## Third Week of Easter - April 23 rd.

# St. Timothy Catholic Parish

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# SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening 5PM
Sunday Morning
8:30AM + 10:30AM

Weekday Mass 8:30am

## Confessions Saturday 4PM

HOLY HOUR ADORATION IST FRIDAYS 9AM-10AM

#### THIS WEEK'S PRAYER

God of everlasting mercy, increase the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they had been reborn, by whose blood they have been redeemed.

### CHRIST THE EASTER LAMB



#### The Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

You were saved with the precious Blood of Christ, as with that of a spotless, unblemished lamb.

Commentary

In the Middle Ages, when ransoming was a current practice for setting captives free, theologians debated to whom the ransom of Christ's blood was paid: was it to God or to the devil?

However, the real context of this passage is Old Testament sacrifice, and particularly sacrifice for sin. In these rites the blood is valuable not for the pain it represents but for life. There can be no reconciliation without blood, according to Leviticus 17.11, for blood represents life. The blood of a living creature belongs to God because it represents the God-given life. Once the blood is shed there is no more life. So in Hebrew thought the blood is a cleansing and enlivening agent, renewing life. It takes away and overrides the deadness of sin.

The blood of Christ cleanses us, since it represents the divine life which is given to us. So in the Book of Revelation the garments of the martyrs are washed white (the color of victory) in the blood of the Lamb, that is, they receive new life. This also explains the importance of the Eucharistic blood of Christ, which gives us Christ's own divine life and enables us to live with his life.

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**Upcoming Weekend Retreat 2023:** 

Friday, May 19 Saturday, May 20 Sunday, May 21

Diocesan Pastoral Center (3888 Paducah Dr. San Diego)

Professionally led. Confidentiality maintained. Group size limited. Housing available if needed. "Not judged, not lectured, just healed."

Cost:60\$ (scholarships available)

For information or registration please contact: Rosemary Benefield at (858) 581-3022 or email at rachels hope@juno.com



#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT & THANKS

During the run up to Easter, parishioners contributed over 1,130 lbs of food which is continually distributed weekly through the Knights of Columbus central food bank in Escondido.

With gratitude St. Timothy's Knights of Columbus extend thanks to all those who contributed to this continuing effort to help local struggling families to put food on the table.

The food cart will stay active at the back of the church to receive ongoing generous donations of non-perishable grocery items.

#### Local Catholic University in Escondido with Generous Scholarships

John Paul the Great Catholic University in downtown Escondido is a Catholic university offering programs in Creative Arts, Digital Media, Business, and Theology.

The university is offering generous scholarships for local students, and it's not too late to apply for Fall 2023. Visit jpcatholic.edu/local

#### Mass Intentions

April 22nd to 29th

Saturday: Diane Kwiatkowsi Sunday 8:30 am Malcolm Williams 10:30 am Kevin Samuelo RIP Monday: Jasper Holloman Tuesday: John Paul Evert Wednesday: Bill & Dorothy Buder Thursday: George Lewis RIP, Friday: Julius

Baykin, Saturday: Llamas Family

#### From the Pastor



On behalf of my sister and brother, a word of thanks and gratitude to all of you who expressed condolences and prayers for the soul of my mother, Mary Wallace, who passed away on Divine Mercy Sunday, last week.

I had the privilege of laying my mother to rest alongside my father and her husband, Fergus, in the cemetery of the church she was baptized in and in our native town of Ballycastle, County Antrim, Northern Ireland.

Please keep her in your prayers, and she may reach the shores of heaven to see God face-to-face. May she, and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Father Cávana Wallace Pastor

