



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023**

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Deacon Jacob Rodriguez

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

5:00pm Mr. & Mrs Dick/ Nenita Ringor,  
Mr & Mrs. Ricardo & Antonia Butiong,  
Anita B & Armando Lapitan, Franko Brajkovic,  
For all the Disabled of our Church

### SUNDAY, APRIL 23 (Third Sunday of Easter)

8:00am Antonia Nacinovich  
9:00am Beata Maria Rosa Zangara  
9:30am Donald Sanchez  
11:00am Donald Olskey  
12:30pm Maria Morales, Dora Marta Gamboa Lozano,  
Candido Caires (*1 Aniversario*),  
Faustina Sandoval, Maria Celestina Galarza,  
Arcenio Saldaña y en celebracion de los XV  
Años de Michelle Macias  
3:00pm For the people of our parish

### MONDAY, APRIL 24 (*Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen*)

8:00am Leonardo & Giuseppina Grippi  
12:00pm Viola Lucente

### TUESDAY, APRIL 25 (*Saint Mark*)

8:00am Rocco Vozzo  
12:00pm Mike & Patricia Cini

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

8:00am Leonardo DiVittorio  
12:00pm Celeste DelGreco & Domenico Mancini

### THURSDAY, APRIL 27

8:00am Doris Natoli  
12:00pm Leno Bertolotti

### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

#### (*Saint Peter Chanel, Saint Louis Grignion*)

8:00am Salvatore & Roselia Arcabascio  
12:00pm Tertullano V. Guevara, Sr.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 29 (*Saint Catherine of Sienna*)

8:00am Alvaro Perez Castro  
(*Peace for his Soul and Healing for his Family Tree*)  
5:00pm Salvador Alfonso, Salvatore Carlino,  
Abdel Halim Majid, William Cathor,  
Rosa Bustamante Camacho,  
Dagoberto Guillermo Magallanes Perez,  
Sara Emilia Bustamante Carillo,  
Roberto Carrion Garcia

### SUNDAY, APRIL 30 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

8:00am Benjamin Marshal (*Living— Birthday*)  
9:00am Elio DiMonte  
9:30am In Thanksgiving to God  
11:00am Vincent Camilleri  
12:30pm Cristian Lezama, Cristina Garcia Morales,  
Manuel Lopez Gonzalez, Pedro Loor,  
Por la Salud de Iris Muriel & Phyllis Salters  
Ofelia Rosales Moral (*En Celebracion de su Cumpleaños*)  
Catalina Rojas (*En Celebracion de su Cumpleaños*)  
3:00pm For the people of our parish

## MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK

The Altar Candles has been offered for  
**Mario Del Greco (6th Anniversary)**, by his Wife & Children

The Sanctuary Lamp has been offered for  
**Beata Pina Suriano**, by Ida Barretta

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

**April 23, 2023**— Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed for their communities. You support funds religious education, seminary formation and other training programs.

## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Main Church:</b> 8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Bi-lingual) 11:00 AM (English) 12:30 PM (Spanish) 3:00 PM (Vietnamese) <b>Chapel:</b> 9:00 AM (Italian) 10:30 AM (Czech-Slovak)
<b>Weekdays</b>	8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM
<b>First Fridays</b>	7:30 PM (Spanish)
<b>Holy Days</b>	8:00 AM, 12 PM (English) and 7:30 PM (Bi-lingual)
<b>Holidays</b>	Only one Mass at 9:00 AM

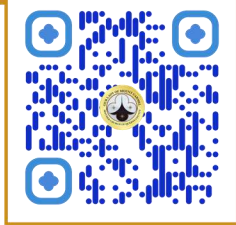
**CONFESSIONS:**  
Saturday 3:30pm—4:30pm (chapel)

**CHURCH HOURS:**  
Weekday: 7:00am—7:00pm  
Weekend: 7:00am—6:00pm

**OFFICE HOURS**  
**Weekday:**  
9:00am—12:00 Noon & 1:00pm—8:30pm  
**Saturday:**  
9:00am—12:00 Noon

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NEW TO THE PARISH?



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



**Annual Catholic  
Appeal 2023**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Thank you to all the generous individuals who have made a pledge to our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. As of April 17th, there are 52 donors who pledged \$19,460 towards our goal of \$67,815. We have received \$15,562.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING BY FAITH DIRECT

Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. Ensuring that such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct, if you have not already done so.

