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Masses: Sat., 5:00pm (English) & Sun., 10:00am (English)
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:00 noon
Confessions: First Saturday of the Month at 4:00 p.m.
Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm
Rectory (Fr. David's Home):
3323 86th Street, Lubbock, TX 79423

April 8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter or
Sunday of Divine Mercy

MASS INTENTION:

Saturday, April 7

Edemencio Acosta (ER)

Sunday, April 8

For the People of the Parish

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading:

Acts 4:32-35

Responsorial Psalm:

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."
(Psalm 118)

Second Reading:

1 John 5: 1-6

Gospel Acclamation:

Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.

Gospel:

John 20: 19-31

Enlightened Faith

Come learn more about our
Catholic Faith on

Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

Rev. Elizabeth Abraham, Chaplain
at Hospice of Lubbock, will be
joining Father David in sharing
"What Pain & Suffering Have
to Teach us About Living a
Life of Joy."

**Keep updated on all our events
at St. John the Baptist.**

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Come join our group at
SJTB Women's Ministry

On Saturday, April 14,
at 10 a.m.

There will be time for socializing,
learning about the sacraments,
and responding to the needs of
others.

MARCH GIFTS

Total Offertory: \$22,945.14

Saturday Collections:
\$7,724.10

Sunday Collections:
\$15,221.04

BUILDING FUND

Total Amount Paid in March:
\$17,797.64

PRAYER INTENTION LIST

Week of April 8, 2018

Healing & Good Health

- Ben Ybanez -Wendell White
- Mike Gamboa -Adam Guzman
- Sylvia Ortiz -Senora Licon
- Mary Alonzo -Yajayra Marin
- Reagan E. Moore -Noah Zeir
- Viktorya Perez -Angela Ballew
- Bob Ruiz -Donna Walz
- Nukool Bosley

General

- Robert -Lettie Rodriguez
- Jean Morrison

Birthday

- Emma Nicole Walker
- Michael Chavez -Nicole LoCascio

Eternal Rest

- Robin Speck-Pope -Socorro Rosiles
- Fr. Ken Keller
- All the faithful departed+

Reach for the Mercy

On a kitchen table well dusted with flour, my equally well-dusted son has his hands on a sticky mound of dough. My father is leaning against the counter behind him, coaching Chris as he turns, stretches, and leans into the bread. "Is it done?" My father reaches for the now-smooth ball of dough. He has to have his hands on it, even in it, to know.

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites Thomas to get close to him, to reach within his very body. "If you want joy, power, peace, eternal life, you must get close to, or even into, the thing that has them," wrote C.S. Lewis in *Mere Christianity*. How much do I want joy? Peace? Eternal life? Do I want these things enough to reach into the wounded Body of Christ?

The blaze of the resurrection can momentarily blind us to the passion we were besieged by just over a week ago, but today's opening prayer reminds us that mercy flows from Christ's wounds. This is not tidy grace, but unruly grace, wrought in tumult and chaos. Look, Christ tells Thomas, I am risen, but the wounds remain. Look, see me in the wounded around you.

We have been invited by Christ to reach out for people we may not want to get close to, to touch the wounds still present in the Body of Christ. If you want to know me, says Christ, touch me. Reach inside. Reach for joy, for peace, for eternal life. Grasp each other, that you might rightly understand in whom we live and move and have our being.

-Michelle Francl-Donnay

Professor of chemistry, and an adjunct scholar at the Vatican Observatory. She writes for CatholicPhilly.com of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



A big "Thank you" to our SJTB Knights of Columbus for their outstanding donation of \$7,307.75 that was presented to Father David and our parish on March 25th. The contribution was designated to go towards our Building Fund.

Thank you to all our ministry leaders and members for their dedicated and charitable energy exhibited during our Holy Week services. St. John the Baptist is so very fortunate and blessed to have such outstanding and noteworthy servants of Our Lord.

