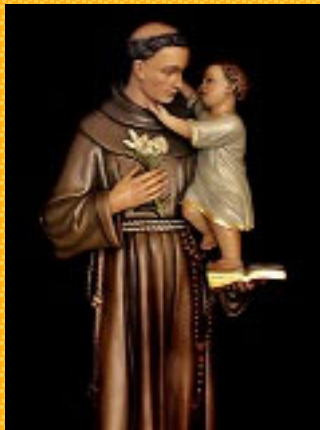




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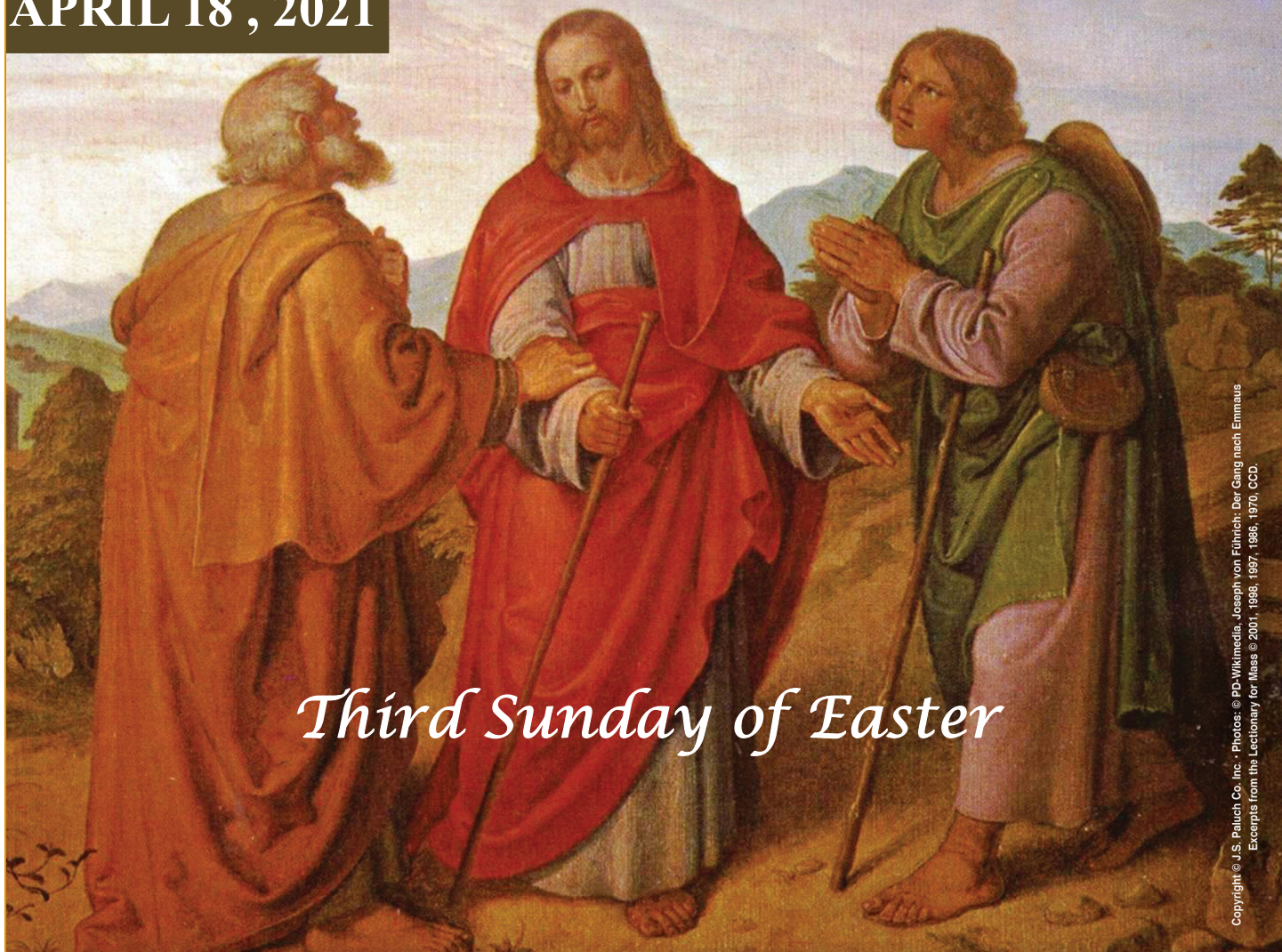
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Third Sunday of Easter

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FROM PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Fear is one of the most common of all emotions. We all fall into its grasp from time to time. It can be very real and even cause us to freeze up and not act as we should. The disciples certainly experienced this when Christ appeared in their midst as they were listening to *the two disciples [recount] what had taken place on the way.*

The risen Christ came, offering them reassurance and peace. It is one thing to hear a story about Christ's post-resurrection appearance, it is another to see it with your own eyes. The evangelist does not hold back in describing their fear – even their incredulity. They see Jesus but they immediately think it might be a ghost or a hallucination.

