

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE

E A S T E R S U N D A Y



MISSION STATEMENT

"IN SINCERE GRATITUDE AND WITH GRACE IN OUR HEARTS, ST. JOSEPH PARISH CALLS GOD OUR ONE FATHER. HIS LIFE IS SHOWN TO US THROUGH JESUS AS HIS SON AND OUR SAVIOR. IN THE SPIRIT OF THAT SAME DIVINE LIFE WE REMEMBER, PROFESS AND PRACTICE AS A FAMILY OF BELIEVERS SO THAT THE GOSPEL MAY BE LIGHT AND LEAVEN TO OUR WORLD."

Rev. Msgr. John B. Gordon - Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Pafnouti Wassef - Parochial Vicar
Rev. Sean G. Winters - In Residence
Deacon George Kimball - Permanent Deacon

Deacon Ramon Torres - Permanent Deacon
Deacon Vidal Gonzalez - Permanent Deacon
Ms. Joanne McKnight - Principal
Mrs. Marcelle Doherty - Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Assistant

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 9, 2023

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

"For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20: 9)

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are witnesses of all that Christ has done — in our lives, in our souls, in our hearts. We have seen the empty tomb. We have touched the abandoned burial cloths. "Go tell my brothers," Jesus commands us. "Do not be afraid."



"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said."

MATTHEW 28:5B-6

Dear Parish Family,

A blessed Easter Sunday to you! Alleluia and Praise to our Risen Lord*** this day is our celebration of the most profound mystery of our lives, the salvation of our souls by the victory over the tomb. We proclaim in our prayers and we joyfully announce in our sharing that our faith is the value of our hearts and without Jesus Christ we find nothing that fulfills our happiness.

We welcome Anna as the newly baptized Christian who was confirmed and completed her sacraments with communion at the Vigil Mass of Easter. Thank you and congratulations to those who were confirmed with her making their communion, as well.

Our Holy Week was filled with the special efforts of decoration, song and participation and to all who gave of their time and efforts, their talents and gifts, may you know the Lord's blessings upon the cheerful giver and the faithful servant.

We have our Easter week with the beauty of our flowers and the daily mass of the Easter Octave leading into Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16. Divine Mercy Parish, 140 Emerson St., Carteret will hold the special

holy hour of mercy at 3pm in English and our parish will host the continuing novena in Spanish to the Divine Mercy chaplet each evening at 7pm in Spanish leading to next Sunday completion and fellowship following the 12:30pm Spanish mass.

Our school fundraiser of Bingo/Tricky Tray is arriving on April 22 with doors opening at the school gymnasium, 865 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret @ 6:30pm. Must be 18 years or older to attend.

Also, our centennial gala evening with Bishop Checchio and invited priests and honored guests in celebration of 100 years as the catholic school of St. Joseph continues its promotion. The event will be held May 6, 2023, beginning with 5pm parish mass at church and proceeding to Carteret Performing Arts Center for 6:30pm cocktail hour and reception. A wonderful evening has been planned. Tickets are \$100 each. Please call the parish office, 732-541-8946 for questions and details.

Jesus is Risen as He said, Alleluia!

Msgr. John

SACRAMENTS

Baptism (English): The second Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM.

Baptism (Spanish): The first Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Please arrange for the obligatory preparation session by calling the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The Holy Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick are available to the sick and shut-ins upon request.

First Penance, First Eucharist, Confirmation: Children are expected to receive a Catholic upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to receive ongoing Religious Education in the years preceding the reception of these sacraments.

Matrimony: To allow ample time for preparation, please contact the Parish Office at least one year before the intended wedding date.

Holy Orders or Religious Life: If you are considering serving God as a Priest, Deacon or Religious, you may contact your Parish Priest or Deacon; or phone the Office of Vocations at 732-562-2457 for additional information.

MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 PM (Saturday evening Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM
12:30 PM - Spanish Mass

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM; Saturday: 8:30 AM
Thursday: 7:00 PM - Spanish Mass
St. Peregrine Mass for the Sick
Second Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM

Recitation of Rosary before 8am Daily Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 11:00 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Parish	School
7 Locust Street	865 Roosevelt Avenue
Carteret, NJ 07008	Carteret, NJ 07008

MAILING ADDRESS

Parish Office	732-541-8946
Parish Office Fax	732-541-0500
Religious Education	732-969-8767
School	732-541-7111
St. Vincent de Paul Society	732-541-8946 x108

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Registration: New parishioners are welcome. Please call the parish office to register. Please inform us if you move.

