CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

35 MOUNTAIN AVENUE • SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY 08876

Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Celano
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Rev. Joseph Illés
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Deacon Frank J. Quinn

Deacon John R. Czekaj

Deacon Reynaldo Lopez

† Fifth Sunday of Lent April 3, 2022 †

Welcome to New Households!

New households moving into the Parish are asked to register at the Parish Office in person during office hours or online at our website: **www.immaculateconception.org**. You must be registered to obtain Godparent/Sponsor Certificates for Baptism or Confirmation. Please contact the Parish Center for further details.

Parish Center and Hours
Phone: 908-725-1112 **Fax:** 908-725-6269
Email: Office@icsomerville.org
Web: www.immaculateconception.org
Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Office of Children's Faith Formation
908-725-1112 Ext. 1119 or 1128 (Bilingual Secretary)
Religious Formation - Grades: K-8
Mondays: 4:00 - 5:15 pm / 6:15 - 7:30 pm
Wednesdays: 4:00 - 5:15 pm / 6:15 - 7:30 pm

Schools

Immaculate Conception School
908-725-6516 / www.icsschool.org
Mrs. Kelly Seccamanie, MA, PSA, *Principal*

Immaculata High School
908-722-0200 / www.immaculatahighschool.org
Ms. Joan Silo, MAT, *Ed. S., Head of School*

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FAITH DIRECT Parish eGiving Sign Up Today!

Mass Schedule

Saturday
5:00 pm *(in English)*

Sunday
7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am *(in English)*
1:00 pm *(in Spanish)*
Note: The 9:00am (English) and 1:00pm (Spanish) Sunday Masses are livestreamed on our website.

Holy Day Eve *(Vigil)*
7:00 pm

Holy Day
6:30, 8:00 am, 12:10pm (English)
7:00 pm *(Bilingual)*

Daily Masses
6:30 & 8:00 am
Note: September to June the schedule changes as follows:
Friday, 6:30 & 8:30 am
First Friday, 6:30, 8:30 & 10:00 am
Note: The 8:00am & 8:30am Daily Masses are livestreamed on our website.

Confessions

Saturday
3:30 - 4:30 pm in English & Spanish

† Liturgy and Prayer This Week †

Parish Mission

*Immaculate Conception is a parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey. We seek to live the gospel as faithful **Disciples** of Jesus Christ. As **Stewards** of our God given gifts we proclaim the good news of salvation. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we are commissioned as **Apostles** to transform all things in Christ.*

† Mass Intentions †

Monday, April 4, Saint Isidore
6:30AM Jeanne Morey Hopkins (1st) Anniv.
8:00AM Joan Munkle

Tuesday, April 5, Saint Vincent Ferrer
6:30AM Julie Blackman & Thomas Walczak
8:00AM Jeanne Morey Hopkins

Wednesday, April 6
6:30AM Debra Antogneli & Maria De Benedeto
8:00AM Robert Lubrano

Thursday, April 7, Saint John Baptist de la Salle
6:30AM Annabelle Amatucci
8:00AM William Luscher (1st) Anniv.

Friday, April 8
6:30AM Arlene Jedzinak
8:30AM Anita Magdamit

Saturday, April 9
6:30AM Alfonso DiMattia
8:00AM Gloria Sanderson
5:00PM For The People Of The Parish

Sunday, April 10
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
7:30AM Simeon S. Limhanyong, Sr.
9:00AM Nicholas T. Luciano (3rd) Anniv.
11:00AM Victor Tan, Sr.
1:00PM Yesith Murillo

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle for this week is intended for the memory of:

Sam Patullo *(Church)*

To arrange for Intentions of the Sanctuary Candle, please call 725-1112

† Scripture Readings For This Week †

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2022
For daily readings please go to:
www.usccb.org and click on daily readings

Today's Readings: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

† Prayer and Devotion †

Rosary

The Rosary which is usually recited every Monday at 2:00PM in the Chapel has been *postponed*. The Rosary For Life is the first Saturday of the month at 8:30AM in the Church. All are welcome.

Novena and Evening Prayer

This service takes place every Monday in the Church, beginning with the Rosary at 7:00PM, followed by the Perpetual Novena Devotion in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Evening Prayer at 7:30PM.

Adoration & Exposition

Tues. 8:30am-3pm; Fri. 9am-3pm.—Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every Tuesday evening at 7:00PM in the Chapel.
Temporarily postponed due to chapel floor damage.