You can sign up online at [faith.direct/NY370](https://faith.direct/NY370), text 'Enroll' to 929-254-3850 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757.

You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



## REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Remembering our deceased loved ones by having them prayed for at Mass on every first Friday of the month — the day traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is a meaningful way to express our love. Enrollment is \$10 per name. Those enrolled the Purgatorial Society will be remembered for a whole year.

## PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Prayer is one of the most powerful tools we have. It's a way for us to communicate with God and obtain His divine intervention. It can help sick people get well again and also gives us the strength in our own weakness and suffering. If you wish your loved ones who is sick to be prayed for at our daily Mass, kindly contact our parish office to place their names in our Prayer List. We are currently praying for **Raymond Pickering & Ophelia Roas, Maria Neiva, Valdir Alves.**

## WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

**Does not Include Electronic Donations by Faith Direct, which will be reported monthly.**

**Last weekend's collection: \$5,149**  
**Same weekend last year: \$7,322**

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**Here is our live-streaming schedule of Masses:** Saturday—5:00pm (English) & Sunday: 9:00am (Italian), 11:00am (English), 12:30pm (Spanish), & 3:00pm (Vietnamese). We hope this change encourages you to attend Mass in person and be able to receive the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ.

Dear parish family,

The Emmaus story that we hear proclaimed on this Third Sunday of Easter is like a gospel within the Gospel. It is so rich a lesson that it serves as a summary of our own bonding with the Lord on the journey of life.

For the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, the future looked grim indeed. After Jesus' death on the cross, they felt all was lost. But Jesus came along and used the Scriptures to enlighten them. When he opened the meaning of God's Word to them, they began to understand his cross in a totally new light. They saw it not as a total disaster but as the start of a new age of grace. Once arrived in Emmaus, they recognized him in the breaking of the bread. It was the spirit of self-giving that Jesus invested in the act that ultimately showed them who he really was.

The Emmaus story speaks to people of all ages. We can see ourselves in these two weary travelers on their journey, in the faith and hope they have lost, in the experience of having someone suddenly come along to walk the difficult road with them, giving them fresh insights, and giving them renewed faith and hope. And, of course, we can identify with their recognition of the Lord in the breaking of the bread, in the Eucharist, in someone's act of self-giving to us. Too often we think that we are all alone on the rocky road of life, with our struggles, discouragement and pain to share. Does the Lord know? Is he there? Our Christian faith and sensitivity, as known already from the earliest times of the Church, assure us that he is present and that he walks with us on the often-rocky road of life. He speaks to us and breaks his bread for us, as he did for his disciples at the Last Supper and on the pilgrim road of Emmaus.

When we are sad, or bored or discouraged or all alone as we travel, the journey seems dreary and long, but when we let someone else join us on the road, a friend, or even a stranger who gives us courage and joy again, the journey becomes lighter, and our hearts are lifted up. The road of life is like this. At times it is hard and tiring, but it becomes easy and joyful when we know that the Lord journeys with us and warms our hearts. Today and every day Jesus wants to be our companion on the road of life. Do we let him? Do we recognize him?

Yours in Christ,  
*Msgr. Cuong M. Pham*



April 23, 2023 | Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1:17-21 | Lk 24:13-35

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

The two disciples had every reason and opportunity to see that it was Jesus walking beside them. They knew that the tomb was empty and the women who had discovered it had relayed what the angel had told them: Jesus was alive. It had only been three days since he had died. Yet, even as he was in their midst, the two disciples' eyes were *prevented from recognizing* it was Jesus. Only when he broke bread with them did they perceive and understand. Jesus walks beside us as well, but perhaps our eyes, like those of the two disciples, are prevented from recognizing him. What clouds our vision? It could be fear, doubt, despair, as on that road to Emmaus. Or maybe it is pride or hardness of heart. Like the early disciples, we must speak to Jesus, and tell him our story. Jesus comes to meet us, and we in turn have an opportunity to encounter him in many ways, most particularly in the breaking of the bread - the Eucharist. No matter how frantic or chaotic our lives may have become, attending Mass serves as an anchor, and a reminder of Jesus' presence with us every day.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It took them a minute to "get it," but once the disciples recognized Jesus they didn't hesitate. They made a hasty return to Jerusalem to share the news with the other disciples: "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Having encountered Jesus in the breaking of the bread, they felt compelled to share the Good News of his resurrection with others. As Catholics, we can ask the Lord for eyes to see Jesus in our daily lives and especially at Mass. Nourished by the Eucharist, we can share our love for Jesus and our hope in the resurrection with others we encounter. Wherever we are and whatever we do, we can rest assured that Jesus walks alongside us.

**PRAY** Pray with the psalmist: "Lord, you will show us the path of life."

Querida familia parroquial,

La historia de Emaús que escuchamos proclamado en este Tercer Domingo de Pascua es como un evangelio dentro del Evangelio. Es una lección muy rica cual sirve como un resumen de nuestra unión con el Señor en la jornada de la vida.

Por los dos discípulos en el camino a Emaús, el futuro se veía muy oscuro. Después de la muerte de Jesús en la cruz, sintieron que todo se había perdido. Pero Jesús vino y uso las escrituras para iluminarlos. Cuando les enseñó el significado de la Palabra de Dios, ellos empezaron a entender su cruz en una manera diferente. Lo vieron, no como un desastre total, pero como una nueva etapa de gracia. Cuando llegaron a Emaús, lo reconocieron en el partir del pan. Era el espíritu de sacrificio que Jesús instituyó el acto que ultimadamente enseñó quien era de verdad.

La historia de Emaús le habrá a toda la gente, de toda edad. Podemos vernos en estos viajeros en su camino, en la fe y en la esperanza que han perdido, en la experiencia de tener a alguien de repente caminar con ellos en el camino difícil, dándoles inspiración, dándoles nueva fe y esperanza. Y también, podemos identificarnos en el reconocimiento del Señor al partir del pan, en la Eucaristía, en el acto de sacrificio de alguna persona por nosotros. A menudo pensamos que estamos solo en este camino pedregoso, con nuestras luchas, desanimo, y dolor para compartir. Sabe el Señor? Esta ahí? Nuestra fe y sensibilidad cristianas, conocidas ya desde los primeros tiempos de la Iglesia, nos aseguran que él está presente y que camina con nosotros por el camino pedregoso de la vida. El nos habla y parte el pan por nosotros, como hizo con los discípulos en la Ultima Cena y con los peregrinos en el Camino a Emaús.

Cuando estamos tristes, aburridos, desanimados o solos, el camino parece ser triste y largo pero cuando dejamos que alguien mas camine con nosotros, un amigo o extraño quien nos da valentía y alegría otra vez, el camino parece mas ligero, y nuestros corazones se alegran. El camino de la vida es así. Algunas veces es duro y cansado, pero se convierte fácil y alegre cuando sabemos que el Señor camina con nosotros y calienta nuestros corazones. Hoy y todos los días Jesús quiere ser nuestro compañero en el camino de la vida. Lo dejamos? Lo reconocemos?

Suyo en Cristo,

*Mons. Cuong M. Pham*



### **CRECE COMO DISCÍPULO |**

#### **ORA, ESTUDIA, PARTICIPA, SIRVE**

Los dos discípulos tenían toda la razón y oportunidad para ver que era Jesús quien caminaba junto a ellos. Ellos sabían que la tumba estaba vacía y las mujeres quienes lo descubrieron y le dijeron lo que el ángel del diablo dijo: Jesús esta vivo. Había sido solamente tres días desde que había muerto. Aunque El estaba en su presencia, los ojos de los dos discípulos estaban previniendo que reconozcan que era Jesús. Solo cuando el partió el pan con ellos, fue que ellos percibieron y comprendieron. Jesús camina junto con nosotros también, pero tal vez nuestros ojos, como los de los dos discípulos, previenen que lo reconozcamos. Que cubre nuestra visión? Puede ser miedo, duda, desesperanza, como en ese camino a Emaús. O tal vez sea el orgullo, o la dureza del corazón. Como los discípulos, tenemos que hablar con Jesús, y contarle nuestra historia. Jesús viene a encontrarnos y nosotros tenemos la oportunidad de encontrarlo en muchas maneras, mas particularmente en el partir del pan, la Eucaristía. No importa cual caótica sea nuestras vidas, asistir a la Santa Misa nos sirve como un ancla y un recuerdo de la presencia de Jesús con nosotros cada día.

**DAR TESTIMONIO:** Ora con el salmista: “Señor, tu nos enseñas el camino a la vida.”

### **VE A EVANGELIZAR**

#### **ORACIÓN, INVITACIÓN, TESTIMONIO, ACOMPAÑAMIENTO**

Les tomó un minuto para reconocer, pero una vez que lo hicieron, no dudaron en regresar a Jerusalén para compartir las noticias con los otros discípulos: “El Señor ha resucitado se la apareció a Simón!” Haberse encontrado con Jesús en el partir del pan, se sintieron obligados a compartir la Buena Nueva de sus resurrección. Como Católicos, podemos pedirle al Señor para tener ojos que miren a Jesús en nuestra vida diaria, especialmente en la Santa Misa. Alimentados por la Eucaristía, compartimos nuestro amor para Jesús y nuestra esperanza de la resurrección con los que nos encontramos en nuestro camino. Adonde sea que nos encontremos y en cualquier cosa que hagamos, podemos tener asegurado que Jesús camina con nosotros.



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Sunday, April 23

10:00am—2:00pm Czech Community *Lourdes A/B*  
 10:00am—12:00pm Spanish RCIA *Upper Room+ Fatima*

### Monday, April 24

7:00pm—9:00pm English Pre-Cana *Guadalupe A/B*  
 5:00pm—9:30pm CYO *Gym*

### Tuesday, April 25

3:30pm—6:00pm Porque Ser Catolico? *Fatima*  
 5:00pm—9:30pm CYO *Gym*  
 5:30pm—6:45pm Mariachi School *Balcony Rooms*  
 6:00pm—9:00pm Marriage Encounter *Guadalupe+ Fatima*  
 7:00pm—9:00pm Coro #1 *Nazareth*

### Wednesday, April 26

4:30pm—7:30pm Religious Education *All Rooms*  
 7:30pm—9:30pm CYO *Gym*

### Thursday, April 27

10:00am—11:30am Legion of Mary *Guadalupe B*  
 6:00pm—7:30pm Religious Education *All Rooms*  
 7:30pm—8:30pm Porque Ser Catolico? *Guadalupe A*  
 7:30pm—9:00pm CYO *Gym*

### Friday, April 28

5:00pm—11:00pm CYO *Gym*  
 6:30pm—8:30pm Youth Meeting *Guadalupe A/B*

### Saturday, April 29

9:00am—9:00pm CYO *Gym*  
 9:00am—1:00pm AA Meeting *Guadalupe A/B*  
 10:00am—12:00pm Spanish Children's Choir *Upper Room*  
 4:00pm—9:00pm Adult Sewing Group *Lourdes A/B*  
 5:00pm—7:00pm Ministerio de Consolacion *Nazareth*  
 5:00pm—7:00pm Bilingual Choir Practice *Fatima*

## INFANT BAPTISM

## BAUTISMO

### Preparation Meeting

**Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute**

May 23, 2023  
 June 20, 2023  
 July 18, 2023  
 August 22, 2023  
 September 19, 2023  
 October 24, 2023  
 November 21, 2023  
 December 19, 2023

### Baptism Ceremony

**12:00pm— Upper Church**

May 27, 2023  
 June 24, 2023  
 July 22, 2023  
 August 26, 2023  
 September 23, 2023  
 October 28, 2023  
 November 25, 2023  
 December 23, 2023

### Reunión de Preparación

**Martes—6:00pm—Instituto**

9 de Mayo, 2023  
 6 de Junio, 2023  
 27 de Junio, 2023  
 8 de Agosto, 2023  
 5 de Septiembre, 2023  
 10 de Octubre, 2023

### Ceremonia de Bautismo

**12:00pm—Iglesia de Arriba**

13 de Mayo, 2023  
 10 de Junio, 2023  
 8 de Julio, 2023  
 12 de Agosto, 2023  
 9 de Septiembre, 2023  
 14 de Octubre, 2023

### NO HABRA BAUTISMOS EN NOVIEMBRE

5 de Diciembre, 2023      9 de Diciembre, 2023

**Please Note:** All Baptisms will be celebrated on Saturday at 12:00pm instead of Sunday. Please note that attending the preparation meeting is required for both parents and godparents.

**Por Favor Notar:** Todos los bautizos serán celebrados los Sábados a las 12:00pm en vez de los Domingos. Asistencia a las juntas de preparación es mandatorio para los padres y padrinos.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

## REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

We encourage all who worship with us to consider joining our parish officially. Registering will enable our parish to serve your spiritual needs better. Please return this form in the collection or drop it off at the parish office. Your active participation will strengthen your faith and your sense of belonging in God's family.

