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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed. For they did not yet
understand the Scripture that he had to
rise from the dead. - Jn 20:8-9

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: *AM* *PM*
7:30 12:00 (Spanish)
9:00 1:15 PM
10:30 (Family) 5:00 PM

Confessions:

Saturday — 4 to 5:30

Sick Or Emergency Calls:

At any time

call the Rectory at 892-3232

Devotions:

- Circulo De Oracion: Cada lunes, 7 a 8:30 PM,
 - Miraculous Medal Novena
 - Monday after 12:15 PM Mass
 - Eucharist Adoration
 - Thursday, 12:15 Mass Benediction
- Bible Study - Tuesday 7:30pm - Rectory

Holy Days: 6:50, 8:30 AM
12:15 PM, 7:30 PM

Weekdays: 6:50, 8:30 AM
12:15 PM
Wednesday 7:30 PM (Spanish)
(Prayer - Daily 8:30 AM)

Baptisms:

Arrangements must be made at the
Rectory for Baptismal Class. Bring child's
Birth Certificate.

Marriages:

Arrangements for weddings should be
made as soon as possible at the Rectory.

Parish Registration:

All Catholics who live within the
parish boundaries should fill out a
registration card at Church or Rectory.



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**A WORD FROM THE PASTOR:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Peace of the Risen Lord be with you!

What was it like for the disciple who had stood at the cross of Jesus and then laid him in a tomb on Good Friday, to come back three days later and discover that the sealed tomb was now empty? John, along with Peter, was the first apostle to reach the tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning. Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, John was not ready to see an empty tomb and to hear the angel's message, *Why do you seek the living among the dead?* What did John see in the tomb that led him to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? It was certainly not a dead body. The dead body of Jesus would have disproven the resurrection and made his death a tragic conclusion to a glorious career as a great teacher and miracle worker. When John saw the empty tomb he must have recalled Jesus' prophecy that he would rise again after three days. Through the gift of faith John realized that no tomb on earth could contain the Lord and giver of life. John saw and believed.

John had to first deal with the empty tomb before he could meet the risen Lord later that evening along with the other apostles who had locked themselves in the upper room out of fear of the Jewish authorities. John testified as an eye-witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ: *What we have seen, heard, and touched, we proclaim as the eternal word of life which existed from the beginning.* John bears witness to what has existed from all eternity. This "word of life" is Jesus the word incarnate, but also Jesus as the word announced by the prophets and Jesus the word now preached throughout the Christian church for all ages to come.

One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Christ and to know him personally as our Lord and Savior.

"Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won for us new life and resurrection power. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Alleluia"

Fr. Emilio Sotomayor

April 7

**St. John Baptist de la Salle
(1651-1719)**

Complete dedication to what he saw as God's will for him dominated the life of John Baptist de la Salle. In 1950, Pope Pius XII named him patron of schoolteachers for his efforts in upgrading school instruction. As a young 17th-century Frenchman, John had everything going for him: scholarly bent, good looks, 2

noble family background, money, refined upbringing. At the early age of 11, he received the tonsure and started preparation for the priesthood, to which he was ordained at 27. He seemed assured then of a life of dignified ease and a high position in the Church.

But God had other plans for John, which were gradually revealed to him in the next several years. During a chance meeting with M. Nyel of Raven, he became interested in the creation of schools for poor boys in Raven, where he was stationed. Though the work was extremely distasteful to him at first, he became more involved in working with the deprived youths.

Once convinced that this was his divinely appointed mission, John threw himself wholeheartedly into the work, left home and family, abandoned his position as canon at Rheims, gave away his fortune and reduced himself to the level of the poor to whom he devoted his entire life.

The remainder of his life was closely entwined with the community of religious men he founded, the Brothers of the Christian School (Christian Brothers, or De La Salle Brothers). This community grew rapidly and was successful in educating boys of poor families, using methods designed by John. It prepared teachers in the first training college for teachers and also set up homes and schools for young delinquents of wealthy families. The motivating element in all these endeavors was the desire to become a good Christian.

Yet even in his success, John did not escape experiencing many trials: heartrending disappointment and defections among his disciples, bitter opposition from the secular schoolmasters who resented his new and fruitful methods, and persistent opposition from the Jansenists of his time, whose moral rigidity and pessimism about the human condition John resisted vehemently all his life.

Afflicted with asthma and rheumatism in his last years, he died on Good Friday at 68 and was canonized in 1900.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS



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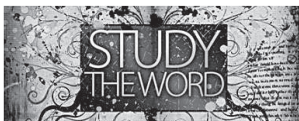
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

RECTORY INFORMATION

This week the Rectory will be short staffed. Only Fr. Szymon will be here to take care of the Rectory needs. We will all be back on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12



The group for **Bible** study with **Fr. Andrew Berinyuy** will resume on Tuesday, April 14, at 7:30PM in the Rectory. You are most welcome.



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To date our parish has received **\$13,563.00** in pledges toward the 2015 *Cardinal's Appeal*, from **51** families. For this *Appeal* to be truly successful, we must have support from all of our families. The *Appeal* is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. It is not too late to make your gift. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your kind support.

Hasta el día de hoy nuestra parroquia ha recibido **\$13,563.00** en promesas para la *Campaña de Corresponsabilidad del Cardinal 2015*, por parte de **51** familias. La *Campaña* es un recurso vital de fondos para los programas y ministerios que mantienen a nuestras parroquias a través de la Arquidiócesis. Todavía están a tiempo para hacer su donación. Por favor, sean tan generosos como les sea posible. Muchas gracias por su amable apoyo.

CHURCH OPENING AND CLOSING TIME

Trying to be open most of the time and searching for the safety of all, the Parish Council has decided:

Opening time: Weekdays: 6:00 AM Sundays: 6:30 AM

Closing time, weekdays: The main doors will be closed after the 12:15 Mass (the access will be through the side door in the parking lot)

All church doors will be closed at 4:30 PM.



