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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER— APRIL 14TH 2024 LOOK AT MY HANDS AND MY FEET, THAT IT IS I MYSELF.

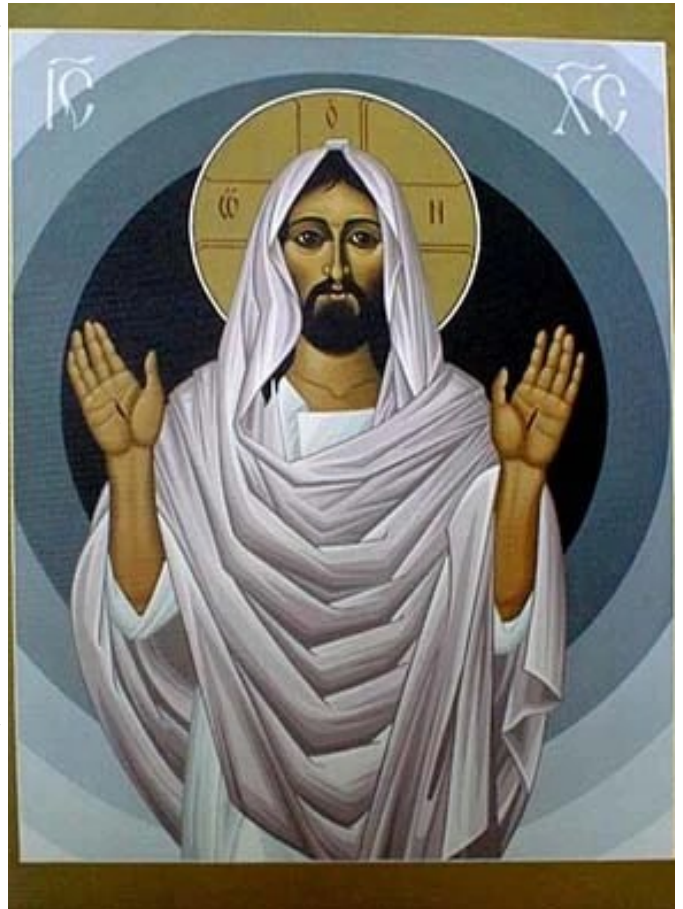
On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.



III DOMINGO DE PASCUA

MIREN MIS MANOS Y MIS PIES. SOY YO EN PERSONA.

En el tercer domingo de Pascua, seguimos escuchando relatos evangélicos de las apariciones de Jesús a sus discípulos después de su resurrección. La lectura de hoy, tomada del Evangelio de Lucas, sigue inmediatamente después del relato de la aparición de Jesús a sus discípulos en el camino a Emaús. Este es el acontecimiento que cuentan los discípulos en el primer versículo del Evangelio de hoy.

Consistentemente en los informes de las apariciones de Jesús después de la Resurrección, Jesús saluda a sus discípulos con las palabras: "La paz sea con vosotros". Éste es el saludo más apropiado. Los discípulos han sido testigos de la muerte de un ser querido y ahora también temen por sus propias vidas. La paz es lo que necesitan más que cualquier otra cosa. Jesús a menudo conecta este saludo de paz con otro regalo: el perdón. En el Evangelio de hoy, esta conexión se hace en los versículos finales.

Incluso cuando escuchan el saludo de paz de Jesús, los discípulos se sorprenden y aterrorizan. No están seguros de qué hacer con la figura que tienen ante ellos y, comprensiblemente, confunden a Jesús con un fantasma. Sin embargo, la figura que tienen ante ellos no es un fantasma; Jesús los invita a experimentar su cuerpo resucitado con los sentidos, con la mirada y el tacto. La figura que tienen ante ellos es de carne y hueso y todavía lleva las marcas de la crucifixión. Aunque los discípulos no pueden olvidar su sufrimiento y muerte, la paz comienza a echar raíces en sus corazones, mientras sus temores se convierten en alegría y asombro.

Como prueba más de su identidad y de su cuerpo resucitado, Jesús come con sus discípulos. Los discípulos conocieron mejor a Jesús a través de las comidas que compartió con ellos. Las descripciones de estas comidas son un elemento definitorio del Evangelio de Lucas. Al comer con sus discípulos después de su resurrección, Jesús recuerda todas estas comidas y, lo más importante, recuerda la Última Cena.

