

THE IMPORTANCE OF ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS

Gospel according to Saint Matthew 9: 6

"Know therefore that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." Then he said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, pick up your mat, and go home."

Definition of forgiveness

Forgiveness is the action of forgiving, a verb that refers to requesting or granting someone the remission of an obligation or a fault. Before the moment of forgiveness, the person who requests it must be sorry, while the person affected by lack has to be willing to leave the problem behind. Pope Francis has explained the fundamental importance of love shown in forgiveness to others for the world. So much so that the pontiff has recalled that "in life, not everything is solved with justice". "As we forgive those who offend us".

The liberating power of forgiveness

The Holy Father has affirmed that the importance of the testimony of forgiveness that Jesus teaches liberates our capacity to love our neighbor and stops the desire for revenge. In fact, it is what allows "we can love beyond what is necessary and not allow the vengeance of evil to spread until it suffocates the entire world".

The Pope explained that the forgiveness of God that Jesus has revealed speaks of another message: of his infinite love for each one of us. That certainty is accompanied by a certainty that keeps us in relationship with Him, "that He forgives us, since we are sinners and in need of always asking for forgiveness." Forgive because we are forgiven, love because we are loved.

That forgiveness received from God for our faults is "the forgiveness that we owe to our neighbor." He has assured that the dynamics of forgiveness is intimately related to that of love. "If love is repaid with love, also, the forgiveness we receive from the Lord commits us to forgive others, because, if we do not make an effort to forgive, we will not be forgiven and, if we do not make an effort to love, we will not be loved either" Francis has proclaimed.

The pontiff has valued the irruption of Jesus in the "law". The revolutionary change that it has introduced is the substitution of the Law of Talion - "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" - for the Law of Love, in which forgiveness occupies a key place.

These are the five steps that you must follow for a good confession.

The Sacrament of Confession is the declaration or manifestation of sins before a priest (CIC 1424).

It is an acknowledgment and praise of God's holiness, as well as his mercy to sinners (CIC 1424).

In order to have a good confession, one must follow these five steps:

Examination of conscience

We review our behavior to know what our sins are.

Hear sorrow

We repent of the bad things we did.

Purpose of amendment

We have the true purpose of never committing again.

Confessed our sins

We tell ALL our sins to the priest even if we are ashamed.

Penance

We comply with the prayers, or whatever the priest imposes on us, at the end of the confession.

HELP THE COMMUNITY

Community Storehouse is still in need of Chef Boyardee microwave meals for the children's backpack program.

The Women's Guild meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Contact Stephanie Bailey for details: (276) 732-6441.

EVENTS / HANDOUTS / FUNDRAISER POLICY

If you would like to post or donate, flyers, pamphlets, books, magazines, or other materials, please bring them to the church office. **DO NOT put items on the bulletin board or tables.** Items need to be approved and posted by office staff.

Activities held on church property must be preapproved by the appropriate committee and Father Carlos. Please come to the church office during the week for an activities form.

SACRAMENTS / SACRAMENTOS:

Baptism: Call parish office to register for preparation classes. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend.

Bautismo: Llenar el formulario, después padres y padrinos asistir a dos pláticas de preparación. Mas información llamar a la oficina de la iglesia al numero (276) 638-4779.

Reconciliation: Tuesday/Wednesday at 12:30 pm and Wednesday 6:00-7:00 PM or by appointment.

Confesión: Martes/Miércoles a la 12:30 pm y Miércoles de 6:00 a 7:00 pm o llamar a la oficina para hacer una cita.

Marriage: Call or email for an appointment at least 6 months prior to wedding.

Matrimonio: Llamar a la oficina y hacer cita por lo menos 6 meses antes de las fecha de la boda.

Ministry with the Elderly: Homebound parishioners who would like to receive communion at their home, contact the parish office.

Ministerio con los ancianos: Feligreses que no pueden salir y quisieran recibir la comunión en sus casa, llamar a la oficina.

Religious Education and Youth Ministry: Call Sandra Ruiz at (276) 638-4779 Tuesday –Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Mission Statement: To foster and deepen faith in the Holy Trinity through the celebration of the Eucharist and the Word of God & to be active disciples of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in our community and throughout the world.

Declaración de la misión parroquial: Queremos fomentar y profundizar la fe en la Santísima Trinidad a través de la celebración de la Eucaristía y la Palabra de Dios y ser discípulos activos de nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo, en nuestra comunidad y en todo el mundo.