† Stewardship, A Way of Life. Tithing, God's Plan For Giving. †

Offertory (Fourth Sunday of March) 2022

In Pew, Mail-In Giving	$	12,012
Faith Direct	$	14,023
Total:	$	26,035

Weekly offertory budget: $ 19,902

† Sunday Mass Worship Guides †

Sunday Mass worship guides will now be available for you to download and view on your mobile phone or tablet. Simply scan the QR Code or please be aware that a PDF version is also available for you to download and print from our website. The worship guide contains the Sunday readings, hymns and responses. Open the QR Code reader on your phone. Hold your device over the QR Code so that it's clearly visible within your smartphone's screen. The phone automatically scans the code. Your smartphone reads the code and navigates to the intended destination.

† Flocknote †

PARISHIONERS KEEP INFORMED!

For messages from our Pastor and/or the diocese for special events/occasions, you can sign-up or register for Flocknote by going to the Church website: www.immaculateconception.org and click on the sub-heading ABOUT, and go to Flocknote, or you can choose to scan the QR Code below on your cellphone screen.

† Faith Direct †

Through Faith Direct you are able to make all of your contributions to Immaculate Conception via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card - just as you do now with a mortgage, household bills and other monthly payments. This is a great way to simplify your giving - and it's most cost effective, environmentally-friendly for us to receive your gifts. Faith Direct gives you a statement of your giving each year, that can be used for income taxes. To enroll online, use code NJ630 by going to www.faithdirect.net or open the QR Code reader below on your cellphone. Hold your device over the QR Code so that it's clearly visible within your smartphone's screen. The phone automatically scans the code. Your smartphone reads the code and navigates to the intended Destination.

Second Collection April 9th & 10th
For the Diocesan Clergy Retirement

The proceeds from this collection will be designated exclusively to support the Maria Regina residence for our retired diocesan priests. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you. Please mail your envelopes to 35 Mountain Ave., Somerville, NJ 08876 or see this page on how to set up on line giving through FaithDirect.net.

Food Collection:

On the third Sunday of each month non-perishable foods are collected at the entrances of the church. We rely on the generous hearts of this Parish Community to help us to continue to fill our neighboring food pantries. It truly is a simple way to help those in need. Please take the time to fill one grocery bag with nonperishable items for those who do not have the means to purchase one of life's basic needs ~ food. Our food collection will be held on April 16th & 17th.

Our Next Penny Collection will be this weekend

† Sacraments †

Have Questions About our Catholic Faith or How to Become Catholic?

If you are a person who has never been baptized, or was baptized in another Christian community, and have a desire to become Catholic, please consider joining RCIA/OCIA classes. Also, if you are a baptized Catholic adult who has not made your First Holy Communion or Confirmation, you can also be involved in RCIA/OCIA. If interested, please call the Parish Center at 908-725-1112 or email us at *office@icsomerville.org.*

Marriages

The Celebration of Christian Marriage with the Church for a wedding should be made approximately one year prior to the desired date and before any social plans are arranged. Participation in a Diocesan Pre-Cana program will assist couples in their preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Catholics who have been away from the Church and the Sacraments need to re-establish their Church and Sacramental life as a pre-requisite for Marriage. Please call the Parish office at 908-725-1112 or email at office@icsomerville.org to make arrangements and for further details and Information.

Anointing of the Sick - Homebound

We encourage you to call the Parish Office at 908-725-1112 to make arrangements for receiving the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick or for the Holy Eucharist to be brought to the sick, the elderly, and the homebound.

Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated in English on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 11AM. Baptisms in Spanish are on the1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:00AM. To register for the baptism of a child and for further information, call Joselynn Toro Santiago at: 908- 725-*1112 Ext. 1117*

Baptism Requirements for Godparents

The Canon Law (Church) States a Godparent must be:

- Be a Baptized and Confirmed Catholic who attends weekly Mass and receives the Holy Eucharist.
- At least 14 years of age (provided the Godfather or Godmother have received Confirmation)
- Not be the parent of the child to be baptized.
- Lead a moral life according to the doctrine of the Church, and be a good Catholic role model.
- If married, be married according to Church law
- Be a registered member of your current parish.
- We can only give Certificates of Eligibility to those who are registered and active with our parish.

