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BULLETIN

Santo Niño de Cebu Catholic Church

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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 19, 2020

Our Mission:

The Santo Niño Catholic Church is a faith community where all are welcome to celebrate Catholic beliefs embellished by the best Philippine traditions. It is a dynamic parish responding to the spiritual needs of the community to fulfill its evangelical mission and to realize Christ's call of making disciples of all nations. (Parish Pastoral Council, 21 April 2001)

Prayer Corner

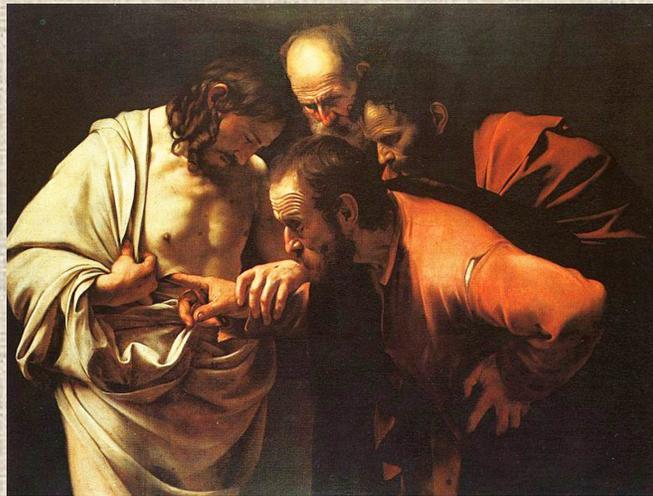
Pray:

Thank You, Lord, for Your Holy Spirit who enables us to believe in and witness to Your Resurrection without having seen it. Increase my faith so that I willingly take the Good News wherever You want. Amen. .

Today's Gospel : JN 20:19-31

Thomas

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."



Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail-marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came,

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Reflections

HOW TO CONTINUE THE EASTER EXPERIENCE

How well do we live the Easter experience in our daily lives? We are an Easter people, because we know and celebrate that Jesus has risen from the dead. And yet, we're not always shouting, "Hallelujah!" We don't always feel like celebrating -- not in our worship nor outside the church where our joy could influence people toward faith in Jesus.

It's hard to feel like the Good Friday experience of carrying our crosses has really ended.

This Sunday's second reading describes what the Easter experience is supposed to feel like: We should rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy. But how does that happen?

The attitude of joy does not come from reaching the end of our cross-like

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burdens. Rather, it comes from knowing that Christ's death and resurrection have overcome our crosses, and by uniting ourselves to his life, we are victorious even before we see the battle end.

Furthermore, it comes from knowing that we have the ultimate victory -- eternal life in God's abundant love -- and we know that this gift is "imperishable, undefiled, and unfading" and that it's being safeguarded by the power of God because, by choosing to have faith in Christ, we have accepted the gift in advance. □

This joy-from-knowing is the true definition of "hope". Hope isn't wishful thinking. Hope means celebrating what is certainly going to happen *before* it happens.

Some Catholics say that they're afraid they might lose their salvation because they don't trust themselves to stay close to Jesus always. They're afraid that something will tempt them to turn away from Jesus between now and the hour of death. If you worry about this, let me ask you: During times of suffering, do you reject God or run to him?

Even when we get angry at him, we're actually very close to him. We're angry because we believe in him and trust him and he seems to be disappointing us. This is a normal part of the Christian life: Our faith is purified by our trials.

To embrace life as an Easter people, we must learn to remember that our sufferings are temporary and that someday we will enter into eternal joy. This is what we celebrate even while carrying our crosses.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

In what ways has God apparently disappointed you? What is he doing -- or not doing -- that's upsetting you? How is this increasing your closeness to him, even if it feels like he's silent and distant?

Questions for Group Faith Sharing:

Give an example of wishful thinking: What have you wished for in prayer? What have you been begging God to do? How is this different than hoping (joy-from-knowing)? Even if your wish never comes true, what's your reason for a higher hope?

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ANNOUNCEMENT

SUNDAY MASS IS SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Sunday Santo Nino's Facebook Live Streaming Mass:

English Mass : 11:00 AM
Spanish Mass : 1:00 PM

In compliance with the CDC's recommendation to stay home, our church will be closed until further notice.

Office Hours

For our protection and preventive measures from the ongoing COVID-19, our office hours will be
Tuesday – Friday 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm only.

However, we are no longer accommodating walk-in business or inquiry for the meantime. We will communicate with you through phone @ (210) 648-1705 or by email @ santo.nino.sa@gmail.com.



FESTIVAL MARIA DE GUADALUPE

To support the health and safety of our parishioners and communities, the Santo Nino Church is suspending the Festival Maria de Guadalupe due to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Texas. The event will be rescheduled until further notice.

Mass Intention

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

- Our mass intentions are for:
 - all who are sick and to those who are infected with COVID -19.
 - the health of all the health-workers and front-line workers.
 - Souls of Dr. Tony de la Cruz, Dr. Joe Gabatin, Jent Oliamot, Manny Tamayo, John Saunders, Bob Lewis, Bill/June Lenhart, Edilberto Nasis, Elena, David and Ed Custer, Allen Spencer, and the souls of all our faithful departed
 - Recovery of P. McAllister, Clarke Lewis and all the sick in our community..

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although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Stay Home, Work Safe, Save Lives

STEWARDSHIP (Collection) REPORT AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance and Offertory April 11—12, 2020

There was no collection last April 11 – 12, 2020, due to suspended masses from COVID-19.

We would like to thank all online donors and to those who sent in their donations to Santo Nino Church. Thank you for all your support in these difficult times

PLEASE CONSIDER THE **SANTO NINO'S WEBSITE** **ONLINE DONATION** AS AN ALTERNATIVE WAY OF GIVING YOUR WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT OUR CONTINUING MINISTRY.



"Thank you for your goodwill and generosity."

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER



My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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OUR SERVANTS

ADMINISTRATION

Pastor – Rev. Fr. Arnold Ibarra, PhD

Deacon - Arsenio Reyes

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Nena Connor, Alice Maldonado
Business Coordinator – Anna Rose Nolasco**

**Safe Environment - Monette Reyes
Photographer – Henry Mendez
Webmaster – Ed Candelaria
Property Manager – Robert Mendez**

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**Chairperson
Betty Childress
Vice-Chairperson
Raine Virginio
Secretary
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**Members:
Hermosilia Atamosa
Russel Cantu
Alma de Paz
Pura Frierson
David Graves
Alicia Hernandez
Robert Mendez
Vicky Ortiz
Regina Pino**

FINANCE COUNCIL

**Chairperson: Armi Wallace (2019–2020)
Mel Garcia, - Secretary
Members – Jim Irwin,
Nelrose Mendez, and
Nena Connor**

MINISTRIES

WORSHIP

**Acolytes: Randal Garcia
Dévotion: Dr. Connie Nepomuceno
Lectors: Socorro Candelaria
Spanish Choir: Juan Anaya
Adult Choir: Helen Ona
Youth Choir: Noel Casino
Wedding/Quinceanera
Coordinator:
Alicia Anaya & Annie Spencer**

EVANGELIZATION

**Religious Education Coordinator:
Joanne Jaceldo/Mary Ester Rodriguez
RCIA : Deacon Jun Reyes & Dr. Connie
Guadalupana: Rosa dela Garza
Youth Ministry: Russell & Bernadette Cantu**

SERVICE

**Nutrition: Alma de Paz
Knights of Columbus : Grand Knight
Sean Flatley**

Our Devotions

Adoration, Rosary & Novena: 5:00-6:00 PM M-F

Holy Spirit: Mondays

Divine Mercy/Holy Hour for Vocation: Tuesday

Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesdays

St. Jude Novena: Thursdays

Santo Niño Novena: Fridays

Sacred Heart: 1st Fridays

First Saturday of the month:

2000 Hail Mary Devotion,
from 9:00 AM

Divine Mercy Devotion: Sunday 3:00 – 4:00 PM

**Parish Office/
Business Hours:**

**Tuesday thru Friday:
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
12 noon – 1:00 PM: Lunch Break**

Schedule of Masses and other Services

Sundays: 8:00 and 10:00 AM, and 12 noon Bilingual Mass (English & hymns in Filipino)

**Saturdays: 6:00 PM (Spanish Mass)
Daily Holy Eucharist: M-F 6:00 PM**

Confession:

**Mon-Sat 5:00 – 6:00 PM
Baptism: By appointment & Seminars is necessary**

Confirmation:

11th to 12th grade

Marriage: Please meet with the Pastor one year in advance.

Counseling: By Appointment

Funeral: Please contact the Parish office before making arrangements outside

ANNOUNCEMENT

- All church activities are suspended temporarily due to COVID outbreak.
- San Antonio City Stay Home/Work Safe Guidelines.
 - All individuals living in the City of San Antonio are ordered to stay at home consistent with the direction and guidance in City Mayor's Declaration. If individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces outside their home or engaged in Exempted Activities or Exempted Businesses, then they must maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person.
 - All businesses operating within San Antonio except Exempted Businesses are required to stop operations and close.
 - All public or private gatherings occurring outside a single household or single-family living unit are prohibited unless specifically exempted under this Declaration. Members of a household or single-family living unit may gather.
 - Worship Services. Religious and worship services may only be provided by video, teleconference or other remote measures.
 - Subject to San Antonio City Council approval, this Declaration shall be effective until 11 :59 p.m. on April 9, 2020, or until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law.
- Copies of your weekly bulletin can be downloaded on the internet at www.stonino.org/bulletins.



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Dear Lord, we thank you for being the Creator and Giver of all good gifts and ask you one to help us become good stewards of your gifts by teaching us how to return them to you with increase . Amen.

Online Giving



We would like to express our thanks to those who give online. We would love to see the number increase with this program, please consider our online donation.

If you want to give your tithes and donation online go to our parish website at www.stonino.org and click **online giving logo**.

All credit cards are accepted in our online donation.