*Registrarse oficialmente permitirá que nuestra parroquia les pueda servir sus necesidades espirituales mejor. Por favor devuelva este formulario en la colecta o déjelo en la oficina parroquial. Su participación activa fortalecerá su fe y su sentido de pertenencia en la familia de Dios.*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK** [ ] *New Registration* [ ] *Changed Address*  
 [ ] *I prefer envelopes* [ ] *I prefer E-giving*

**POR FAVOR** [ ] *Nueva Registración* [ ] *Cambio de dirección*  
**MARCAR** [ ] *Prefiero Sobres* [ ] *Donaciones en línea*

## VOCATION DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### DISCERNMENT BE NOT AFRAID

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN VOCATION OFFICE  
BROOKLYNPRIESTS.ORG

#### FRATERNITAS — MAY 20, 2023 —

A group for middle school—high school aged boys dedicated to instilling Christian values in young men with the goal of fostering true Catholic gentlemen. The afternoon will include prayer, catechesis, sports, pizza lunch and Sunday Vigil Mass. Contact [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org) for more information.

#### JEREMIAH PROJECT — MAY 5-7, 2023—

A weekend retreat for young men 18 and older. An opportunity to discern a possible vocation to the priesthood through discussions, prayer and fraternity. Forms are available in the parish office or you may contact the Vocations Office at [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

#### PROJECT ANDREW— MAY 21, 2023

An opportunity for young men (high school age and older) to learn more about the priesthood. Join bishops, priests, and seminarians from the Diocese of Brooklyn with Vocation Director, Fr. Chris Bethge, for Sunday evening prayer, dinner, and conversation, 4:00pm — 6:00pm. Contact [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org) for more information.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for our Religious Education Program will be open during the months of **May, June, July & August ONLY**.

For new registrations, please pick up an application at the parish office, fill it out with clear letters, & please provide the certificates of all the sacraments your child has already made along with the birth certificate and pay the required fee.

If your child was in our religious education program this year, please ask for the re-registration form, update the form as needed and pay the required fee.

Registration Fee:	May	June, July, August
1 Child	\$65.00	\$75.00
2 Children	\$100.00	\$120.00
3 or more	\$140.00	\$160.00

## WITNESSING EASTER JOY



Having celebrated the holiest events of Christ's passion, death and resurrection during the Paschal Triduum, we now delight in the fifty days of Eastertide with rejoicing, feasting and giving witness to our faith. These are days when we look for the risen Lord among us; hear in each other's stories of rising from the big and small deaths; experience something of Christ's triumph in our lives. That is why we look to the newly baptized, robed in bright new clothes and oily with gladness: at Easter, they died to sins and rose with Christ to a new life. Now they take their places in church among us. Together, like the first witnesses of Christ's resurrection who were so full of joy on that Easter morn, we rush about with good and giddy news: Death is not the last word! Life and love are forever! Eastertide is the perfect time for evangelization, for sharing our happy faith, for working together to change this world into the world to come. Sing Alleluia!

## ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The next Rosary Society meeting will take place **on May 7**, after the 9:30am Bilingual Mass. All ladies over 15 years old are invited to come to the Institute and join us to pray the Rosary. Refreshments will be served.

## BRIDGE TO LIFE BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

We would like to thank all those who have returned the baby bottles and have donated to the Bridge to Life. Know that your generosity and compassion will reach many Mothers in need of assistance.

## CONFRATERNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Every fourth Sunday of the month, all members are invited to attend Mass at 9:00am in Italian preceded by the recitation of the Rosary. If you are interested in becoming a member, you will be installed at our annual Feast Day Mass in July. Please call the parish office and leave your name and number.

## FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spiritual writers speak of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as "the Mass held in contemplation." As a way of encouraging devotion to the Eucharist, we invite all parishioners to come and spend some time before the Real Presence of the Lord on **Friday, May 5, 2023**. Exposition and Adoration will take place right after the 8:00am Mass and will conclude with Solemn Benediction before the start of the 12 Noon Mass.