Godparents must be fully initiated Catholic, i.e. Baptized, Confirmed and have received Holy Eucharist, and be practicing their faith by participating in weekly Sunday Mass. If married the marriage must be recognized as a Sacrament in the Church. A Baptized Christian of another denomination may serve as a Christian witness to Baptism provided that they are not a former Catholic and that the other Godparent is a practicing Catholic.

† From Our Pastor's Desk †

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Parable of the Prodigal Son, as it is commonly called, is really misnamed. It's not about the wayward son at all. The parable is about the father and the love he has for his sons, the one who strays and the one who stays, because both need his love and mercy, each in their own way.

I suspect most of us can easily relate to the younger son in the sense that we know the many ways we too have looked for our heart's desire away from our Father's house. Perhaps we may even have had a "coming to our senses" moment when we realized how far we have gone astray and need forgiveness and healing. And so we make the return home, back to the Church, back to the sacraments, back to Jesus.

But we need to remember this: God is always the one who initiates our homecoming. As Pope Benedict once observed, "In man's search for God, it is God who has undertaken the longest part of the journey." God is not only watchful for our homecoming, but He is also anxious for it, and through the circumstances of life, even facilitates it. He is the father who runs to meet us, not with condemnations or shame, he doesn't raise his voice or meet us with a leather belt in hand. Instead, we find ourselves embraced with tenderness, forgiveness, and given the promise that He makes all things new again, including us. This is how true, substantive, and lasting repentance and conversion begins. Not just by realizing our sin, but through the encounter with the Lord who shows us concretely through the cross that we are sinners loved and saved by grace.

Misericordia, the Latin word for "mercy", literally means to carry another person's misery in our heart. This is true of the Father for the son who strays. He sees his misery and restores him to his true place in the Father's house. But it is also true for the son who stays as well, whose misery is very real but very different from his brother's.

His is the misery of a heart that is filled with anger, resentment, and unforgiveness. Not only has he shut his brother out, but he has also closed his heart to the love of His Father. He is so entrenched in his bitterness that He will not listen to His Father, who goes out to Him as well, nor will he be moved by any appeal to compassion or pity. Both brothers are broken and sinful men. Both have left the house of their father, each in his own way. The difference is that one recognizes how far he has strayed, while the other does not.

Just as we may recognize ourselves in the prodigal son, we also need to recognize ourselves in the older brother in the ways in which we have refused the Father's appeal to "come in" to feast. We are the older brother when we refuse to see that we stand on common ground with the broken and sinful, when we close our hearts because of anger and unforgiveness, when we delay our conversion, or even doubt the Father's love for us in the first place.

If you are the prodigal making your way home to the Lord, welcome back to the house of your Father. The Father rejoices over you! If you are the older brother here today, the Father comes out to you as well. Do not close your heart to the Father's appeal, but come into the feast of mercy. For it is offered to both the one strays and the one who stays.

Msgr. Joseph A. Juliano

† Holy Week †

Palm Sunday ~ April 10

We begin Holy Week with the blessing and procession with palms. We honor Christ as King as we reflect on His Passion and Death.

The Mass schedule is:

Saturday: 5:00PM (English)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00AM, (English) & 1:00PM (Spanish)

Monday of Holy Week ~ April 11

Mass: 6:30am and 8:00am

Tuesday of Holy Week ~ April 12

Mass: 6:30am and 8:00am
Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am - 2:00pm
*(Ends early due to Chrism Mass at St. Francis Cathedral)
Choir Rehearsal 7 -10:00pm - Church

Chrism Mass

St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen
Tuesday, April 12 at 4:00PM

In the cathedral in Metuchen, the priests of our diocese gather together to renew their commitment to priestly service and the Bishop blesses and consecrates the Holy Oils: the Oil of Catechumens (used for Baptism); the Oil of the Sick (used for Anointing of the Sick); and the Sacred Chrism (used at Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and the Blessing of Church Walls and Altars). Parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday of Holy Week ~ April 13

Mass: 6:30am and 8:30am

11:00am Living Stations (Church)

Holy Thursday ~ April 14

8:30am Morning Prayer - Main Church

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be bilingual.

CLOSING OF ADORATION

11:00pm Night Prayer - Main Church

NOTE: No Morning Mass and No overnight Adoration

Good Friday ~ April 15

8:30am Morning Prayer -*Main Church*

3:00pm The Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

5:30pm Stations of the Cross (*Spanish*)

7:00pm Living Stations of the Cross (*English*)

NOTE: *No Mass and No Eucharistic Adoration today.*

Holy Saturday ~ April 16

8:30am Morning Prayer with food blessing
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass (Bilingual)

NOTE: There will be no 5:00PM Mass on Holy Saturday. The ONLY Mass is the 8:00PM Vigil.
NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

Easter Sunday ~ April 17

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY IN ENGLISH:

7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Sunday in Spanish:

1:00pm

† Children's Faith Formation †

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word is at the 11AM Mass.

Children in grades Kindergarten to Grade 3 are welcome to join. Children will be called forward to listen to God's Word after the opening prayer at the beginning of Mass to hear the readings and special homily at their own level. The children will return to the congregation during the Offertory.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on every Sunday during the month of April except 4/10 and 4/17.

† Social Ministry †

Project Linus

When? The first Thursday of the month: April 7th. How Do I Sign Up? If you plan to participate in our meeting you MUST register with the Ministry leader if you wish to attend. Please email Lynette Klar at Office@icsomerville.org. There is a limit of capacity to each meeting room due to Covid protocols, therefore, we need to know the number of participants planning to attend each meeting. We do not want to turn someone away due to the fact that the room may not accommodate them. Good communication is key to keeping us, not socially distant, rather physically distant, and safe! **Are you taking necessary COVID precautions?** Yes! The meeting room has been thoroughly disinfected. Participants must wear their masks during our gathering. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes are available. **Where?** Immaculata Convent located at 240 Mountain Ave, Somerville, NJ 08876 Meeting Room 1- Upper Room. **What time?** 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

You need no experience or skill! Our Linus Ministers will teach you all you need to know!!! You are most welcome to come for one meeting date and contribute on a one-time basis. They quilt, crochet, or knit blankets for infants and children in need. The blankets are all handmade, and provide not only warmth, but also a real sense of security. *Project Linus also contributes blankets to our Elizabeth Ministry, Celebration of Birth gift packs for women of our parish; the Pregnancy Aid Center; our annual Appalachian Missions trips; and Hospice. They also knit beautiful prayer* shawls for the residents of local nursing homes.

† Diocese of Metuchen †

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Effective this upcoming Easter season, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be permanently transferred from Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter to the following Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, in all Catholic dioceses in New Jersey. This year, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be observed on Sunday, May 29. This liturgical observance is an integral dimension of the completion of Our Lord's paschal mystery and, after much discussion, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey collectively discerned that the transferring the observance to the following Sunday would allow for greater participation among the faithful.

2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal Celebrating 40 Years Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service

Thank you to everyone who has given so generously to the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you haven't made your pledge yet, there's still time to get involved. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or donate online at https://diometuchen.org/BAA.

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

This is what we have received as of today, the Development Office has received pledges totaling $ 119,024.50 and payments totaling $ 101,889.25 from 220 parishioners. This represents 66.5% of your $ 179,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

† Prayer List †

Gladynel Agosto
Helen Bell
Dorothy Bidley
Joe Cusick
Barbara Czekaj
Bill Farrell
Francisco Fernandez
Donald Grimm
Tammy Hines
Janene
Mary Januse
Diana Konopka
Steve Kopil
Thomas Knapp
Beth & Brian Norris
Tim Norris
Marianne Piazza
Richard Sacco
Kevin Stowe, Jr.
Hugh Thomas
Robert & Pat Tocci
Gency Torres
Jennifer Toro Santiago
Bill & Marilyn Silvaney
Shen Tong
Gayle Troia
Vivek Vellarone
Kayla & Gregory Wheelan

If you would like someone added to the sick list, please stop by the Parish Center to fill out a form or call us at *908-725-1112.*

NOTE: After 2 months names are automatically removed. Please contact the Parish Center if you would like to have someone who has been removed to be added back on the list. A new form must be filled out every 2 months. Thank you for your cooperation.

