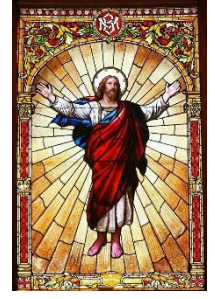


THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 14, 2024



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



## RCIA



**RCIA-Adult Education** on Monday night April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. is *The Shroud of Truin*. Come learn about this sign of our faith and join in the discussion. This will be the last Adult Education Meeting of the year. All are invited to attend!

Deacon David and Education team

Our Women's Guild meeting will meet this Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. All women of our Parish are invited to attend!



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 everyone of you!!!



To have a Mass offered for the repose of a soul of a loved one and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of their birthday, anniversary or Holy day is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefits one's soul. An individual may offer a Mass for the repose of the soul of someone who has died or for the intentions of someone who is still living. Please stop by our Parish Office if you would like to have a Mass offered.



**Pray for healing:** Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Robert Barnable, Ray Behr, Rick Conner, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Carter Hellerer, Daniel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Michelle Mercer, Dee & Germaine Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Doris Price, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell



**Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:**

Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriquez, Elizabeth Scoon



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the

Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.

Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass; Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, April 13

#### Saint Martin 1, Pope and Martyr

- 5:00 P.M. ✚ Petra Diaz Pacheco and  
✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Rames  
✚ Bill Moffitt and Alice Yuzzi by Dee Moffitt

### Sunday, April 14

#### Third Sunday of Easter

- 9:00 A.M. ✚ Tim Blackburn by Connie Blackburn  
✚ Petra Diaz Pacheco by Sele Ramos  
✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory  
✚ Carmen Tan, ✚ Damaso Daniel Acevedo  
11:30 A.M. Intentions of Misericordia Group  
✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia

### Monday, April 15

- 9:00 A.M. ✚ Petra Diaz Pacheco and  
✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos

### Tuesday, April 16

NO MASS

### Wednesday, April 17

- 5:30 P.M. ✚ Sylvan H. Swanson  
✚ Petra Diaz Pacheco and  
✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos

### Thursday, April 18

- 9:00 A.M. Abigail de los Angeles Ortiz-Ruiz  
✚ Petra Diaz Pacheco and  
✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos

### Friday, April 19

- 9:00 A.M. ✚ David Ruiz-Ordaz  
✚ Petra Diaz Pacheco and  
✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos

### Saturday, April 20

- 5:00 P.M. ✚ Bill Moffitt & ✚ Alice Yuzzi by Dee Moffitt  
✚ Petra Diaz Pacheco and  
✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos

### Sunday, April 21

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 9:00 A.M. ✚ Aaron Burke by Cindy Derry  
✚ Carmen Tan, ✚ Damaso Daniel Acevedo  
✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory  
11:30 A.M. ✚ David Ruiz Ordaz and ✚ Modesta Ordaz  
by Luisa Ruiz  
✚ Petra Diaz Pacheco and  
✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos