will be a post tournament BBQ with awards for winning teams, the longest drive, and more!*

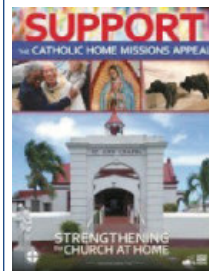
Registration Deadline:

- To register, go to: www.holycrosspdx.org/school
- The registration form is due with full payment by Saturday, June 18th. **Register early to secure a spot!*
- Registrations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. If you are arranging a foursome, names must be given at the time of registration— substitutions are allowed.
- If you would like to pay by check or cash, please call 503.830.3328.

Questions? Contact:

- Sr. Mary Ryan, 503.830.3328
- Kyra Thompson, 503.240.6785
or kthompson@archdpdx.org

Don't want to drive home? Stay overnight! Gearhart by the Sea is offering a 30% discount off a 2-night stay for participants. Call Tammy at 1.800.547.0115 and reference the **Holy Cross Golf Tournament**.



Catholic Home Missions Appeal—Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered “mission territories” because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral activities needed in their communities.

Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States.

Please be generous. More information can be found at: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions>

The Holy Cross Worship Schedule—

❖ **Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday, 8:30am**

Confessions: Tues. & Wed., at 7pm. The rules for handwashing and social distancing will be maintained.

***Special note: Appointments for Confession are also available throughout the week.**



Bulletin Announcements: Activities & Opportunities

7TH & 8TH GRADE Hangout

Join us Thursdays
3-4:30pm
in the Parish Center

Holy Cross Teen Programs—
Hello Holy Cross 7th and 8th grade families! We are happy to announce a new program for 7th and 8th graders in the parish.

James Henderson (Youth Ministry Coordinator) and Mary Jane Weber (Director of Evangelization) will be hosting a hangout time after school on Thursdays in the Parish Center from 3pm till 4:30pm. Join us for fellowship and a fun time!

Permission slips will be available at the front entrance of the church, please bring those with you when you join us.

Divine Mercy Celebrations—

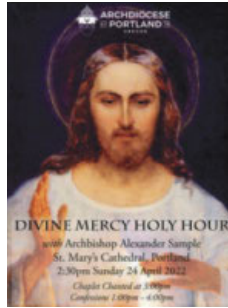
All are welcome to join our Archbishop and the Cathedral community today (Divine Mercy Sunday) for a Holy Hour of prayer beginning at 2:30pm. At the hour of Mercy (3pm) the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be chanted. Confessions will be available from 1-4pm.

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At 5pm, catch the ***In Mulieribus Concert*** after Divine Mercy Sunday events at St. Mary's Cathedral. This is the 15th anniversary season finale of *In Mulieribus*.

This sung performance presents compositions that explore the concept of light and celestial bodies.

Tickets can be found at <https://www.inmulieribus.org/>.



Parish Website—Please view the resources available at the parish website, including continuing education resources for all ages, and more!

Livestreaming our Masses—[We are once again livestreaming the Mass from Holy Cross Church. Join us at 9am on Sundays \(available all week\)!](#)

Our Website Team has made access to our Masses simpler and the site easier to use.

- ❖ Go to: www.holycrosspdx.org/holy-cross-church/
- ❖ Click on: the **English** Mass image

- Bulletins
- Missalettes
- Music Issues
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...are available in the parish office “treasure chest.”



Homebound Ministry—If you are homebound or know of someone who is homebound who would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Mary Jane at 503.953.8328.

“**O God**, help those with pain, suffering, and illness to know that you (and we) care for them. Hear our prayer for those who are homebound and unable to join us for Mass. Help us to seek your will with courage and faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”



Holy Cross School Plant Sale Fundraiser Deadline Coming Soon & New Items Added!—
The deadline to place your orders for the Peninsula Optimist Club online plant sale is **Thursday, April 28th**. Orders will be ready for pickup at the Optimist Lot (Lombard St./Chautauqua Blvd.) on Saturday, May 5th & Sunday, May 6th... just in time for Mother's Day!