But Jesus will not allow that fear to have the last word. Reassuring them of his real, actual presence, he proves it by the most common of all actions: He invites them to look at his hands and feet, and to touch him so they will sense the reality of flesh and bones, which a ghost does not have. And then eats in front of them – something else a ghost would not do. But more than just ameliorating the disciples' fear, Jesus presence has a triple purpose: to prove his resurrection, to help them understand the fulfilled Scriptures, and to prepare them for their mission before the world.

Jesus calls them witnesses – *martyrs* in Greek – disciples who give all to proclaim the risen Christ. Peter becomes one of the great examples of this change. In our first reading, we saw a different Peter from the Good Friday man who denied Jesus three times. Filled with the truth of the Resurrection and the power of the Spirit, he is the very opposite of fearful. Now he has the courage to stand before those who condemned Jesus – to proclaim him as the fulfillment of the prophetic promises and to call all to repentance. Saint John matches this powerful message with a reminder to his community of the immensity of Jesus' forgiveness.

So, what about us? It is easy in our broken humanity to allow fear and doubt to control us.

Yet they must never have the last word: Christ always finds a way to reassure us of the truth and reality of the Resurrection, and its offer of life. As believers, we find that reassurance in the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church where the Scriptures are proclaimed and the Spirit is at work. Here we encounter Christ. Here he takes away our fears and doubts and frees us to go out and share the Good News.

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I have tried to proclaim that Good News to the best of my ability in the last 25 years of my priesthood. I do hope and pray that the Lord, and you all will help me to proclaim that Good news here at St. Anthony Parish for many more years to come. My wish is that of a community that we have heard so often in the Eastern readings of the Acts of the Apostles: ***"The community of believers was of one heart and mind"***. Today's communal celebration was an expression of it.

Thank you all for attending my anniversary Mass.

Blessings,
Fr. Tad

MASS INTENTIONS

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Fr. Tadeusz Terembula (SI)

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Robert Low (RIP)

9:30 a.m. Rita Jill Balingit Mercado (RIP)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sharon Slone, Millie Milkovich, Linda Raimundo,
Larry Broderick, Tara Kelly, Tony Elliot, Ryan Keit,
Diego Pelayo, Juanita Elizabeth Croker,
John Malloy, Luca Colacino, Janice Page,
Encarnacion Leocena, Tracy Riffe, Carolyn Hackett,
Steve Fineburg, Jessica Votaw, Kathy Zwibelman,
Sean Banchemo, Dale Anderson,
Rose Flowers, Teresita Roig, Matt Cesario,
Michael Rideau, Dennis Ikerd, Marlene Agnoletti

To add a name to the Prayer List, please contact the

Parish Office: churchstanthony@dsj.org

ANOINTING & CARE OF THE SICK

✠ If you or someone you know is preparing for surgery, received a recent serious medical diagnosis, or is experiencing the burden of years, please call the Parish Office for Anointing of the Sick.

✠ Communion can be brought to anyone who is ill or homebound through our Pastoral Care Ministers.

MASS TIMES



**BIG CHURCH
MCKEAN RD**

Indoor Sunday Mass

8:00 a.m. (with attendees)

Livestream

<https://www.facebook.com/stanthonycatholicchurchsj/>

Outdoor Sunday Masses

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

(Reservations thru weekly constant contact or <https://churchstanthony.com/>.

Please use links for Mass date and time sent that week. Previous reservation links will not work.)

Weekday Mass :

Indoors in the Church (with attendees)

Livestreaming

Tuesday - Friday

8:00 a.m.



