

April 18th - Third Sunday of Easter



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 17

9:00am † *Rodrigo Tarantan*

Sunday, April 18

10:00am † *Tom Arbulich*

12:00pm

Monday, April 19

9:00am † *Primitivo & Dina Martinez*

Tuesday, April 20

9:00am *Kylie Tomas (bday)*

Wednesday, April 21

9:00am *Lety Tomas (hlng)*

Thursday, April 22

9:00am † *Jack & Jane Morrison*

Friday, April 23

9:00am *Lety Tomas (hlng)*

Saturday, April 24

9:00am *Lety Tomas (hlng)*



From the Desk of the Pastor

The Book of Acts of the Apostles reflects on the death of Jesus as a redemptive act of the "Suffering servant of God" foretold by Isaiah, rather than as a tragic accident or horrific mistake. God brought to fulfillment what the prophets announced long ago: that the Messiah would suffer and would die for his people.

John writes saying that Jesus is the intercessor who offers sacrifice for the sins of the world. The death of Jesus is salvation for all humanity, who believes in his name. It is the life in the Risen Christ that endures forever.

The Risen Christ appeared to the disciples and said: "Peace be with you.". The lord ate cooked fish in their presence and discussed the law, prophets and psalms with them, opening their minds to understand the Scriptures.

This passage from the end of the Gospel of St. Luke has made an immeasurable contribution to the sacramental theology and to the celebration of the Eucharist. The Gospel passage is incredibly moving and thought provoking. The text has a strong narrative progression, a clear beginning and ending. Exchanges are employed to simply advance the action. It is Jesus who takes the initiative: He recognizes their troubled souls with questions in their hearts... It is his pierced hands and feet, and the Gospel says: "**they were incredulous for joy and were amazed**". And Jesus says: "**You are witnesses of these things**".

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday masses are celebrated at 10am in English and 12noon en espanol

Additionally, the Sunday Mass is video streamed and made available on YouTube. It is posted on the Parish website every weekend. You may access and pray the mass at <https://www.saintjohnevangelist.org/>

The church is open for personal prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The Parish thanks the Knights of Columbus, Council 615, who generously offer their time, talent and treasure in faithful stewardship every weekend, keeping watch in the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS 2021: Children preparing to receive their First Holy Eucharist (enrolled in the First Holy Communion Class 2021, celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, **April 17, 2021 at 10am.**

They will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday **May 15, 2021 at 10am.**

Please keep all our students in your prayers as they prepare for the sacrament.

THANK YOU!

A special "**thank you**" to Simón Rivera, Mary Alfonso, Mike Bennett, Aida Grona, Rodrigo & Ana Castillo, Sonia Urquilla, Linda Catalano, and Isabel Olivares for all your hard work in video streaming the Sunday Masses for our parish.

Thank you for all the hard work, sacrifices, and adjustments with your schedules and planned events in your lives. Your gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure was a loving self-sacrificing gift you made to the Parish.

I do not want to say, this is a 'final link' because I am not sure what tomorrow will bring. With our lives being upended with the pandemic, downtime with the surge in infection rates, resurgence and what now seems to be a stable time again, we cannot know for sure what will happen within the next few weeks.

However, as we all know and encourage one another to 'Walk by Faith and not by sight alone' in the **HOPE** of a better and safer Tomorrow!

As you know we have begun welcoming and pursuing efforts towards getting more volunteers to 'sign-up' and build from the "ground-up" our Parish ministries in the Church, it is a slow patient process but I have faith in our parishioners and know that they will set up to the task at hand.

Mike please convey my heartfelt thanks to our brother Knights for their time and devotion to the Parish: Luke, Paul, Henry, Merlin, and so many of them keeping a prayerful watch in the Church in prayer. Thank you for being a brother to us.

Mary for your motherly and sisterly love and affection with which you make that delicate and sensitive call to people to minister and invite them and coordinate with them every week, thank you for all your hard work.

On my behalf and that of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist, **THANK YOU We could not do without you!**

The Eucharist: Food for Resurrection...How do we celebrate Easter, the greatest of our Christian feasts? By celebrating the Mass. In the Mass—the breaking of the bread—we meet the risen Lord together. We meet him in each other—for by our baptism into his death and resurrection, we have become members of one body, the Body of Christ.

The Resurrection teaches us that God can overcome anything, even death. When the Risen Christ appears to the women at the tomb and later to his disciples, his first words are "Do not be afraid!" These words speak to our hearts, helping us cope with the fear from the loss of a job, a serious illness, or a crumbling relationship. Our faith allows us to trust that God can overcome our most serious problems. Easter means to live with a sense of newness. Just as the return of spring lifts our spirits and makes us feel like the whole world is new, the Resurrection of Jesus makes "all things new." The Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal that enables us to show up at work with a positive attitude, to renew relationships that have been taken for granted, and to express appreciation and affection to those closest to us. It means to see the world through new eyes—God's eyes.