R.C.I.A.: Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the parish office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Parish Organizations: Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Ministry to the Sick & Elderly, RCIA Team, Food Pantry, Hispanic Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Home School Association, Athletic Association, and Catechetical Instruction.

Sponsorship: To act as a Godparent for Baptism or sponsor for Confirmation, the sponsor must be a baptized Catholic, Confirmed, received Communion, and live a morally good life; if married, done so within church law. Ordinarily the sponsor must be at least 14 years old.

WEBSITE:

sjps.net

EMAIL:

stjosephparishcarteret@sjps.net

NEW HOLY HOUR

Monthly Holy Hours have been scheduled beginning in May to celebrate this year of Eucharistic Revival, a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery. The Holy Hours will alternate between different St. Joseph groups.

- **1st Wed of the Month**—English Lectors, Ems, Choir, Ushers, St. Vincent de Paul, and Food Pantry Volunteers.
- **2nd Wed of the Month**—School and PREP families, Catechist, youth group, Altar servers.
- **3rd Wed of the Month**—Spanish speaking ministries, Circle of Prayer members, Legion of Mary, and Cultural Apostolate members.

Visit the Eucharistic Revival Website at:

<https://eucharisticrevival.org/>



Action Guide: Sunday of Divine Mercy

Each year, on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in one or more abortions.

By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many feel that abortion is "the unforgivable sin." They need to hear that God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion.

EMAIL CONGRESS TO PROTECT PRE-BORN CHILDREN

The U.S. House of Representatives is considering whether to bring the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7) to a vote.

Your representative needs to hear from you to help make it happen! A message has already been written for you, so it just takes a few moments to send.

Visit our action guide at:

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/divine-mercy-action-guide>



Prayer to End Abortions

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that You have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen!



St. Joseph School will be hosting the 100th Anniversary Gala

Help Us to Celebrate our 100th Anniversary!

You are invited to be a part of the Saint Joseph School Centennial celebration by placing an ad in our Gala Ad Journal. Spaces are available for sale. All proceeds will be directed toward the special centennial gift project of school enhancement with new messaging and advanced technology signage. Below is a depiction of the school property together with the scrolling sign model which will be introduced along Roosevelt Ave. frontage.

To place an ad in the Ad Journal, please contact the parish office at 732-541-8946.

Thank you in advance for helping to make our celebration a success!

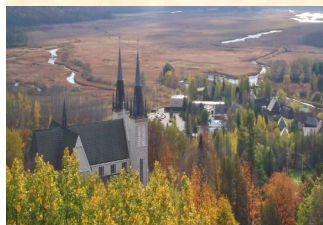
St. Joseph School Anniversary Committee

New Signage along Frontage of Property



Parish Pilgrimage to Canada

Explore Canada with a Catholic Pilgrimage to visit the North American Martyrs in Midland, Ontario. Visit Toronto and the Niagara Falls and Church to Our Lady. Accompanied by Msgr. John Gordon who will celebrate daily Mass, and provide Spiritual guidance. Departing October 5, 2023 and returning October 8, 2023. ***Estimated cost for trip will be \$900 per person.*** A Valid Passport is required. Space is limited. Contact the parish office at 732 541 8946 to reserve your spot for the pilgrimage.





CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2023-2024

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Online Application Process is now open. Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>.

Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2023. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.



Saint Joseph School

PreK-3 and PreK-4 through 8th Grade

A Place to Believe, Achieve, Serve & Succeed

What Makes Saint Joseph School Stand Out



- ✓ Catholic Faith Based Education
- ✓ Robotics & Coding Program
- ✓ Enriched Student Life
- ✓ Student Collaboration
- ✓ IXL & STREAM
- ✓ Rigorous Academic Program
- ✓ Eagles Before and After Care program
- ✓ Fine Arts
- ✓ Athletic Program
- ✓ FLEX Program



Register Now 2023-2024
Call (732) 541-7111 & Schedule a Tour
Financial Assistance is Available



865 Roosevelt Ave
Carteret, NJ 07008
www.saintjosephschoolcarteret.net

Please Join Us For SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL'S Pre-Kindergarten 3 & 4

OPEN HOUSE



THURSDAY, APRIL 27th
Two Sessions: 12:30PM & 5:30PM

Our Pre-Kindergarten 4 program uses a hands-on approach to facilitate learning as students develop academically, socially, and emotionally utilizing a unique early childhood curriculum in a nurturing environment.