† Pro Life Corner †

As we continue in Lent, it is good to consider where we stand in obeying God's command to love and serve our neighbor. Among the most defenseless and in need neighbor we have is the innocent child in the womb. The child in the womb totally relies on others, his/her neighbors like you and me, for his/her wellbeing. And this does not only mean the child's mother, for we too are the child's neighbor. It is a horrifying fact that more than 60 million children in the womb have been killed since the Roe v Wade decision in 1973 recognized a constitutional right to abortion. We must face the truth that abortion is the intentional, gruesome killing of a child. We need to ask ourselves during this season of Lent whether we are doing enough to protect the precious children in the womb. Do we pray and sacrifice for an end to abortion? Do we support mothers in need, especially those in a difficult pregnancy? Do we speak to our family and friends on the topic of supporting the Right to Life. Do we vote only for candidates who support the Right to Life for the child in the womb? We should not take our obligation to love and serve our neighbor lightly. Nor should we presume that God really doesn't care if I'm indifferent to loving and serving the child in the womb, and that there are no consequences to my lack of concern. Msgr. Charles Pope in a recent blog post wrote: "Many people think that they can go on behaving sinfully, recklessly, and wantonly and that they will never face punishment. 'God is love,' they boldly say. 'He would never send people to Hell or punish them!' In saying this, they reject literally thousands of verses of Scripture that say otherwise; they have refashioned God and worship a man-made idol. 'God doesn't care whether I go to Church,' they claim. 'He doesn't mind if I live with my girlfriend.' The list of things God 'doesn't mind' continues to grow. The attitude seems to be that no matter what I do, God will save me. It is presumptuous to speak or think like this. Hell and punishment are surely difficult teachings to fully comprehend and to reconcile with God's patience and mercy, but He teaches of them and therefore we need to stop pretending He doesn't." And in case we tend to procrastinate in reforming our lives, Msgr. Pope relates a story: "There were three demons summoned by Satan as to their plan to entrap as many human beings as possible. The first demon announced that he would tell them there is no God. But Satan wasn't too impressed. 'You'll get a few, but not many and even those atheists are mostly lying and know deep down inside that someone greater than they made them and all things.' The second demon said he would tell them there is no devil. But Satan said, 'That won't work, most of them have already met me and know my power.' Finally, the third demon said, 'I will not tell them there is no God or no devil, I will simply tell them there is no hurry!' And Satan smiled an ugly grin and said, 'You're the man!'"

Presented by: Kevin Dugan

† Rosary Altar Society †

Rosary Altar Society
Immaculate Conception Parish
EASTER BREAD SALE - 2022

Enjoy the Easter Traditions without all the work. We are selling Easter items made locally. These all-butter creations will be delivered fresh to the Parish in time for your holiday celebrations.

#1 Cheese Babka $9.50 or Traditional Babka $8.50	**#2 Kiffles (1 Lb.) Assorted Fruit $19.50**	**# 3 Easter Egg Cake Vanilla or Chocolate $12.00** Decorations and color will vary	**#4 Easter Egg Wreath $9.50**
Cheese		Vanilla	
Traditional		Chocolate	

Total #Items_____ **Total Dollars $_____**

Order Form

- Complete order form and place it in an envelope marked Rosary Altar Society, Easter Bake Sale with your check made payable to: ***Rosary Altar Society***
- Drop off or mail your envelope to the parish center, 35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876
- Deadline for orders is **Monday April 9**
- Orders must be picked up from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 13 at **Immaculata High School Cafeteria entrance, 240 Mountain Avenue, Somerville.**

Any questions, please call Joan Vossen at (908) 735-8898 or Marguerite Baranowski at (908) 526-5094 or Carol Brady at (908) 231-0621. Email nike_kitty@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Telephone: **Home** _____ **Work** _____ **Cell** _____

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† Parish Directory †

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† The Parish Office †

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Mirna Gonzalez, Coordinators of Discipleship 908-725- 1112

Joan Kopil, Bereavement Group & Lazarus Ministry; Contact the Parish Center at 908-725-1112

Parish Trustees Mrs. Judy Hancock
Mr. John Tegeler

† Parish Ministries †

Contact the Parish Center for more information or questions about these ministries at 908-725-1112 or email: Office@icsomerville.org

- **Appalachian Relief Services**
- **Bakery Delivery - Waste Not Want Not**
- **Camp Fatima of NJ/Mentally Disabled**
- **Elizabeth Ministry**
- **HOME-Housing Outreach Multipath Empowerment-** shelters homeless
- **Monthly Food Collection**
- **Monthly Penny Collection for SHIP**
- **Nursing Home Visitations**
- **Parish Nursing Program**
- **Pro-Life Outreach**
- **St. Joseph Workers**
- **Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP)**
  SHIP's Galley - Serving or preparing meals
  SHIP's Mobile Kitchen - Serving meals
- **St. Peregrine Ministry -** Cancer Outreach
- **St. Zita Ministry -** Anna Ferreira
- **Project Linus -** Lynette Klar
- **Persons with Disabilities -** Regina Tegeler
- **MAT25 Ministry** -Anne Lurski

† Liturgia y Oración de la Semana †

Boletín en Español

3 de Abril de 2022

Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

Mensaje Espiritual

"Más aún, todo me parece una desventaja comparado con el inapreciable conocimiento de Cristo Jesús, mi Señor. Por él he sacrificado todas las cosas, a las que considero como desperdicio, con tal de ganar a Cristo ... Por la fe podré conocerlo a él, conocer el poder de su resurrección ..."