Just added!— Cedar handcrafted planter boxes built by the Carpentry and Construction students at Roosevelt and McDaniel High Schools! These boxes are offered at amazing prices!

Go to: <http://peninsulaoptimistclub.org/> to order plants & garden boxes!



Catholic Synod 2021—2023



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Pope Francis wants our participation!

Next year, Pope Francis will host a Synod to learn about how parishes are doing globally. He has asked all parishes around the world to talk about the state of parish life.

Holy Cross will have this discussion after the Masses this weekend: **April 23rd and 24th.**

We invite parishioners to stay after the Masses to join the conversation. **Please do join us!**



Divine Mercy

In today's Gospel we hear about the first time that Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. He breathed on them and told them that they had the power to forgive sins. Jesus had just given us the Sacrament of Confession- now a priest could take God's place to hear our sins and tell us that we are forgiven.

Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is also the feast of Divine Mercy. Mercy means being treated well even though we don't deserve it. God is so merciful that He wants to forgive ALL our sins, no matter how bad. All we have to do is be sorry and go to Confession.

God's Divine Mercy is so great that even the worst sinner in the world can be saved from Hell if he asks for it. But even our little sins hurt Jesus, so we need to ask God for mercy too. Don't ever imagine that God can't forgive you when you are sorry- remember, Jesus died on the cross so that you would be able to go to Heaven!

Jesus, I Trust in You!

Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

April 28

LOUIS MARIE GRIGNON WAS BORN TO A LARGE FAMILY IN MONTFORT, FRANCE, IN 1673. HE WAS A VERY GOOD STUDENT AND VISITED THE CHURCH OFTEN.

LOUIS GAVE ALL HE HAD TO THE POOR, WENT TO THE SEMINARY, AND BECAME A PRIEST AT AGE 27.

FR. LOUIS TRAVELLED AROUND, PREACHING. MIRACLES BEGAN TO HAPPEN...
Nothing ever grew in that field before!

Jesus did not come to earth to leave us in our sins...
MANY PEOPLE CONVERTED FROM THEIR WRONG BELIEFS.

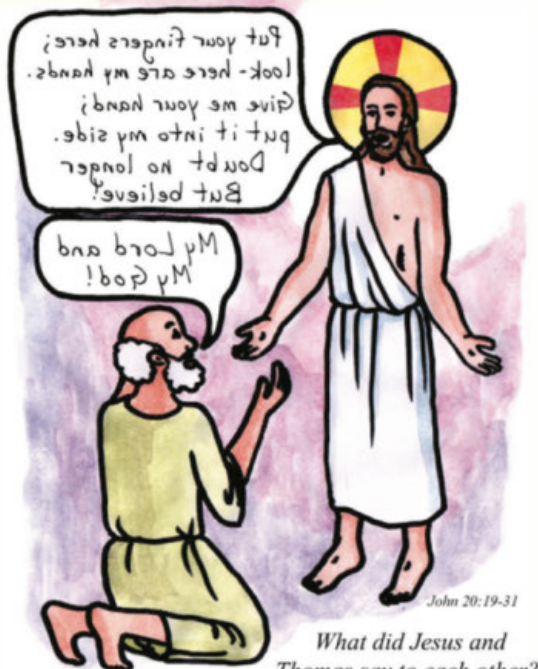
ST. LOUIS LOVED OUR LADY AND WROTE BOOKS THAT ARE VERY WELL KNOWN, EVEN TODAY!
True Devotion to Mary...

ST. LOUIS SUFFERED MUCH. HE WAS CHASED OUT OF MANY PLACES, MADE FUN OF, AND LIED ABOUT.
Kill Montfort!
Get rid of him!

There's something in this...
HIS ENEMIES POISONED HIS BROTH AND HE DRANK SOME BEFORE HE REALIZED IT WAS POISONED. HE DIDN'T DIE RIGHT AWAY, BUT WORKED FOR A FEW MORE YEARS.
What's wrong, Father?