- MEET TEACHERS
- MEET THE PRINCIPAL
- TOUR THE SCHOOL
- VISIT CLASSROOMS
- ASK QUESTIONS
- LEARN MORE

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL'S HSA PRESENTS THEIR SPRING BINGO/TRICKY TRAY EVENT

865 Roosevelt Ave
Carteret, New Jersey
April 22, 2023

Entry Tickets are \$15 and include:
1 book of 3 face game cards for each of
the 10 Bingo Games
Coffee and Dessert

50/50 Raffle, Lottery Apron, Tricky Tray baskets,
Designer Handbags, Electronics and More

Doors open at 5:30pm-Bingo begins at 7:00pm
For Tickets call 732-541-7111 or 732-541-8946

Or

Email HSA@SJPS.NET
MUST BE OVER 18

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

IS CELEBRATING THE

100th Anniversary Gala

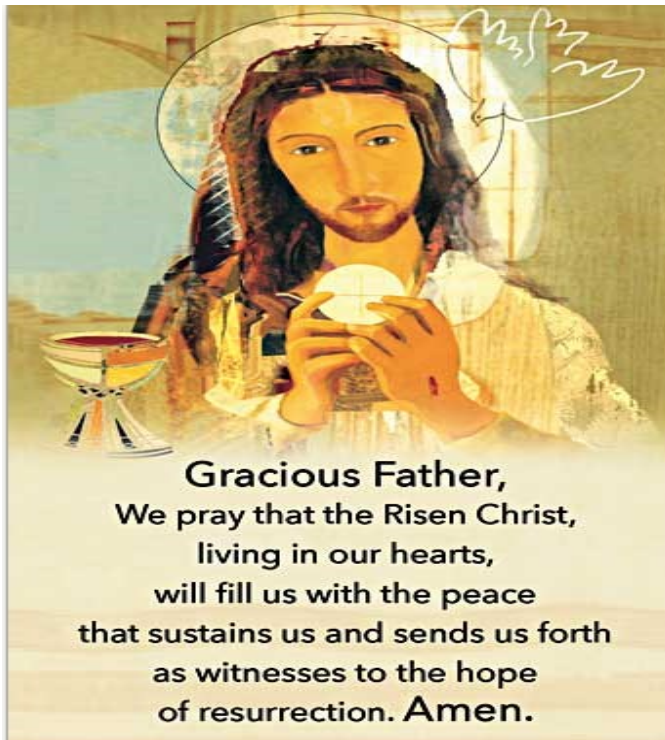
SATURDAY MAY 6TH 2023

OUR CENTENNIAL MASS AT 5:00PM
ON SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023 WILL BE
CELEBRATED BY BISHOP JAMES F. CHECCHIO
AT THE SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

THE GALA WILL COMMENCE AT 6:30PM
AT THE CARTERET PERFORMING ARTS
AND EVENTS CENTER
46 WASHINGTON AVE,
CARTERET, NJ 07008

TICKETS ARE \$100 PER PERSON | COCKTAIL ATTIRE

Call the parish office
at 732-541-8946 or
Email the school office



Six Flags
NJ Catholic Youth Rally
at Six Flags Great Adventure
May 21st, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
1 Six Flags Boulevard, Jackson, NJ 08527

Registration is open for our Annual Statewide Youth Rally! The NJ Catholic Youth Rally is a day-long event that gathers teens from across the state of NJ for a day of fun, fellowship, Mass, and more held at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ. **The day starts with dynamic opening ceremony hosted by the Diocese of Metuchen.** Teens then get the day to enjoy the park and all the rides. The day concludes in the Batman Stunt Arena with a Mass. Open to all Jr. High, High School & Young Adult Ministry, Scouting Parish/School Athletic Programs, and families!