**LITTLE CHURCH
BERTRAM RD**

Outdoor Saturday Mass 4:00 pm

******Please note that there will be no
weekday Mass from April 20 to April 23.**

**Only 2 Masses on Sunday, April 25
at 8:00 am and 9:30 am. No Mass at Little
Church on Saturday, April 24 at 4 pm******

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 | 1 Jn 2:1-5a | Lk 24:35-48

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In each of our lifetimes, we can look back to a time when we witnessed history. Depending on our generation, it's likely we remember exactly what we were doing the day JFK was assassinated, on 9/11 or, more recently, when our school or workplace shut down because of the coronavirus pandemic. Even these far-reaching events pale in comparison to what the disciples witnessed when the risen Christ appeared to them. Assuring them he was not a ghost, Jesus "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures," and reminded them that they were witnesses to a different kind of history – salvation history: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name." Let us pray that we, too, may have our minds open to the eyewitness accounts in Scripture and our hearts open to repentance, so that "[our] sins may be wiped away."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm struck by the disciples' reaction when they realized Jesus really was in the room. They were "incredulous for joy" and "amazed." After this encounter with Jesus, they could not help but share the Good News. Just as the disciples in the early Church testified to Christ's resurrection, today's readings challenge us to share the Good News in a similar way. For many Catholics, this isn't at the top of our skill-set. However, in a 2019 gathering on the New Evangelization, Pope Francis reminds us not to fret over finding the right words. "The joy of the Gospel comes from the encounter with Jesus," he says. "When we meet the Lord, we are inundated by that love of which he alone is capable." This love transforms our whole life, and "the need to announce it arises spontaneously, it becomes irrepressible." The pope's words challenge us first to deepen our relationship with Jesus, then to allow it to transform us, and finally to share Christ's love through our words and actions.

STUDY The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a short document on its website from St. Paul Street Evangelization titled "Taking the First Step: Keys to Sharing Faith Person-to-Person." Give it a read: [usccb.org](https://www.usccb.org).



MASS INTENTIONS

Dear Parishioners,

Since my coming into this parish as the new pastor, I have become increasingly aware that many – if not the majority – of our parishioners are not familiar with the Catholic tradition and practice of **“having a Mass said” for a particular intention**. I mean to say that you may be familiar, but the familiarity doesn’t transfer into practice.

I say this because for the last 10 months I only **“said = celebrated” few Masses for special intentions**. Those special intentions mostly were offered for your loved ones who passed away. Even some of our parishioners requested **Masses to “be said” in intention** of other parishioners who suddenly passed away from our midst. That was not only a beautiful gesture of friendly appreciation coming from a community member but also a good Christian understanding of the necessity of offering a Mass. ***Why am I bringing this up?***

I’m bringing this up because as a priest I celebrate so many Masses and during that celebration, **personally I don’t know what your needs are and I’m not sure what to pray for**. Of course, I can always think of something; I can pray for someone’s health or recovery because I have heard somewhere or from someone that you or your loved one’s might be experiencing particular problem health wise. But my task of being a priest among you is not to GUESS. If you look at the definition of a “priest” in Wikipedia, it states following:

“A priest is a religious leader authorized to perform the sacred rituals of a religion, especially as a mediatory agent between humans and one or more deities. They also have the authority or power to administer religious rites; in particular, rites of sacrifice to, and propitiation of, a deity or deities.”

Being “a mediatory agent” I would not know in what matters I should mediate for you. Unless you tell me. The celebration of the Mass (known as the Eucharist) is a perfect moment for you to make a request for your priest to offer a Mass of sacrifice in your particular intention - like the most popular ones when you ask to pray for your loved ones who passed away.

But there are still so many other sacrifices of the Mass that we can offer: there is the Mass of Thanksgiving for ... e.g. for a new baby being born healthy; for you becoming grandparents; for you celebrating successful operation; for you celebrating the anniversary of your marriage; for you praying for the happy marriage of your child/ren; for you asking for a successful operation; for a happy recovery; for finding a better job that will bring you more peace and provide for your family; there is Mass that can be offered on occasion of your or your children’s/grandchildren’s

birthday or a Mass for a special protection and guidance of your children that are not practicing the faith that you have tried to instill in them for so many years, etc. etc.

Last Sunday **I tried to warm you up to praying the Chaplet to Divine Mercy** and brought this example of the blind Bartimaeus who cried out loud: *Jesus, have mercy on me!* Or the ten lepers shouting the same and then Jesus asking: ***What do you want me to do for you?***

That is exactly what happens at Mass! Maybe we are not used to do it because we have almost everything we could want, and we don’t feel as “miserable” to a point of asking for “such mercy”. Maybe we find it sufficient to form that prayer in our own hearts and use the moment during the Intercessions when we offer that prayer in silence. Of course, we are invited to pray to God at all times for the things we (and others) need, and this can be done outside of the immediate context of a Mass.

This being said, given that **the EUCHARIST is the moment *par excellence* whereby the divine power is brought into our lives**, it is perfectly normal that we would want those inner prayer intentions to be associated with the celebration of the Eucharist in a special way.

