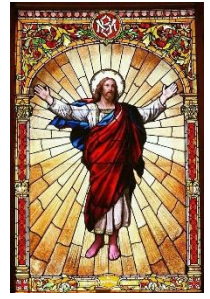




THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY APRIL 18, 2021



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!



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

## STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Needs \$4,825



### Weekly Collection

Cash/Envelopes	\$3,372
Online Giving	\$ 573
Total	\$3,945

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



The Sanctuary Lamp this week is in memory of  
Sylvan H. Swanson.

Our prayers and condolences are extended to Delores Cameron and family on the death of her husband, Ed, this week. May Ed's soul, along with all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in God's loving peace.



Have you ever considered a vocation of prayer? Our area Lay Carmelite Community is beginning new formation classes soon. For more information, please contact Allene Ramsey (828-634-1208), or Carol Paler (828-497-9519) or Jean Burton (828-508-1060).



We would not be able to help so many families in our town if it were not for those of you who have given your time, donated food or financially supported our Food Pantry. Our sincere "Thank You" to each and every one of you!!!



Want to deepen your Faith? There is a wonderful selection of Lighthouse CD's in the entrance of the Church to assist you! For this ministry to continue, a \$3 donation is recommended.

**Pray for those who seeks healing:** Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Francis Bourgeois, Alexander Canelas, Robert Cerritelli, Michael Ciochetti, Tom Coffey, Mary Cude, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Patti Dameron, Dan DeBetta, Kathy DeBetta, Lillianne Duong Davis, Terry Duffy, Lakelynn Ellis, Joseph Fernandez, Brendan Fox, Carol Fox, Becky Fricks, Mickey Goodwin, Curt Halter, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Brandon Hatch, Peggy Hewlett, Joyce Hillard, Emilee Janson, Edline Jigla, Florencio Jimenez, Dwayne Edward Johnson, Larry Joseph, Jr., Lauren Kennedy, Brandon Lowery, Holly Marsten, Lenore Maynard, Pat McSherry, Danny Mercer, Millard Michaels, Dakota Miller, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffitt, Dolores Molter, Laura Moore, Wanda Orf, Nonie Ortiz, Berry Rankin, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Derrick Scaletta, Bill Shaw, Bena Lee Shields, Cora Shope, Marlene Taber, John Tastinger, Elijah Thomas, Ronald Thomas, Pat Thompson, Irene Tisdale, Adan Vanbourgandien, Travis Verge, Teresa Williams, Thomas Wimpey, Marlene Woods, Charlene Youdell, Alice Yuzzi, Donna Zacarias.



## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, April 17

5:00 P.M. ✚ Ray and Joann Fern by Nancy Fern

### Sunday, April 18

#### Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. ✚ Sylvan H. Swanson  
11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

### Monday, April 19

9:00 A.M. ✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia

### Tuesday, April 20

9:00 A.M. ✚ Clyde, Kerry and Michael Blue  
by Helen Blue

### Wednesday, April 21

#### Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:30 P.M. ✚ Marjorie Sanders by Donna Coennen

### Thursday, April 22

9:00 A.M. ✚ Joseph A. Heofeyzers  
by Rosalie Perreault

### Friday, April 23

9:00 A.M. Claire Galam by Jeanne Smith

### Saturday, April 24

#### Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

5:00 P.M. ✚ Jim Boos by Ed Boos

### Sunday, April 25

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. ✚ Alma and Doug Smith  
11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 6:15 p.m.

## The Rosary

The Rosary is recited everyday  
one-half hour before Mass.

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

**Parishioners & all armed forces:** Edmund Cameron, Matthew Cameron, Wallace Cameron, William Crunkleton, Patrick Debo, Michael Douglas, Jeremiah Elam, Jacob Ewing, Joseph Hagge, Carol Hysell, Thomas Hysell, Raymond Hysell, Amy Hysell, Stephen Karcher, Josh Legere, Kyle McCormick, Chris Richards, Lauren Richards, Michael Ricke, Brandon Sanchez, Elizabeth Scoone. **Thank you for your service**