For more information visit:

<https://www.diometuchen.org/youth-rally>

Union Catholic High School
1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

SPRING OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

Soar Beyond Your Dreams at Union Catholic!

In our co-educational, faith-based environment you will reach your greatest potential. Join us and discover for yourself why Union Catholic High School is so special! Visit our website to reserve your seat or call us at 908-889-1600, ext. 302

**FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL AT
UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 12-5 pm

Live Music, Beer & Wine - Fun for All Ages!

For more info, or if you would like to be a vendor, email alestarchick@unioncatholic.org

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A



Easter Sunday • John 20:1-9



GOSPEL

It was very early in the morning on Sunday. The tomb stone was rolled away. Jesus was gone. All that was left inside were the strips of linen cloth. When John and Peter saw it, they were amazed. They did not understand all the promises the prophets wrote about Jesus yet. However, they knew he was alive. He had risen from the dead!



PRAYER

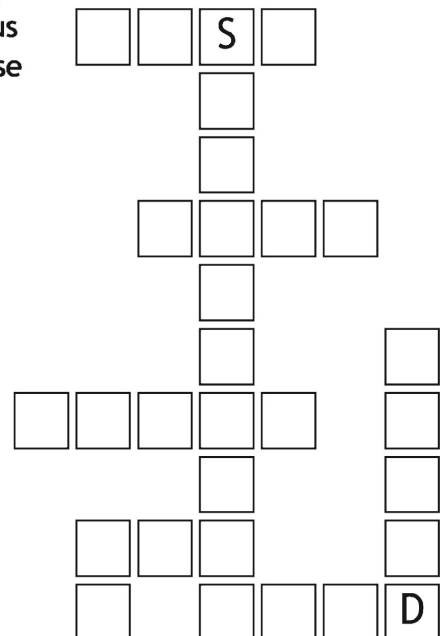
God, I thank you for bringing Jesus back to life.



PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**The Scriptures
said Jesus
would rise
to life.**



MISSION

Bake Resurrection Cookies with your family tonight. You can find the recipe online at <https://www.catholicicing.com/how-to-make-easter-story-cookies-with-a-printable-recipe/>.

Updates from the



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NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: his Real Presence in the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery.

Bishop Checchio delivers a homily from the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and the official launch of the National Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Metuchen.

To view a video and for more information visit us at:

<https://diometuchen.org/eucharisticrevival>

ADORATION AND MASS SCHEDULE:

Every Tuesday & Thursday
Adoration will be from 9 AM
to 11:45 AM. Mass will be
celebrated at 11:45 AM on
Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Thursday.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORERS WANTED:

Now that the pandemic is over,
Bishop Checchio would like to offer
Eucharistic adoration at the
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center,
Monday through Friday, from
9:00-11:45 a.m.

To become a regular adorers at
the pastoral center, please contact Angela
Marshall at adoration@diometuchen.org
or 732-562-1990 ext. 1543



BECOME A REGULAR ADORER TODAY!

Please scan
the QR code
to sign up online



LIFE-GIVING
Wounds

Life-Giving Wounds Retreat for Adult Children of
Divorce or Separation
June 3, 2023

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat is a unique opportunity for young adults (18+) and adults with divorced or separated parents to reflect intentionally on the wounds caused by their family's breakdown, together with others who know this pain and are knowledgeable, compassionate retreat leaders.

When: June 3, 2023 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Where: The Shrine of St. Joseph,
1050 Long Hill Rd, Stirling, NJ
General Admission is \$75.00,
Student Admission is \$25.00.

To register visit: www.diometuchen.org/familylife

If you have any questions, please contact:

cdaverso@diometuchen.org or

amarshall@diometuchen.org

[t Link](#)

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist

Our diocese has been blessed in recent years with an increased number of vocations and, thanks be to God, we presently have 21 seminarians studying for the priesthood. A large portion of our seminarians' education is being funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal, for which they are extremely grateful. Your gift also supports a wide array of diocesan programs that foster vocations and provide ongoing formation for those called to both ordained and lay leadership roles within the Church. Your generosity also ensures that our retired priests who have served so faithfully receive the care they deserve in their later years. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration



The diocesan church cordially invites couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2023 to attend the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service with Bishop F. Checchio on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ. Registration is required to attend the Prayer Service. To register visit our website:

<https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>

**The National
BLACK CATHOLIC
Congress**

**DIOCESAN DAY of
REFLECTION**
for BLACK CATHOLICS
Office of Multicultural Ministry

April 22, 2023 from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM.
at St. Matthias Parish, Somerset

The Diocese of Metuchen Office of Multicultural
Ministry is holding a Reflection Day in
preparation for the National Black Catholic
Congress to be held July 20-23, 2023.