Indeed, it would be strange if a person wanted God to hear his or her petitions, but who at the same time refused to present those petitions within the Eucharist: it would be a real contradiction. So, **how can you have your intentions specially associated with the power of Jesus’ sacrifice as found in the Eucharist?**

The simplest method is the most obvious: go to Mass! Offer your intention so that it can be placed upon the altar in a spiritual way. And when you receive Communion, thus opening your participation in the Eucharistic sacrifice, **your intention becomes open to the fullness of the power the Eucharist represents.**

That is exactly the moment when you start feeling the resurrected Christ working in your life, restoring and strengthening you.

And as your priest I will know what to pray for when I privately go to that little chapel to be with the Lord and when looking in silence at the flickering of that candle’s flame I can once again offer or pray for your particular intentions. And the next time I see you, I can connect with you on a much deeper level than just asking, *How are you?* - and knowing very well that your answer will be that of a standard one, not really showing how you are and how you feel.

Allow your priest spiritually care for you and give him the opportunity to know what to ask the Lord on your behalf.

Blessings,

Fr. Tad

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,
17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;
1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Wednesday: St. Anselm;

Administrative Professionals Day

Thursday: Earth Day

Friday: St. George; St. Adalbert

Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

YOUTH MINISTRY

Registration for Religious Education, NOVA, & OASIS

Registration will remain open for all students K-12th grade this whole year!

Please contact Ana Fuentes to register today!

The cost of registration for each student is \$75. Note there are two registration forms, one for Religious Education (K-5th) and one for Youth Ministry (6th - 12th)

The Maccabean Brothers Part Two

Last week, we heard of the story of the Maccabean brothers who, when faced with the option of denying their God or dying at the hands of the ruling empire, chose death. They would rather sacrifice their lives than to deny faith in God. We can learn a lot about what it means to face persecution for our faith, although our persecution nowadays will likely look a lot different than it did for the Maccabean brothers.

What can help us in these times of persecution is remembering that in these moments, we are most like Jesus. Jesus, who was absolutely perfect, faced questioning and insults from religious leaders, endured physical suffering from the Roman empire, and was mocked mercilessly, even by a criminal who was dying alongside Him. When we face our own moments of trial, we can have comfort knowing that Jesus is right next to us and has gone through trials as well. Most importantly, we can stand firm in the midst of persecution because not only did Christ experience it Himself, He triumphed over it. The war is over. We, through Christ, are victorious.

The Maccabean brothers didn't refuse to eat pork out of arrogant self-righteousness; they refused to do so because they valued their relationship with God above all else. Being a person of faith is to recognize and live in the truth that this life is not about us. Being a person of faith means that life is to be lived as a response to God's love, even if that response means giving up our life.

Of course, there is little chance that we will ever be in the position of the Maccabean brothers, however our own "Maccabean moments" happen everyday. Every time we fail to defend the vulnerable, talk ill of a stranger or neighbor, or give into the temptation of a sin we continue to struggle with, we sacrifice the dignity and humanity of others for the sake of our own comfort, and as a result we take a bite of the pork the Maccabeans refused.

The lesson is not mean to discourage you or riddle you with guilt. The reason is to shine light on and make us aware of situations we take for granted. So don't look back in anger at yourself for the times you failed to stand and live out your faith - rather, in every moment, look around you in awareness of how God might be calling you to act on His behalf.

OASIS

And we are back!! Join us for OASIS Live tonight from 7:30pm - 8:30pm! We'll be starting a new series titled Proof of Life which talks about how our faith can drive us to activism. Our series will start with, "Toward the Broken" in which we will discuss causes of injustice. Come be part of a community that knows you, cares for you, and loves you. Check out our Instagram @st.anthony_ym for more updates and content!

NOVA

Although NOVA may not be gathering on Zoom right now, stay tuned for youth ministry content to be sent home soon! Through this new process, we want our teens to develop their faith even when we can't meet together. NOVA registration will remain open throughout the year, feel free to invite anyone with teens in 6th - 8th grade - contact Ana Fuentes analisa.fuentes@dsj.org for more info.

Confirmation

Our LAST Confirmation class is coming up Wednesday April 21st from 7:00pm - 8:00pm on Zoom. Remember to do your Mass nuggets on Discord every Sunday after attending Mass! Because we are doing livestream Masses, this is how we know you attended. Please continue to pray for our Confirmandi as they near the end of their Confirmation journey and just the beginning of their faith journey as fully initiated Catholics.

Youth Ministry Instagram

Follow along on all adventures youth ministry on our Instagram page @st.anthony_ym!! You can also feel free to DM our Instagram with any questions regarding youth ministry or events!

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