## What does the New Testament say about Stewardship and Giving?

### We are stewards, Not Owners of Our Money

"Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Corinthians 4:1)

### Build Treasure in Heaven

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

"In every way, I have shown you that by hard work of that sort, we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus whom himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

### Money Represents the Greatest Competition God Faces for Our Hearts

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal" (Mt 6:19-20)

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." (Luke 12:15)

### Money Can Move the Human Heart in the Right Direction

Zacchaeus decides to give half of his fortune to the poor and promises to repay more than he has stolen from others. Jesus then responds, "Today salvation has come to his house" (Luke 19:9)

"Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Mt 6:21)

### "The First Diocesan Appeal"

"Now in regard to the collection for the holy ones, you also should do as I ordered the churches of Galatia. On the first day of the week, each of you should set aside and save whatever one can afford, so that collections will not be going on when I come. And when I arrive, I shall send those whom you have approved with letters of recommendation to take your gracious gift to Jerusalem." 1 Corinthians 16:1-3



## REGISTRACIONES PARA CATECISMO

Las inscripciones para el programa de catecismo estarán abiertas durante de los meses de **Mayo, Junio, Julio y Agosto SOLAMENTE.**

Para una nueva registración, por favor recoja una aplicación en la oficina parroquial y llene el cuestionario con letra clara y además debe de traer los certificados de los sacramentos ya recibidos y haga el pago requerido.

Si su niño/a ya estuvo en nuestro programa este año, por favor vaya a la oficina y pida el formulario de re-inscripción y haga el pago requerido.

Cuota de Inscripción:

Por el mes de	Mayo	Junio, Julio y Agosto
1 niño (a)	\$65.00	\$75.00
2 niños (as)	\$100.00	\$120.00
3 niños (as) o más	\$140.00	\$160.00

## DONACIONES ELECTRONICAS POR FAITH DIRECT

¡Cristo ha resucitado! Como Sus discípulos, estamos llamados a salir y difundir las buenas nuevas de la resurrección de Cristo. Los ministerios fructíferos en nuestra parroquia son ejemplos de cuántos de ustedes han respondido, y continúan respondiendo, ese llamado. Para garantizar que dicho trabajo pueda continuar se requieren no solo regalos de tiempo, sino también de ayuda financiera. Les pido que consideren en oración apoyar a nuestra parroquia con donaciones electrónicas a través de Faith Direct se Ustedes no lo han hecho.

Puede registrarse en línea en [faith.direct/NY370](https://faith.direct/NY370), enviar un mensaje de texto con la palabra "Inscribirse" al **929-254-3850** o llamar al servicio al cliente de Faith Direct al 866-507-8757.

Nos brindará un apoyo constante que nos ayudará a estar siempre listos con programas, servicios y ministerios para las familias de nuestra iglesia y para los necesitados en toda la comunidad. Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestra familia parroquial.

## PROXIMA SEGUNDA COLECTA

**23 de abril, 2023**— Habrá una segunda colecta después de la comunión para las misiones domesticas. Casi 40% de las diócesis en los Estados Unidos son considerados territorios de misiones por no tener los fondos para programas de entrenamiento y formación. Su generosidad hacia esta buena causa es muy apreciada.



**PLATILLO GUISADO DE RABO DE RES**  
**QUESADILLAS**  
**TOSTADAS DE TINGA**  
**TACOS PLACEROS**  
**TACOS DE CARNITAS**  
**ENCHILADAS DE MOLE**  
**SOPES DE CECINA Y BISTEC**  
**CHICHARRON PREPARADO**  
**GELATINA & CHOCOFLAN**

**TAMALES**  
**POZOLE**  
**AGUAS FRESCAS**  
**SODAS & AGUA**

**SOPES**  
**TACOS DORADOS**  
**FRUTA PICADA**

**30 DE ABRIL EN EL GYMNASIO**  
DESPUES DE LA MISA DE 12:30PM

## DISCERNIMIENTO VOCACIONAL

**Fraternitas, 20 de mayo, 2023** — Un grupo para jóvenes de secundaria y preparatoria, inculcando los valores Cristianos a ellos con la meta de fomentar caballeros Católicos verdaderos. La tarde incluye oración, catecismo, deporte, almuerzo de pizza y Misa Dominical de Vigilia. Por favor pida los formularios que se encuentran en la oficina parroquial.

**Jeremiah Project, 5— 7 de mayo**— Retiro de fin de semana para jóvenes adultos mayores de 18 años. Es una oportunidad para discernir una posible vocación al sacerdocio por medio de discusión, oración y fraternidad.

## DIVINA MISERICORDIA



**Se les invita a la Coronilla Cantada el 27 de Mayo, en la Iglesia de Arriba, a las 6:30pm.**

**Para mas informacion, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial al 718.278.1834**

## “I AM NOT AFRAID, I WAS BORN TO DO THIS”

Have you ever felt like you weren't doing the work you should be doing?