SAINT LOUIS DIED WHEN HE WAS 43 YEARS OLD. HE HAD WORKED VERY HARD TO HELP EVERYONE TO TURN TO GOD. WHAT DO YOU THINK HE TOLD THE PEOPLE WAS THE BEST WAY TO GROW CLOSE TO GOD? THROUGH MARY! NOBODY WAS EVER CLOSER TO GOD THAN MARY WAS. TALK TO MARY TODAY!

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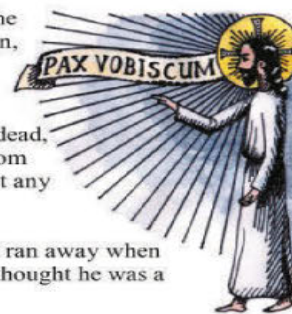


Answers to True or False: (1) true (2) false (3) false (4) true (5) true (6) false (7) true

True or False:

When Jesus Came to the Apostles

1. When Jesus first came to the Apostles after His resurrection, He said "Peace be with you" twice. True or False?
2. When Jesus rose from the dead, you couldn't see the marks from the nails in His hands and feet any more. True or False?
3. The Apostles panicked and ran away when they saw Jesus because they thought he was a ghost. True or False?
4. Jesus breathed on the Apostles and told them that they now had the power to forgive people's sins. True or False?
5. The Apostle Thomas was not with the others when Jesus first came to them after He rose from the dead. True or False?
6. Thomas believed that they had seen Jesus, so he wasn't surprised when Jesus came again a week later. True or False?
7. Jesus told Thomas to put his fingers in the nail-holes in His hands and put his hand in Jesus' side where the spear had gone in. True or False?



Important Dates

April 23 & 24: Divine Mercy Sunday, Catholic Home Missions 2nd Collection Weekend & Synod Dialogues after the Masses

April 26 & 27: Confessions, 7pm

April 28: Adoration, 8:30am-8:30pm

May 1: Third Sunday of Easter

May 3 & 4: Confessions, 6-8pm (an extra hour each night)

May 5: Adoration, 8:30am-8:30pm

May 8: Fourth Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day ♥

May 9: No School, Easter Holiday

May 10: Confessions, 6-8pm (an extra hour each night)

May 11: *No Evening Confessions, Holy Cross Catholic School Annual Fund Drive Dinner—University of Portland, Bauccio Commons, 6pm

Next Week's Readings – May 1st

Third Sunday of Easter—

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5, 27-32, 40b-41

Psalm: 30 **2nd Reading:** Revelation 5, 11-14

Gospel: John 21, 1-19



We would like to extend (again) our congratulations to the newly Baptized, Confirmed, and Professed Adult Catholics who came into the Church during our Easter Vigil celebration.

Matthew Porter received all three of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. **Larry Wissbaum and Lina Lopez** made their Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church, were Confirmed and received their First Holy Communion.

We commend them and their generous sponsors for steadfastly participating in the process of coming into the Church and receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. Our prayers are with each of them as they begin the adventure of living the “challenging life” of a faithful Catholic in our world. They are not just new members of our parish, but new members of the Church.

We offer thanks to Mary Jane Weber of our parish staff and those who helped her, week after week, in preparing Matthew, Larry, and Lina for Catholic life.

