

SAINT THERESA OF AVILA PARISH

APRIL 14, 2024

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Peace
be with
you



3RD
SUNDAY
OF EASTER

APPEARANCE TO THE DISCIPLES IN JERUSALEM

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." Luke 24:36

SAINT THERESA OF AVILA PARISH

IN COLLABORATIVE WITH SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARISH

SAINT THERESA OF AVILA

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm in Main Church
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am in Main Church
Daily: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Thursday 6:30 –7:00 pm in the Chapel.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday morning
following 8:30 A.M. Mass

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am
Daily: Tuesday, Thursday 4:30pm,
Saturday 8:30am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Saturday morning 9:15-9:45 A.M.
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: Saturday morning

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2024

Sunday, April 14

8:00 A.M. Marie Ramsdell and Andrew Fiore—Memorial Mass
10:00 A.M. Edward and Margaret Kelly—Memorial Mass
Judith Devitt—1st Anniversary Mass
Paul Santini—7th Anniversary Mass
Lorenzo Petruzzello—Memorial Mass

Monday, April 15

8:30 A.M. Mary Jane Zucca—Memorial Mass

Wednesday, April 17

8:30 A.M. Reverend Peter Nolan, C.S.Sp.—Memorial Mass

Friday, April 19

8:30 A.M. No Intention

Saturday, April 20

4:30 P.M. Michael Daly and Catherine Donnelly—Memorial Mass

Sunday, April 21

8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M. José Jayme—Memorial Mass
Anne Kelly—Month's Mind Mass

CLERGY

Reverend John J. Connolly, Jr. — Pastor
Reverend Charles J. Higgins
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MISSION STATEMENT

PRAYER OF SAINT THERESA OF AVILA

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
yours are the only hands with which He can do His
work,
yours are the only feet with which He can go about the
world,
Yours are the only eyes through which His compassion
can shine forth.
Christ has no body on earth now but yours.*

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2024 YEAR B

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 14	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9/1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48
MONDAY April 15	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
TUESDAY April 16	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6+7b+8a, 17+21ab/ Jn 6:30-35
WEDNESDAY April 17	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
THURSDAY April 18	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
FRIDAY April 19	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
SATURDAY April 20	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 21	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29/1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18

Pilot Bulletins

Fiat

Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom. The topic will be "The Call to Religious Life." If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at marian.batho@csjboston.org or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.



PATRIOTS DAY: In observance of Patriots Day, the Parish Center will be closed on Monday, April 15. In prayer, we remember the victims of the Boston Marathon Bombing, and send good wishes to all those running this year!!

SAINT THERESA CHAPEL will continue to stay open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY SENIORS meet at Saint John Chrysostom Parish on the second Tuesday of the month for conversation, presentations of interest to Parkway Seniors, and Bingo. This group is open to both men and women and we are always happy to have new members. We have some fun events planned for this year and would love to have you join with us. Please call Beverly for more information 508-359-9789.

AL-ANON FAMILY meets on Zoom every Wednesday night, 7:30--8:30 P.M. Meeting ID number is 815 638 572 82. The password to get into the meeting is 665775. You can also find this on the Al Anon site. New members always welcome!



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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, Here on the
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, You the

scep - ter, his the throne. Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of

tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful Flee to you from day to day.
 Mar - y, Earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne.

Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him When the
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, Earth's re -
 You with - in the veil have en - tered, Robed in

like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of ev - 'ry
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for - get his
 deem - er, plead for me, Where the songs of all the
 flesh, our great high priest; Here on earth both priest and

na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."
 prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Text: Revelation 5:9; William C. Dix, 1837-1898
 Tune: HYERYDOL, 8 7 8 7 D; Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

PSALM 4: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

♩. Lord, let your face shine on us.