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APRIL 17, 2022 ~ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD ~



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Mary of Magdalena told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him"
JOHN 20:2

PARISH OFFICES: (CLUSTER)

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Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

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Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Suzanne Steele –Chair; Irma Harrison - 1st Vice Chair; Christy Hall -2nd vice Chair, Jesus Sanchez, Maria Ruiz, Thea Gutierrez, (Sandra Ruiz staff).

Finance Council Members:

Steve Ogilbee - Chair, Ethan Dobbins - Secretary, Ben Bailey, Sandra Ruiz, Cora Harris, (Pat Prillaman staff).

ST. Joseph's Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am English

Sunday 12:30 pm Spanish

NO Tuesday, April 19 at 12:00 pm

NO Wednesday, April 20 at 12:00 pm

First Friday of Month 3:00 pm

Confessions/Adoration

NO Tuesday 12:30pm-1:30pm

NO Wednesday 12:30pm-1:30pm and 6 pm

We are lifting the mask requirement to enter church for those who are fully-vaccinated starting on May 28th. We ask that people who are not fully-vaccinated continue to wear masks, all those over the age of 5. Thank you.

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FATHER CARLOS' REFLECTION

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Today, we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had to rise from the dead. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

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The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus in his subsequent appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Easter season is a time of joy and rejoicing in the Lord always. How many his time help you to be witness of the Lord's glory? Let us pray and offer our lives, families and congregation to the Risen Christ, and contemplate on all that his taking on our human nature means for us.

May this time helps us to renew our hearts and minds to glorify the Lord in our midst. We pray: O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Easter Sunday
Readings: 902
Processional: 401 [Jesus Christ is Risen Today](#)
Psalm: R&A [Page 82](#)
Sequence: 398 [Christ Is Arisen](#)
Gospel: R&A [Page 83](#)
Sprinkling: 255 [Water of Life](#)
Presentation: 413 [Alleluia No.1](#)
COMM 1: 472 [Sing of Mary](#)
Recessional: 759 [Sing with All the Saints in Glory](#)

Liturgical Minister Schedule April 24.
Lectors:
Diana Nalls,-1
Thea Gutierrez-2,
Lil East-Int,
Minister:
Geri Engel

Daily Mass Readings

Readings for the week of April 17:

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23., Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33, 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11, Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41, 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22, Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10, 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9, Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26, 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9, Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12, 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a, Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21, 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21, Mk 16:9-15

Or visit daily readings at www.usccb.org

MASS Intentions

Sunday, April 17: Bin Van Doan+

Tue, April 19: No Mass

Wed, April 20: No Mass

+ Indicated the Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of the person(s) listed.

Prayer Requests

Carolyn Eanes, Mike Kelly, Lewis Drane, Teresa Biggs, Ricky East, Mark Szulecki, Theresa McGarry, Jim Tobin, Ed Cozzete, Margaret Cunningham, Tim Hollingsworth, Lena Martin, Ruth Weaver, Doo Lie Toppled, Lauren Teresa, Mike Harris, Ann White, Bridget Johnson, Betty Gillispie, Anna Towarnicki, Marie-Bernice Downey, Tia Jessup, Larry Wylie, Nancy Edelen and David Hall.

If you want to send a get well card please do it, they are going to appreciate it.

Nancy Edelen

The Moravian Hall Square
Apt. 2210
175 W North St.
Nazareth, PA 18064

Marie-Bernice Downey

Mulberry Creek Rehab
Room #220
300 Blue Ridge Street
Martinsville, VA 24112

(To add or remove prayer requests, please call the church office.

Para quitar o poner una peticion, por favor llamar a la oficina de la iglesia)

Unless otherwise requested, names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks. If you would like to add a name to the prayer network phone chain, please call Betty Gillispie or Ann Gunter.

Sick, homebound, hospitalized? / ¿Enfermo, Confinado en casa u hospitalizado?