To Register please contact the Office of Multicultural
Ministry at: mperez@diometuchen.org or 732-529-7933

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY April 8th

Holy Saturday

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass (Bi-Lingual)

SUNDAY April 9th

EASTER SUNDAY IF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00 AM+ Hank Heintjes

10:30 AM People of the Parish

12:30 PM+ Blessings of Health Msgr. Ed Puleo

MONDAY April 10th

Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM+ Harvey Strauss

TUESDAY April 11th

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00AM+ Daniel Pagan, +Jose Santos, +Luis Santos

WEDNESDAY April 12th

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00AM+ Rhonda and Tom Hanley

THURSDAY April 13th

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM Birthday Blessing for Alice Benson

11:30AM Adoration

6:00 PM Holy Hours

7:00 PM+ Joselyn Torres (St Peregrine Mass)

FRIDAY April 14th

Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 PM+ Mary and Fred Lakatos

SATURDAY April 15th

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 AM+ Hanley and Barney Family

5:00 PM+ Mr. & Mrs. Victor Servello

SUNDAY April 16th

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

8:00 AM+ Joseph Innetta

10:30 AM+ Regina Reiner

12:30 PM+ Manuel Mazon

****Recitation of Rosary before 8am Daily Mass****

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

If you have requested a Mass to be celebrated for your intention and would like to present the gifts that will become the Body and Blood of Christ at that Mass, please be sure to inform one of the ushers before Mass; otherwise, they will ask someone from the congregation to present the gifts. Thank you.

INTENTIONS ~ April 9-April 15

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in loving memory of **Mike Gervino** requested by **Joan Gervino**.

The **Alter Bread & Wine** are being presented memory of **Mike & Amelia Gervino, Buddy & Noreen Kammerer, Virginia Taglieri and Peggy Milevoi** requested by **Joan Gervino**.

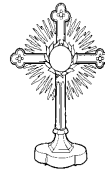


**Parish, PREP, and School offices
will be closed on Easter Monday
April 10th 2023**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays in the Church Chapel

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM



Restoration, sanctification, transformation, reparation, and salvation are the graces being poured out graciously upon us with each Holy Hour we make.
-Excerpt from *Letter To A Brother Priest*

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company!

"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under Heaven..."

a time to heal... for those in our Parish who are ill and especially for *Alice Benson, Anthony LaMotta, Angelina Virola, Constance Sewing, Genevieve Elko, Josie Gibbs, Kelley Nelson, Kirsten Kisselman, Mary Warren, Ray Sewing, Raymond Sewing, Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Puleo, and Robert Sulo.*

Recently Departed but never will be forgotten...

Victoria Lopez, Buena Ventura Espinosa Prieto, Luz Del Campo, Nilda Mireya Yui Ramos

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

April 2, 2023 \$ 8,822.50



Thanks
for Your
Support!

All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven
—Colossians 3:1-4

The Pope's April Prayer Intention

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence,
by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

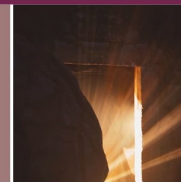
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

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

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

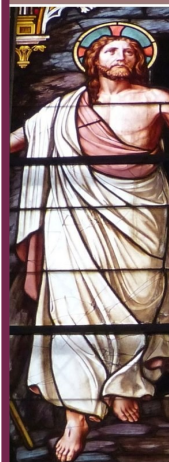
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

The Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday



*"The Lord
is truly risen,
alleluia.
To him be glory
and power
for all ages of eternity,
alleluia, alleluia."*

Luke 24:34; cf. Revelation 1:6



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 our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The Roman Missal



Today, we celebrate Easter,
Christ's Resurrection.
Easter is the "feast of feasts,"
"the solemnity of solemnities,"
and the "Great Sunday."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1169