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PREPARATION HYMN

Regina Caeli / Mary, Heaven's Queen

Re - gi - na cae - li lae - ta - re, al - le - lú - ia:
 Mar - y, heav - en's Queen, sing for joy, al - le - lu - ia:

Qui - a quem me - ru - í - sti por - ta - re, al - le - lú - ia:
 The One you mer - it - ed to bring to birth, al - le - lu - ia:

Re - sur - réx - it, sic - ut dix - it, al - le - lú - ia:
 Rose from the dead, as he had said, al - le - lu - ia:

O - ra pro no - bis De - um, al - le - lú - ia.
 In - ter - cede for us with God, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Regina caeli laetare, Latin 12th C.; tr. by Ronald F. Krisman, b.1946, © 2011, GIA Publications, Inc.
 Tune: REGINA CAELI, Irregular; Mode VI; acc. by Ronald F. Krisman, b.1946

COMMUNION HYMN

COME, YE FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN

GAUDEAMUS PARITER

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3. Now the queen of sea - sons bright With the day of splen - dor,
 4. Nei - ther could the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
 5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,

1. God has brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness;
 2. And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
 3. With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
 4. Nor the watch - ers, nor the seal Hold him as a mor - tal;
 5. Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal;

1. Loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 2. All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark is fly - ing
 3. Comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts Who with true af - fec - tion
 4. But to - day a - mong the twelve Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing
 5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" with the Son, God the Fa - ther prais - ing;

1. Led them with un - moist - ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 2. From his light, to whom we give Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 3. Wel - come in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
 4. Last - ing peace which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.
 5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" yet a - gain To the Spir - it rais - ing.

Text: 76 76 D; based on Exodus 15; St. John of Damascus, 8th cent.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
 Music: Johann Horn, ca. 1495-1547.

The Parish Choir is actively recruiting new members. Inquire about a short term or longer-term commitment with our music director, Mr. Brandon Santini. Make new friends, learn music and pray with us.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO STATE MIGRANT CRISIS

We remind you about the Saint Vincent de Paul clothing bin in the parking lot at Saint John Chrysostom Parish for donations of clothing to help the migrants. Your generous response to this emergency request will be greatly appreciated.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD PANTRY

The Catholic Charities Food Pantry remains in desperate need of donations, especially now with rising prices. The situation continues to be urgent for many families. You may bring your contributions of food to the rectory garage on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. Thank you for your ongoing generous support.

FEED THE HUNGRY

RECESSIONAL HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic -
 2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel
 3. Might - y vic - tim from on high, Hell's fierce pow'rs be -
 4. East - er tri - umph, East - er joy, This a - lone can

to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sheathes his sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umph - ant go
 neath you lie; You have con - quered in the fight,
 sin de - stroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,

Flow - ing from his pier - ed side. Praise we him, whose
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose
 You have brought us life and light. Now no more can
 New - born souls in you to be. Fa - ther, who the

love di - vine Gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 death ap - pall, Now no more the grave en - thrall;
 crown shall give, Sav - ior, by whose death we live,

Gives his Bod - y for the feast:
 With sin - cer - i - ty and love
 You have o - pened par - a - dise,
 Spir - it, guide through all our days:

Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 Eat we man - na from a - bove.
 And in you your saints shall rise.
 Three in One, your name we praise.

Text: Ad regias agni dapes; Latin, 4th C.; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.
 Tune: SALZBURG, 77 77 D; Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

YOUTH
M·I·N·I·S·T·R·Y

Youth Ministry schedule for April:

April 21, 6-7:30pm - discussion on Faith and Science

April 28, 6:30-8pm - our Social Justice group will be gathering to discuss upcoming service events.

All events are hosted at St. John Chrysostom's parish, 4750 Washington Street, with food and fun activities. Open to 7-12th graders. Keep an eye out in next week's bulletin for further details. Hope to see you there! RSVP here:

webpage link: <https://forms.gle/WVwSXnUf655niUXC6>

Or



A PRAYER FOR THE HOLY LAND

May all who love the Holy Land seek to bring about among all the parties engaged in the fighting a cessation of violence, respect for civilian populations and the release of hostages. "As we pray urgently for peace, we recall especially all the families and individuals suffering from these

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PROJECT RACHEL

Are you – or someone you know – seeking peace after an abortion? The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat. The final Spring date is Saturday, May 11. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.