A menudo escuchamos la expresión 'una situación de ganar o perder'. Al acercarnos a los días que se vienen, cambiamos esta ecuación, ya que el misterio pascual es para nosotros una realidad de ganar o ganar. El sufrimiento y muerte de Jesús lleva a Su resurrección, y gana una nueva vida para nosotros. Cuán fácil es para nosotros olvidar que la pasión y muerte de Jesús, no fue sólo Su esfuerzo, sino que ocurrió por nosotros, al leer y reflexionar sobre las palabras de San Pablo hoy.

Hoy Jesús se agacha, escribe en la arena. Ya que nadie tira la primera piedra sino que se van, ojalá que perdonemos a otros y escuchemos lo que Jesús nos dice: "Tampoco yo te condeno, ve y no peques más.' Antes de la Semana Santa, vaya a confesarse. Esa es nuestra situación de ganar o ganar.

Intención de la Santa Misa

3 de Abril de 2022

Intensión por el Dr. José R Hernández

Lecturas del Domingo

Primer Lectura: Isaías 43:16-21
Dios dice que no hay que recordar el pasado sino enfocarse en las cosas que planea hacer. También asegura que ayudará a su pueblo escogido cundo lo necesiten.

Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 3:8-14
Pablo dice que el conocimiento de Jesús es más importante que el de la Ley Antigua. Desea compartir el poder de la resurrección de Jesús, y habla de concentrarse en llegar a la meta y ganar el premio de la salvación.

Evangelio: San Juan 8:1-11
Jesús enseña a perdonar el pecado. En la Ley Antigua, mujeres acusadas de adulterio eran lapidadas. Los fariseos lo pusieron a prueba y le llevaron a una mujer acusada de adulterio, y le preguntaron qué hacer. Jesús les dijo que aquel sin pecado le tirara la primera piedra. Los ancianos se fueron. Jesús no condenó a la mujer pero le advirtió no volver a pecar.

Lecturas del Día

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Domingo: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Lunes: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:12-20

Martes: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Miércoles: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Jueves: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Viernes: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Sábado: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

† Guías de Adoración de la Misa Dominical †

Las guías de adoración de la misa dominical ahora estarán disponibles para que las descargue y las vea en su teléfono móvil o tableta. Simplemente escanee el código QR a continuación o la versión PDF también está disponible para descargar e imprimir desde nuestro sitio web. La guía de adoración contiene las lecturas, himnos y respuestas dominicales.

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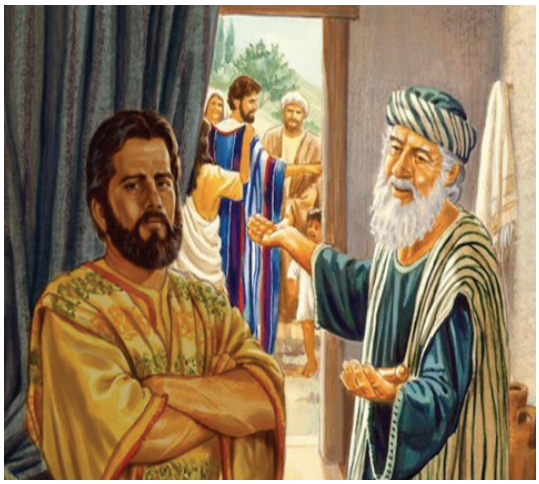

La parábola del hijo pródigo, como comúnmente se le llama, en realidad está mal llamada. No se trata del hijo descarriado en absoluto. La parábola trata sobre el padre y el amor que tiene por sus hijos, el que se extravía y el que se queda, porque ambos necesitan de su amor y misericordia, cada uno a su manera.