UNAS PALABRAS DEL PARROCO:

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:
Que la Paz de Cristo Resucitado esté con ustedes!

¿Qué supondría para el discípulo que había permanecido en la cruz de Jesús y luego lo puso en un sepulcro en el Viernes Santo, volver tres días más tarde y descubrir que la tumba ahora estaba vacía? Juan, junto con Pedro, fue el primer apóstol en llegar a la tumba de Jesús en la mañana de Pascua. Como María Magdalena y los demás discípulos, Juan no estaba listo para ver una tumba vacía y escuchar el mensaje del ángel, ¿Por qué buscan a los vivos entre los muertos? ¿Qué vio Juan en el sepulcro que lo llevó a creer en la resurrección de Jesús? Ciertamente no era un cadáver. El cuerpo muerto de Jesús habría refutado la resurrección y hecho de su muerte una conclusión trágica a una carrera gloriosa como un gran maestro y hacedor de milagros. Cuando Juan vio la tumba vacía que debió recordar el anuncio de Jesús que él resucitaría después de tres días. A través del don de la fe Juan se dio cuenta de que ninguna tumba en la tierra podría contener el Señor y dador de vida. Juan vio y creyó.

Juan tuvo que primer acuerdo con la tumba vacía antes de que pudiera encontrarse con el Señor resucitado más tarde esa noche junto con los otros apóstoles que se habían encerrado en el cuarto superior por miedo a las autoridades judías. Juan dio testimonio como testigo ocular de la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo: Lo que hemos visto, oído y tocado proclamamos como la palabra eterna de la vida que existió desde el principio. Juan da testimonio de lo que ha existido desde toda la eternidad. Esta "palabra de vida" es Jesús, el Verbo encarnado, sino también a Jesús como la palabra anunciada por los profetas y Jesús la palabra ahora predicada en toda la iglesia cristiana para todas las generaciones venideras.

Una cosa es cierta, si Jesús no hubiera resucitado de entre los muertos y no se hubiera aparecido a sus discípulos, nunca habiéramos oído hablar de él. Ninguna otra cosa podría haber cambiado los hombres y mujeres tristes y desesperados en personas radiantes de alegría y coraje. La realidad de la resurrección es el hecho central de la fe cristiana. A través del don del Espíritu Santo, el Señor nos da "ojos de fe" en él y conocemos el poder de su resurrección. La mayor alegría que podemos tener es que encuentren a Cristo vivo y lo conozcan personalmente como nuestro Señor y Salvador.

"Señor Jesucristo, has triunfado sobre la tumba y que ha ganado para nosotros nuevo poder de vida y resurrección. Dame los ojos de la fe para verte en tu gloria. Aleluya"

APRIL 5, 2015

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, April 5, 2015

7:30 Murphy and Waneke Family and
Easter Novena
9:00 Rosemary and John McGriel
10:30 Catherine Carolan
12:00 Angel Torres
1:15 Deceased members of the Cerbone Family
5:00 Huldah Gordon

MONDAY, April 6, 2015

6:50 Easter Novena
8:30 Msgr. Philip Mulcahy
12:15 Michael Guido

TUESDAY, April 7, 2015

6:50 Easter Novena
8:30 Joanne Savino's Intentions
12:15 Teresita Francisco (Prayer Intentions)

WEDNESDAY, April 8, 2015

6:50 Easter Novena
8:30 In thanksgiving for favors
12:15 Mary Ramos

THURSDAY, April 9, 2015

6:50 Easter Novena
8:30 Gloria Savino and Lillian Pirozzi
12:15 Auora Ciani

FRIDAY, April 10, 2015

6:50 Easter Novena
8:30 Catherine Carolan
12:15 William Troy

SATURDAY, April 11, 2015

6:50 Easter Novena
8:30 For Policemen killed in action
12:15 Chareyl/Gene Gonzalez (Intentions)
5:30 Abigail Garcia (Intentions)

SUNDAY, April 12, 2015

7:30 Easter Novena
9:00 Bridget and Pat Joe Early
10:30 Katherine Callaghan
12:00 A La Virgen de Guadalupe
(por todos los ninos del mondo)
and Junior de la Cruz Jackson
1:15 Daniel Bahora (Intentions)
5:00 Francisca Lopez Santana

Banns of Matrimony

I— Migoni Serapio—Jairo Cortes

50/50 DRAWING: The March 29 winners are: No. 15 & No. 311 @ \$29

Readings for the Week of April 5, 2015

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31





En Theos

Q *Why does the priest break off a particle of the host and drop it in the chalice?*

A What you are describing happens during the Communion Rite after the breaking of the bread, and just before the Lamb of God. It is called “commingling” and dates back many centuries. In the early church, there was only one eucharistic celebration in each city on Sunday. The entire Christian community gathered together and the bishop celebrated the Eucharist. As Christianity grew, it became physically impossible to gather for one liturgy and Mass was celebrated throughout the area. The presider or priest was appointed by the bishop. A small portion of the host consecrated by the bishop was taken to each of the eucharistic celebrations over which the priest was presiding. This fraction was mingled into the chalice.

Today the priest breaks off a small fraction of the larger host used at Mass and places it into the chalice with the prayer: “May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.” The commingling symbolizes the Lord’s resurrection. In death, body and blood are often separated, but in life they are united. This small symbol serves to remind us that the sacrifice of Jesus is one that gives us all life. In the Mass, we join ourselves to his death, so that we might also rise with him to life.

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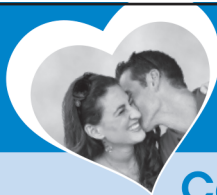
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