



# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY – APRIL 15, 2018



Dear Friends in Christ,

In our first reading of the Third Sunday of Easter from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter was so courageous in his preaching to the people: *“You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death ...”*

We are still rejoicing in the resurrection of the Lord, aren't we? The preaching of Peter, however, somehow pushes us to *“the corner of our room,”* so we can really meditate about our actions, our way of life which *“denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released ...”*

The boldness of Peter before the people shames us because we were cowards in witness and defense of our true faith in the Resurrected Christ. Every time we say yes to the devil or to our sinful desires of the flesh, we *“put the author of life to death,”* and jump into *“the arms of eternal death.”*

At the end of the reading, Peter, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, shows us a way to get out of our sinful life/way. That is: *“Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away”* through Jesus Christ who died and was raised from the dead, the first fruit of the resurrection. Alleluia!

We need to confirm our faith in Jesus Christ by professing it with words and actions. Though we do not *“put [our fingers] into the nail marks”* and *“put [our hands] into his side,”* WE BELIEVE!

*We believe*

At every Holy Eucharistic celebration, we are given the Body and Blood of the risen Christ. We “see” the Lord’s hands and feet when He comes to our own house. When He extends His hands to bless us, we hear His voice: *“Peace be with you.”* What a blessing and what a privilege to be with the Lord at His Supper!

Jesus Christ continues to call us to repent, so that our sins may be forgiven. And more than that, we are called to preach, to proclaim this good news in His name to all the nations. Jesus affirms that *“we are witnesses of these things.”* But, are we? We have been baptized, we have been confirmed, we have received the Body and Precious Blood of the Lord, and we have been forgiven. Are we His witnesses for all these?

Friends, we must live our lives for Christ - the One who loves us so much. He loved us to the point of death, death on the cross! How many times have we denied the Risen Christ? How many times have we put the Author of Life to death? How many times have we mocked Him? How many times did we run away because we were afraid to travel the road of the cross - the narrow road leading us to eternal life with God? How many times were we ashamed of professing that we are Catholics? How many times have we wanted to get out as soon as we could from the Lord’s Supper without serious reason? (Judas Iscariot - the betrayer - left the Lord’s Last Supper for the wrong reason; he sold his Master; his despair led him to kill himself. He let the grace of God pass by and fly away!)

**“YOU ARE THE WITNESSES”** of the RISEN CHRIST!

Peace of the risen Christ,  
Fr. Tien

## CLASSES – MEETINGS

Sunday ... Faith Formation ... 10:30-11:30 am

Monday ... Women’s Guild Meeting ... 10:00 am  
*(Second Monday of each month)*

Monday ... R.C.I.A. ... 6:30 pm

Tuesday...Craft & Sewing Group... 10:30 am -12:30 pm

Tuesday...Knights of Columbus Meeting...7:00 pm  
*(First Tuesday of each month)*

Wednesday...Confirmation Class ... 7:00 pm

Wednesday...First Communion Class ... 7:00 pm

Thursday...Choir Practice... 3:00-4:30 pm

## STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$4,825
Total Offertory	\$4,612
Envelopes & Cash	\$4,082
Online Giving	\$ 530

Seminarian Education \$1,929



### Attendance

Saturday 5:00 pm	116
Sunday 9:00 am	250
11:30 am	354

Thank you to all who faithfully contribute  
and are so generous to our Parish



On behalf of the Gopar-Altamirano family, a "Thank You" is extended to all who donated towards the funeral arrangements for their sons, Diego and Francisco. May their souls, along with the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in God's loving peace.

How lucky we were to have had someone so special that saying "Goodbye" is so hard. Joe & Marilyn Ricke will be moving from the area on April 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a "Farewell Celebration" in our Family Life Center on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Join us for food, fun and a farewell. Any questions, call Sue Kozma at 239-940-2057.



The Knights of Columbus next fish fry is scheduled for Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. until ??? in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$10 for adult and \$5 for child and will be sold at the weekend Masses. Carry out is also available that evening.

If you would like your name, or that of a family member or loved one, to remain on the "Pray for healing" list below, please contact the Parish Office. All others names will be removed at the end of this month. Thank you!



There will be no RCIA classes on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Need to register? New phone number? Change of address? Please notify the Parish Office with the necessary information that will help to keep our records current. Thank you!



Would you like to have a Mass offered for a family member or friend, living or deceased? Please contact the Parish Office.

**Pray for everyone who seeks healing:** Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Jim Broadwell, Alexander Canelas, Pauline Catania, Tom Coffey, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Dan DeBetta, Lillianne Duong Davis, Dennis Ensley, Casper Erb, Danny Fowler, Debbie Fouts, Dorothy Gordon, Lisa Graber, Ron Gralowski, Curt Halter, Monte Hamilton, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Bill Himschoot, Charles Hoefeyzers, Carl Huebler, Sarah Hughes, Edline Jiglau, Florencio Jimenez, Jerry & Sue Kempinski, Bob Killian, Lucy LaRoche, Brandon Lowery, Christopher Marinari, Debbie Matthews, Fred Matthews, Lenore Maynard, Sue Merry, Millard Michaels, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffitt, Laura Moore, Kathy Obenshain, Wanda Orf, Josette Roisin, Derrick Scaletta, Bill Shaw, Cora Shope, Marlene Taber, Elijah Thomas, Ed Tisdale, Elijah Whiteside, Teresa Williams, Brailyn Grace Williamson, Larry Wilson, Thomas Wimpey, Alice Yuzzi.



**Elderly & shut-in:** Barbara Elliot, Candida Hernandez, Peggy Gibson, Jeanette Peters.

**Parishioners & all armed forces:** Aaron Brooks, William Crunkleton, Patrick Debo, Michael Douglas, Brandon Dziurgot, Jeremiah Elam, Jacob Ewing, Joseph Hage, Russell Helma, Christian Houston, Ben Hunter, Carol Hysell, Thomas Hysell, Raymond Hysell, Amy Hysell, Stephen Karcher, Kyle McCormick, Chris Richards, Michael Ricke, Elizabeth Scoone.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, April 14

5:00 P.M. † Joseph Cukla by Doris Lobeck

### Sunday, April 15

#### *Third Sunday of Easter*

9:00 A.M. Mary Ann & Art Zoeckler by Ginny Gonzalez  
11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

### Monday, April 16

9:00 A.M. † Ligia Wooten

### Tuesday, April 17

8:00 A.M. † Betty Ann Rice

### Wednesday, April 18

5:30 P.M. † Fr. James Lacey

### Thursday, April 19

9:00 A.M. † Leila Stephens

### Friday, April 20

9:00 A.M. † Clyde, Kerry & Michael Blue by the Blue Family

### Saturday, April 21

5:00 P.M. † Marjorie Sanders by Donna Coennen

### Sunday, April 22

#### *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

9:00 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass  
11:30 A.M. † Anastacio Mendoza by Margarita Mendoza

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.  
Wednesday at 6:15 P.M.

## The Rosary and The Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary is recited everyday one half hour before each Mass except for first Saturday.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every Friday at 3 P.M.

"I worry some of you still have not really met Jesus - one to one - you and Jesus alone. We may spend time in the chapel - but have you seen with the eyes of your soul how He looks at you with love? Do you really know the living Jesus - not from books but from being with Him in your heart? Have you heard the loving words He speaks to you? Ask for the grace; He is longing to give it. Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear Him saying 'I Thirst' in the hearts of the poor. Never give up this daily intimate contact with Jesus as the real living person - not just the idea."

~Saint Mother Teresa~