Sospecho que la mayoría de nosotros podemos relacionarnos fácilmente con el hijo menor en el sentido de que conocemos las muchas formas en que nosotros también hemos buscado el deseo de nuestro corazón lejos de la casa de nuestro Padre. Tal vez incluso hayamos tenido un momento de "recuperación de nuestros sentidos" cuando nos dimos cuenta de lo lejos que nos hemos descarriado y necesitamos perdón y sanación. Y así hacemos la vuelta a casa, de vuelta a la Iglesia, de vuelta a los sacramentos, de vuelta a Jesús.

Pero debemos recordar esto: Dios es siempre quien inicia nuestro regreso a casa. Como el Papa Benedicto observó una vez: "En la búsqueda de Dios por parte del hombre, es Dios quien ha emprendido la parte más larga del viaje". Dios no solo está atento a nuestro regreso a casa, sino que también está ansioso por ello y, a través de las circunstancias de la vida, incluso lo facilita. Es el padre que corre a nuestro encuentro, no con condenas ni vergüenza, no levanta la voz ni sale al encuentro con un cinturón de cuero en la mano. En cambio, nos encontramos abrazados con ternura, perdón y dada la promesa de que Él hace nuevas todas las cosas, incluyéndonos a nosotros. Así es como comienza el arrepentimiento y la conversión verdaderos, sustantivos y duraderos. No sólo por darnos cuenta de nuestro pecado, sino por el encuentro con el Señor que nos muestra concretamente a través de la cruz que somos pecadores amados y salvados por la gracia.

Misericordia, la palabra latina para "misericordia", literalmente significa llevar la miseria de otra persona en nuestro corazón. Esto es verdad del Padre para el hijo que se extravía. Ve su miseria y lo restaura a su verdadero lugar en la casa del Padre. Pero también es cierto para el hijo que se queda, cuya miseria es muy real pero muy diferente a la de su hermano.
Suya es la miseria de un corazón que está lleno de ira, resentimiento y falta de perdón. No sólo ha dejado fuera a su hermano, sino que también ha cerrado su corazón al amor de Su Padre. Está tan atrincherado en su amargura que no escuchará a su Padre, que también sale hacia Él, ni será movido por ningún llamado a la compasión oa la piedad. Ambos hermanos son hombres quebrantados y pecadores. Ambos han dejado la casa de su padre, cada uno a su manera. La diferencia es que uno reconoce cuánto se ha desviado, mientras que el otro no.

Así como podemos reconocernos en el hijo pródigo, también debemos reconocernos en el hermano mayor en las formas en que hemos rechazado el llamado del Padre de "entrar" para la fiesta. Somos el hermano mayor cuando nos negamos a ver que estamos en un terreno común con los quebrantados y pecadores, cuando cerramos nuestros corazones debido a la ira y la falta de perdón, cuando retrasamos nuestra conversión, o incluso dudamos del amor del Padre por nosotros en primer lugar. lugar.

Si eres el pródigo que se dirige a casa del Señor, bienvenido de nuevo a la casa de tu Padre. ¡El Padre se regocija por ti! Si eres el hermano mayor aquí hoy, el Padre también sale a ti. No cierren su corazón al llamado del Padre, sino vengan a la fiesta de la misericordia. Porque se ofrece tanto al que se extravía como al que se queda.

Abp. Joseph A. Fiorenza

† Domingo de Ramos †

Domingo de Pasión (Ramos)
10 de abril

Comenzamos la Semana Santa con la bendición y procesión de ramos. Honramos a Cristo como Rey al reflexionar sobre Su Pasión y Muerte.
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Hasta la fecha, esto es lo que hemos recibido, la Oficina de Desarrollo ha recibido compromisos por un total de $119,024.50 y pagos por un total de $101,889.25 de 220 feligreses. Esto representa el 66.5% de su meta de $179,000.00. Gracias por tus esfuerzos

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A partir de esta próxima temporada de Pascua, la Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor se transferirá permanentemente del jueves de la Sexta Semana de Pascua al siguiente domingo, el Séptimo Domingo de Pascua, en todas las diócesis católicas de Nueva Jersey. Este año, la Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor se observará el domingo 29 de mayo. Esta observancia litúrgica es una dimensión integral de la realización del misterio pascual de Nuestro Señor y, después de mucha discusión, los obispos católicos de Nueva Jersey discernieron colectivamente que el traslado de la observancia al domingo siguiente permitiría una mayor participación de los fieles.

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