El relato de Lucas sobre la Última Cena y las comidas que Jesús compartió después de su Resurrección nos revelan el significado de la Eucaristía. Después de compartir una comida con sus discípulos, Jesús ahora les descubre el significado de lo que está escrito sobre él en las Escrituras. Así también, nuestra celebración de la Misa es un encuentro con Jesús, a través de la Palabra y el Sacramento de la Eucaristía. Así como Jesús encarga a sus discípulos que sean testigos de lo que predijeron las Escrituras, nuestra celebración de la Eucaristía nos encarga a nosotros. Como los discípulos, somos enviados a anunciar la buena nueva del perdón de los pecados de Jesús.

WHAT IS EASTER?

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. **The Paschal Candle** used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the altar throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

"What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind;...So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being," the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one." (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49)

USA Catholic Bishops



SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English,
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at
5:00 pm in the Church. 4th Saturday of the
month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:
10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday
from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

PARISH STAFF

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Music Ministry

4:30 pm Sat. Mass: Kim Hartford—Kathy Nathan

9:00 am Sun. Mass: Stefania Ortiz

11:15 am Sun. Mass Parish Choir

Angelica Lozano

Custodian

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions April 13th—21st 2024

Saturday Vigil April 13th 4:30: - People of the Parish

Sunday April 14th 9:00: + Evelyn & + Charles Morrill

11:15: + 4 Members Ramos/Olivera Family

Misa en Espanol 5:00 pm

+ Rosa Ramirez & + Graciela Salinas

Wed. April 17th 12:00: + Nancy Dice

Thurs. April 18th 12:00: + Fausta Rubio

Fri. April 19th 12:00: + Members Ramos/Olivera Family

Sat. Vigil Apr. 20th 4:30: + Leo Berta

Sun. April 21st 9:00: + Fr. Bob Schwartz

11:15: + Lance Buita

*MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN
PEACE. AMEN.*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Easter Sunday 2024:

\$ 5,039.26

Maintenance 2nd Collection:

\$ 1,951.00

April 6th & 7th 2024:

\$4,015.39

Lenten Dinners 2024:

\$5,129.89

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR
PARISH COMMUNITY*

PARISH VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

Pastoral Council

- Dede Woodhead (chair), Alondra Klemek (vice chair), Jeff Hawkins (secretary), Daryl Lyon, Sean Devine, Trini Resendiz

Finance Council

- Alex Gray (chair), Jim Rice (secretary), A.B. Introcaso, Jack McAleer, Ed Quinnan

Faith Formation

- **First Communion:** Susan Franks (1st year) Jennifer Bodner (2nd year). Supply teacher: Brisa Cabrera (1st year)
- **Confirmation:** Tess Arthur (2nd year). Supply teacher: Alondra Klemek.
- **RCIA / Adult Faith Formation:** John Condon—Derwin Borling

Bereavement Ministry:

Trudy Dowd

Manna Ministry:

Janice Hawkins

Human Trafficking

Brendan Cook

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MEET & GREET

*Wine and Cheese Reception
for New Parishioners*

Sat. April 13th at 5:30p Parish Hall

RSVP Parish Office



EVENT CALENDAR

2nd Sunday of the month **Spanish Mass.**
April 14th 5:00 pm.

Confirmation Bilingual Mass Sun. April 21st
at 11:15 am. Main Celebrant: Bishop Danny.

Parish Survey, April 27th & 28st 2024

First Communion Bilingual Mass. Sun. May
5th at 11:15am

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, **Our Patronnes
Feast Day.** Sun. July 14th Bilingual at 10:00
am. Main Celebrant: Bishop Danny.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: APRIL 23RD SAINT GEORGE.

Loyola Press

George is thought to have been a soldier in the fourth century who courageously defended his faith and encouraged his fellow Christians. For this, he suffered martyrdom by beheading under Diocletian. He was a popular saint in the East.

y the sixth century St. George had become an ideal Christian knight, and the legend of his slaying the dragon had become a familiar story. George's fame spread to Europe, where stained glass windows from the seventh and eighth centuries depicted this legend.

The story tells of a dragon that terrorized the land and poisoned with its breath all who approached it. The dragon was fed sheep and then human beings chosen by lot. The day the king's daughter was to be served to the dragon, George came along. He slew the dragon and was offered anything he wanted for killing it. George refused any reward, but he made the king promise to build churches, honor priests, and show compassion to the poor. This act made George so popular that he came to reflect all the ideals of Christian chivalry.

When the English king Richard I led his soldiers in the Crusades, he placed his army under George's protection. In one famous battle, the Christians were losing until, as the army leaders later insisted, St. George rode forward and led the troops to victory. From then on, George became the patron of England. King Edward III founded an order of knights under his patronage, and his feast was kept as a national festival.

Although the stories of St. George may be untrue, no one can deny his real act of heroism: dying for Christ.