Lord, let your face shine on us.

–Ps 4:7a



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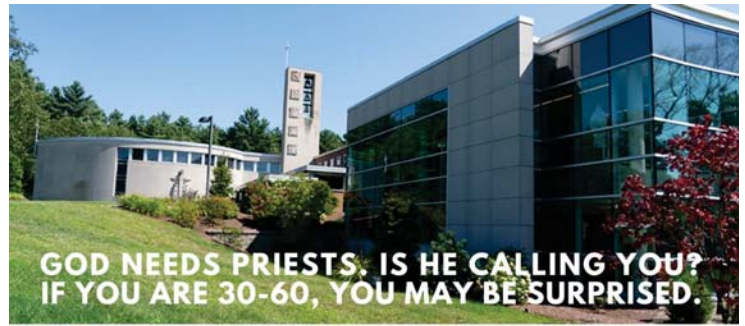
Prayer to Saint Joseph
Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,
At the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
—especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.

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FIRST FRIDAY VISIT

May 3, 2024
5:00 PM EST
Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary

HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER

In-Person Visit: Includes Dinner
with seminarians and tour of the
Seminary

Virtual Visit: Live-stream Holy Hour
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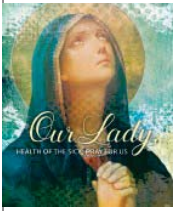


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- What is Marriage? God's Plan for Love and Life
- The Sacrament of Matrimony: You, Me, and Jesus
- The Rite of Marriage: The Consent We Give and Live
- Finances: Let's Talk Money
- Five Spiritual Practices for Marriage and Family Life: Keeping Christ at the Center of our Marriage
- The Mass: The Presence of Christ
- Marital Sexuality: Love's Perfect Design

To sign up for this Marriage Preparation Program, offered virtually by the Archdiocese of Boston, please visit www.bostoncatholic.org/familylife/transformedinlove



PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

LORD, OUR GOD, HELP OF THE HELPLESS, BE NEAR OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO SUFFER THIS DAY. GRANT THEM STRENGTH, PEACE OF MIND AND HEART, AND RENEWED HEALTH IF IT BE YOUR WILL, THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