We have all had jobs that leave us feeling unfulfilled. Bored. Dreading the next day. We may even experience a sensation of unfamiliarity, of being unable to recognize ourselves.

Most of us have also been lucky enough to have a job that we love - a vocation, a calling that makes us look in the mirror and think, *This. This is who I'm supposed to be. I recognize this person.*

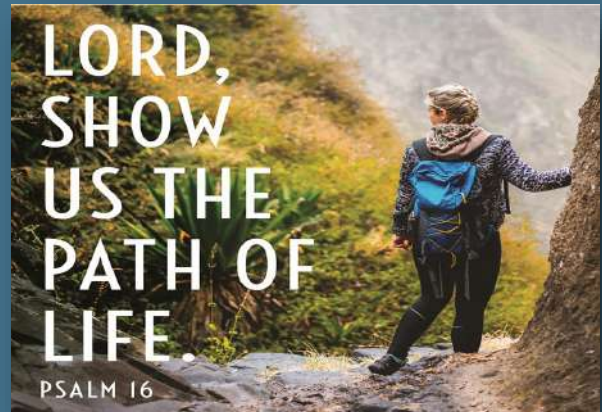
For me, that work is the work of marriage and motherhood. The hours are terrible, the pay is even worse, and my coworkers are frequently disappointed in me - but it doesn't matter. When I look in the mirror every morning and see my tired, wrinkled face gazing back, choruses of "I said I don't want the BLUE SHIRT, MOMMY, ugh!" and "Honey, I've got an early meeting, I'm so sorry but I have to run," ringing in the background, I think to myself: *I recognize this girl. She was born to do this.*

Christ's own disciples did not recognize him on the road to Emmaus. It wasn't until he took the bread and broke it that their eyes were opened, and they realized they had

known it all along - "Were not our hearts burning within us?" In that moment, Christ was doing the very work he was born to do, making the sacrifice.

I don't know what kind of vocation you are called to. I don't know what kind of work reveals your true self. But I hope that whatever work you are doing, you can look in the mirror and feel your heart burning within you. *"He was made known to them in the breaking of bread."* - Luke 24:35

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



## WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR?

Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand's godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese's office of liturgy and worship.

*It wasn't until Christ spoke the words of blessing over the bread that the eyes of the disciples were opened, and they saw him for who he was - God in flesh and blood before them. The Eucharist makes real what we otherwise would fail to see.*

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IF YOU  
ARE TO DO  
HIS WORK,  
THE STRENGTH  
WILL BE  
GIVEN YOU.  
”

- ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

FOUNDERESS, EDUCATOR,  
AMERICAN SAINT



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Venerable Maria Consuelo Soledad Sanjurjo Santos was a native Puerto Rican who served as Provincial Superior of the Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick in the Caribbean in the mid-1900s.

During her 62 years of consecrated life, she greatly expanded the mission of the congregation!

### Prayer for the Intercession of Venerable Soledad Sanjurjo

Father of goodness, in Mother Soledad Sanjurjo Santos You revealed to us the treasures of grace of a "life hidden with Christ in God."

Grant us the unwavering faith that filled and transformed her life so that, like her, we may discover Your presence in our lives and dedicate ourselves in Your name to the service of our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need..

We ask you to glorify Your faithful servant and to grant us the grace we ask of you today through her intercession (here make your request) for your greater glory and the good of the Church.



## DIGGING DEEPER INTO SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading

Peter's first public speech in Jerusalem focuses on Jesus' connection to King David. In other words, Peter spoke of God's fidelity to Israel in Jesus' resurrection from the dead. What would you like to know about Jesus' Jewish roots?

### Second Reading

Peter encourages his community to "conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (life on earth). How might you show respect to others this week?

### Gospel Reading

We hear how the two disciples on the road to Emmaus finally recognized the risen Jesus in the blessing and breaking of the bread. What helps you recognize the presence of Jesus in your life?



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, "Father, I know you're so busy, but..." It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus always has time for us. Don't we all feel at times that God just doesn't have time for us?

Nonsense. Just look at the stunning "Road to Emmaus" story we hear this week. It's the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours he spends with them - two unnamed persons in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead!

My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn't have "better things to do." You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us. So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead.

- Father John Muir