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Mass Intentions for April 25th—May 1st, 2022:

Monday Morning Prayer ~ No Mass

Tues. +Mary Clovis by the Wilde Family

Wed. +Jim Wilson by Theresa Lang

Thurs. +John Clovis by the Wilde Family

Friday +Dominique Nam Dinh by Nga Tran

Sat. (5pm) Int. of Bernardine Niece by Bridget Fadden

Sun. (9am) +Robert Stephens by friends

(12pm) People of the Parish

*To arrange for a Mass intention, please contact the parish office.
Please plan ahead if you are requesting a specific date.*



In our prayers, let us remember all those who have died, including: Frances Keagbine,

Miguel Exedio, Ruth Nuñez de Exedio,

Juan José Valeri Exedio, and Mauro Aguirre Muñoz

Let us pray for all those who are ill or homebound,

including: Darlene Thayer, Shayna Ramirez,

Joyce McNichols, Sue Boettcher, Sandy Barrera,

Mary McNamara, Mary Ragland, Irene Heaverin,

Tomasa Moreno, Bob Hungerford, Steve Unger,

Bernie Verbout, Ernie Marbott, Jim Graiff,

Amanda Holmberg, Erma Faoro, John Bachmeier,

Helen Shamrell, Luisa Ritter, Christina Gardener,

Yvonne Clendenin, Pat Schaeffer, Betty Olheiser,

Eleanor Archerd, Armando De Los Reyes, and Harry Clark

Stewardship



April 9th & 10th, 2022 (Palm Sunday Weekend)

Weekend Offertory: \$6,582.00

Online Giving: \$1,255.00

Total: \$7,837.00

April 16th & 17th, 2022 (Easter Sunday Weekend)

Weekend Offertory: \$7,282.91

Online Giving: \$1,395.00

Total: \$8,677.91

Stewardship: In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we read that there were those in the Jerusalem community who would do anything to get to the Apostles, even settling for the shadow of Peter to cast upon them. They did not want to miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime!

In today's Gospel, from John 20, 19-31, it appears that Thomas may have missed out on just such an “opportunity of a lifetime.” But God's timing is not our timing “our ways are not always God's ways.” Isn't it likely that Jesus knew Thomas was not going to be present and knew as well that Thomas was going to be doubtful?

With respect to timing and making God's ways our ways, God knows we can't be everywhere, doing everything. As good stewards we can't be a part of everything. Divine Mercy Sunday is a good reminder: we needn't be here or there... or doing this or that, we just need to be open to God's presence and the opportunities He places before us.

EL EVANGELIO



El Evangelio de San Juan describe con trazos oscuros la situación de la comunidad cristiana cuando en su centro falta Cristo Resucitado. Sin su presencia viva, la Iglesia se convierte en un grupo de hombres y mujeres que viven “en una casa con las puertas cerradas, por miedo a los judíos.”

Con las “puertas cerradas” no se puede escuchar lo que sucede fuera. No es posible captar la acción del Espíritu en el mundo. No se abren espacios de encuentro y diálogo con nadie. Se apaga la confianza en el ser humano y crecen los recelos y prejuicios. Pero una Iglesia sin capacidad de dialogar es una tragedia, pues los seguidores de Jesús estamos llamados a actualizar hoy el eterno diálogo de Dios con el ser humano.

El “miedo” puede paralizar la Evangelización y bloquear nuestras mejores energías. El miedo nos lleva a rechazar y condenar. Con miedo no es posible amar al mundo. Pero, si no lo amamos, no lo estamos mirando como lo mira Dios. Y, si no lo miramos con los ojos de Dios, ¿cómo comunicaremos su Buena Noticia?

Si vivimos con las puertas cerradas, ¿quién dejará el redil para buscar a las ovejas perdidas? ¿Quién se atreverá a tocar a algún leproso excluido? ¿Quién se acercará a los olvidados por la religión? Los que quieran buscar al Dios de Jesús, se encontrarán con nuestras puertas cerradas.

Nuestra primera tarea es dejar entrar al Resucitado a través de tantas barreras que levantamos para defendernos del miedo. Que Jesús ocupe el centro de nuestras parroquias, grupos, y comunidades. Que sólo Él sea fuente de vida, de alegría, y de paz. Que nadie ocupe su lugar. Que nadie se apropie de su mensaje. Que nadie imponga un estilo diferente al suyo. Necesitamos más que nunca abrirnos al aliento del Resucitado y acoger su Espíritu Santo.