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive Communion or anointing of the sick, please call the office. Outside of office hours, please call Barbara Kurtz (276) 647-1906

Si usted o alguien que usted conoce quisiera recibir el Sacramento de la Comunión tendremos a Rosa Aguirre, Maribel Ortega, Anselmo Diaz, y Miguel Ruiz que seran los encargados de este ministerio por favor llamar a la oficina para agendar la visita al (276) 638-4779.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass offered for a loved one, please call the church office or fill out a Mass intention envelope completely and place it in the offertory basket. **Make checks payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church.** Specific dates may not be available. Please include a contact number to arrange an alternate date if necessary.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY MINISTRY

Unveiled: A Pre-Cana Program

\$170/couple
Various Times & Locations

Unveiled is the Diocese of Richmond's marriage preparation program designed for engaged couples preparing to be married in the Catholic Church. Each session is facilitated by a married couple who will help the engaged couples attending to explore the core topics:

- Communication and Intimacy
- Theology of Marriage
- Spirituality of a Marriage

These core topics are communicated by way of engaging videos featuring married couples, priests, theologians, and physicians. This rich content serves as the springboard for deeper discussion between each couple. The times of conversation throughout the session usually begin with a time of journaling combined with private dialogue between each couple. There are also occasions for facilitated larger group discussions and opportunities to interact with the other couples attending the session.



Join us on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24th at 10 am before Mass, to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church. All are welcome to join, as we joyfully celebrate the Father's mercy through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

CYBERCRIME IS HITTING DIOCESES NATIONWIDE:

If/ when you receive an email that shows the parish's pastor or a parish priest as the sender requesting you to purchase a gift card, rest assured it is a scam. Parishioners can and should contact the parish to verify the legitimacy of any suspicious request received through email. All cybercrime should be reported to the FBI at <https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>. It is up to the victim of cyber-crimes to file complaints.

Collections/ Colectas: 04/10/2022

Budget Amt. / Presupuesto	\$ 4,154.00
Collection/ Colecta:	<u>3,891.18</u>
Surplus/Deficit	- \$ 262.82

Grocery Card Income 1st quarter:

Food Lion: \$306.00, Kroger: \$ 140.23, Amazon Smile \$ 16.52
Second collection for April 24th, 2022 will be for **Building Maintenance.**

La Segunda colecta para el 24 de Abril del 2022, sera para el Mantenimiento de este Edificio.

The first collection is for payment of St. Joseph's daily expenses which include office supplies, salaries, sacramental materials, etc. **If absent, please make up your contribution.**

La primera colecta se utiliza para para el pago de los gastos diarios de San José. **Si estuvo ausente por favor, haga su donación.**

Thank you for your generous support of our parish

Reminder! Grocery shopping can earn money for our parish! Register your Kroger card and/or purchase a Food Lion gift card! See the back cover for details.

There will be no Masses or Confessions on April 19 and 20. Fr. Carlos will be on vacations.



Easter Sunday April 17 Easter is the feast of feasts, the unalloyed joy and gladness of all Christians. In the very center of the Mass, the great prayer of thanksgiving, from the first words of the Preface, expresses the unrivalled motive for this joy: if it is right to praise You, Lord, at all times, how much more so should we not glorify You on this day when Christ our Passover was sacrificed, for He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world, who by His Death destroyed our death and by His Resurrection restored our life. Easter means, then, Redemption obtained — sin destroyed, death overcome, divine life brought back to us, the resurrection of our body which is promised immortality. With such a certitude, we should banish all trace of sadness. Haec dies quam fecit Dominus: "This is the day which the Lord has made." Throughout the octave we shall sing of the unequalled joy which throws open eternity to us. Every Sunday will furnish a reminder of it, and from Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father. - CatholicCulture.org

RICE BOWLS

Rice bowls need to be returned to church by April 24. Thank you for your generosity and care for those in the most need.

We are seeking a volunteer who knows sign language and is able to sign a mass for a parishioner who is deaf. If you are able or know someone who is able to, please refer them to the office. Thanks.

Grace network food Partner assignment April- June, 2022,

we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Our item for this quarter is Oatmeal round canister. Thanks.



COUNCIL # 6538

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAING

The baby bottle boomerang officially ends but bottles can still be turned in to Ben Bailey at any time. If you cannot add anything monetary to the bottle, please return it as soon as possible. God bless you for your generosity and support.

KOVAR FUNDRAISER

Don't forget to bring all your empty cans in bags to the church drop off. This is a Knights of Columbus fundraiser for KOVAR who help people with intellectual disabilities in the State of Virginia. There will be a location behind the dumpster. CANS ONLY PLEASE!

ATTENTION!!

We have two wheelchairs and two canes available to donate, if you or anyone need it, please see Steve Ogilbee