“Creo, ¡pero ayuda mi poca fe!” —*Marcos 9, 24*



Hoy, el segundo domingo de Pascua, celebramos el domingo de la Divina Misericordia: “*Den gracias al Señor porque es bueno, porque es eterna su misericordia.*” Así canta la Iglesia durante de la Pascua, casi recogiendo de labios de Cristo estas palabras del Salmo; de labios de Cristo Resucitado, que en el Cenáculo da el gran anuncio de la misericordia divina y confía su ministerio a los Apóstoles: “*Paz a ustedes. Como el*

Padre me ha enviado, así también los envió yo.”

Que se alegre nuestro corazón, que nuestra fe se fortalezca, y que nuestro amor aumente. Y que resuene en toda nuestra comunidad la acción de gracias al Padre, porque ha obrado tan grande maravilla.

Demos gracias a Dios porque Cristo Resucitado está realmente presente entre nosotros, y nuestra vida de comunidad es signo de esa presencia, y es Él mismo quien confía a los discípulos la misma misión que recibió del Padre, misión que debemos continuar nosotros.

PARA REFLEJAR



La figura de Santo Tomás como discípulo que se resiste a creer ha sido muy popular entre los cristianos.

Sin embargo, el relato Evangélico dice mucho más de este discípulo escéptico. Jesús Resucitado se dirige a él con unas palabras que tienen mucho de llamada apremiante, pero también de invitación amorosa: “No seas incrédulo, sino creyente.” Santo Tomás, que lleva una semana resistiéndose a creer, responde a Jesús con la confesión de fe más solemne que podemos leer en los Evangelios: “Señor mío y Dios mío.”

¿Qué ha experimentado este discípulo en Jesús resucitado? ¿Qué es lo que ha transformado al hombre hasta entonces dubitativo y vacilante? ¿Qué recorrido interior lo ha llevado del escepticismo hasta la confianza? Lo sorprendente es que, según el relato, Santo Tomás renuncia a verificar la verdad de la Resurrección tocando las heridas de Jesús. Lo que le abre a la fe es Jesús mismo con su invitación. ¿Podemos decir lo mismo de nosotros mismos?

Las Primeras Comuniones...



El 7 y el 14 de mayo vamos a celebrar las Misas de Primera Comunión aquí en nuestra parroquia. Todos los miembros de la parroquia están invitados a participar en estas Misas. Y todos queremos que sean unos días especiales para los niños y jóvenes que reciben el Sacramento de la Eucaristía por primera vez. Para ayudar a que esas Misas sean memorables para los niños y jóvenes y sus familias, considere la siguiente sugerencia: “lo más importante no son los regalos.”

Por supuesto, a los niños y jóvenes les encanta recibir regalos de los invitados al evento. Pero lo más importante es lo que ocurre: el regalo de la Eucaristía. Podemos ayudar a los niños y jóvenes a entenderlo mediante nuestra presencia en el templo, nuestras oraciones ofrecidas por ellos, los mensajes que incluimos en la tarjeta que acompaña a los regalos, y en las palabras que les decimos. **Oremos:** “*Por todos los niños y jóvenes que pronto hacen la Primera Comunión: para que, cada día amen más a Dios. Amén.*”

MINISTERIO HISPANO

*Ana Carmina Pérez 503.289.7188
Por ahora la oficina no esta abierta
Si tiene preguntas o necesita algo llámenos
o mande un correo electrónico.*

En estos momentos sin precedente que estamos viviendo a consecuencia del **Covid-19**, aunado a la salud de nuestro Párroco, el Padre Mark, *gracias por su comprensión...*

Platicas Pre-Bautismales:
pronto

Bautismos:
pronto

Preparación Sacramental para:
*Iniciación Católica para Adultos (RICA)
y Bodas
por favor llame a la oficina.*

Confesiones:
cada martes y miércoles a las 7pm

***¡Gracias por su paciencia
y comprensión!***

En nuestras oraciones recordemos:

...a todos los que están enfermos, incluyendo: Darlene Thayer, Shayna Ramirez, Joyce McNichols, Sue Boettcher, Sandy Barrera, Mary McNamara, Mary Ragland, Irene Heaverin, Tomasa Moreno, Bob Hungerford, Michael Fitzgerald, Steve Unger, Bernie Verbout, Ernie Marbott, Jim Graiff, Amanda Holmberg, Erma Faoro, Luisa Ritter, Yvonne Clendenin, Armando De Los Reyes, Betty Olheiser, Eleanor Archerd, Pat Schaeffer, Harry Clark, y John Bachmeier



...y a todos los que han muerto, especialmente Miguel Exedio, Ruth Nuñez de Exedio, Juan José Valeri Exedio, José Mendoza Contreras, Mauro Aguirre Muñoz, Frances Keagbine, y todos los que han fallecido a causa del Covid-19.

*“Te pedimos, Señor,
que tus siervos que han muerto ya para este mundo, vivan ahora para ti y que tu amor misericordioso borre los pecados que cometieron por fragilidad humana.
Por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor.”*

HORARIO PARROQUIAL

24 de abril: Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

26-27 de abril: Confesiones, 7pm

28 de abril: Adoración, 8:30am — 8:30pm

1 de mayo: Tercer Domingo de la Pascua

7-8 de mayo: Congreso San Juan Diego



Corresponsabilidad Parroquial:

9-10 de abril: \$7,837.00

16-17 de abril: \$8,677.91

En la primera lectura de hoy (de los Hechos de los Apóstoles) leemos que había quienes harían cualquier cosa para llegar a los Apóstoles, incluso conformándose con que la sombra de Pedro se proyectara sobre ellos. No querían perderse la oportunidad de su vida.

En el Evangelio de hoy (Juan 20, 19-31), está Tomás ¿Podemos imaginar lo que sintió al saber que Jesús apareció mientras él no estaba? Este episodio nos provee un recuerdo que: el tiempo de Dios no es nuestro tiempo, y (a veces) sus caminos no son nuestros caminos. Obviamente, Jesús, siendo Dios, sabía que Tomás no iba a estar presente, y también sabía que Tomás iba a dudar de su aparición. Pero allí está Jesús dando a él la oportunidad de poner su confianza en Él.

Dios sabe que no podemos estar en todas partes, haciendo todo. El Domingo de la Divina Misericordia es un buen recordatorio de que no necesitamos estar aquí o allá, o hacer esto o aquello. Solo tenemos que estar abiertos a las oportunidades y la gracia que Dios nos presenta.

LA LITURGIA — LECTURAS

III DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Primera Lectura: Hechos de los Apóstoles 5, 27-32. 40-41

Salmo: 29 **Segunda Lectura:** Apocalipsis 5, 11-14

Evangelio: Juan 21, 1-19

CINCUENTA DIAS DE LA PASCUA



¿Por qué nos reunimos cada domingo para celebrar la Eucaristía del Señor?

Por la misma razón por la que los primeros cristianos trasladaron su día de culto, del Sábado Judío al Domingo cristiano. Porque Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos el domingo, el primer día de la semana.

El domingo vino así a ser “el Día del Señor,” el día en que los creyentes comenzaron a celebrar que Cristo estaba vivo y Resucitado en la comunidad de sus fieles, como está presente entre nosotros, especialmente cuando estamos congregados para celebrar el Misterio de su amor.

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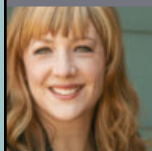
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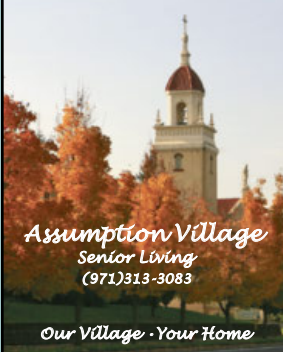
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