Tim Albert, Gary Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Mary Antonellis, Michelle Baker, Alan Bartlett, Marilyn Barry, Margaret Barto, Catherine Bielawa, Stephen Bisordi, Joseph Blackman, Diane Blaskiewicz, Kevin Boettger, Margaret Bomba, Jr., Damien Brennan, Chet Broderick, Katie Broderick, Paul Broderick, Kendall Buczynski, Stephanie Buczynski, Frank Budukiewicz, Geraldine Bulman, Joan Bumila, Larry Burke, Allen Cameron, Lisa Carden, Maria Cemrania, Jeanne Clancy, Nicholas Cleary, Brendan Cogavin, Charles Collins, John Collins, Rose Connolly, Mary Connors, Eileen Corrigan, Teresa Costa, Tom Cunningham, Richard Curran, Jr., Debra Daum, Gary D'Avila, Mary DeSantis, Lorraine DeVirgilio, Cristina Donatelli, Claire Donohoe, Kristen Doty, John J. Doyle, Kathleen Durepo, John Ellis, Helen Evans, Audrey Fallon, Barbara Farulla, Joseph Federico, Mary Feeney, Rose Finn, Joseph Fisher, Griffin Fleishman, Charles Fleming, Patrick Flynn, Dan Foley, Neil Foley, Terry Forkins, Ben Fox, Nora Frasier, Karen Glazer, Louise Gogg, Louise Goodwin, Eleanor Gordon, Colin Andrew Greco, Stephan Grundy, Patricia Hade, Denise Hamilton, Ann Hanlon, Patricia Dolan Harwitz, Elizabeth Heffernan, Mary D. Hennessey, Jackie Hess, Barbara Hickey, Louise Marie Hogan, Eleanor Howard, Janet Hughes, Meaghan W. Hussey, Kyle Johnson, Phil Keating, Mary Kenny, Karen Kostek, Irene Kyricos, Kylee LeSourd, Madison Paige Losuts, Taylor Anne Lynch, Lois MacDonald, Kathleen Maloney, Shawn Patrick Maloney, Elizabeth Matalobos, Jason McCann, Michael McCarthy, Patrick McCarty, Linda McClelland, Helen McCloskey, Mildred McDermott, Kara McGonagle, Erin McGuirk, Ellen McKenna, Jessica McKenzie, Joanne McKenzie, Neil McLaughlin, Paul McNamara, Hilda Mendise, Anna Minotti, Cynthia Monahan, Joe and Cindy Morello, Deanna Morrissey, Maryellen Mulkern, Pat Mullen, Honora Murphy, Annie Murray, Maria Nadile, Michael Nadile, Donna Nazzaro, Bruce Newman, Billy O'Brien, Mary O'Brien, Sister Mary O'Brien, Daniel O'Connor, Jay O'Connor, Natalie O'Connor, Patrick O'Connor, Barbara Page, John Palumbo, Virginia Palumbo, Steve Papia, Sheila Papia, Nicole Pellagrino, James Perri, Carol Pitman, Marie Polo, Virginia Prendergast, Kathy Psaros, Barton Ramos, Josephine Rappa, Steven Ricchiuti, Theresa Ricco, Joel Rivera, Kate Robbins, Kathleen Ryan, Merry Samonte, Lawrence Samonte, Stephen Shea, Jeannie Schlosky, Gina Scrima, John Sera, Kevin Shea, Zachary Shea, Claire Sloane, Terry Smart, Catherine Spellman, William Spicer, Albert Spiniello, Diane Carr Staton, John Sullivan, Patsy Sullivan, Philip Sullivan, Timothy Sullivan, Irene Supino, Steve Theodorakis, Mary Timony, Ellen Tobin, Joshua Torremoro, Edward Treseler, Jr., Edward Treseler, Sr., Peter Usherwood, Stephen Usherwood, Albert Vincentio, Ellen Vogel, Mary Walsh, Paula Ward, Catherine Watson, Brian Webber, Cassandra Welles, Bill Whitcomb, Anthony Young, and Florence Yu

Prayers for my brother Thomas who is in need of a kidney transplant.

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If you know of anyone on this list who is no longer in need of prayers please call the rectory to have their name removed 617-323-4410



Parishioners can request a Prayer Shawl for someone by contacting Carol O'Brien at sttoffice24@gmail.com or by calling 617-323-4410. Every prayer shawl is different and perfect. Donations of completed shawls may be dropped off in the parish office, Monday—Thursday 9:30 —12 Noon or when you come to Mass. Thank you, PHM. (Parish Health Ministry).

EVANGELIZATION

April 14 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus asks the disciples in today's gospel, and he asks us, "Why are you troubled?" We may want to respond, "Don't you see the problems that exist all around us?" After the resurrection, the disciples needed to be reminded that hiding in the upper room only kept them in a place of fear and confusion. Jesus' words are a reminder to disciples of every age, that suffering and hardship did not destroy him, nor will it destroy us. We are challenged to take the words of Jesus to heart, "You are witnesses of these things." Let us not be held back by any fear, doubt or anxiety, rather, boldly share the good news of the resurrection.

BULLETINS BY EMAIL

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PRAY FOR UKRAINE



REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE

If you would like your relative or friend who is serving in the military to be remembered in the prayers of our parish, please provide their name, rank, service branch, and location if applicable. You can call the Parish Office (617-323-4410 / 617-325-1300) or email sttoffice24@gmail.com

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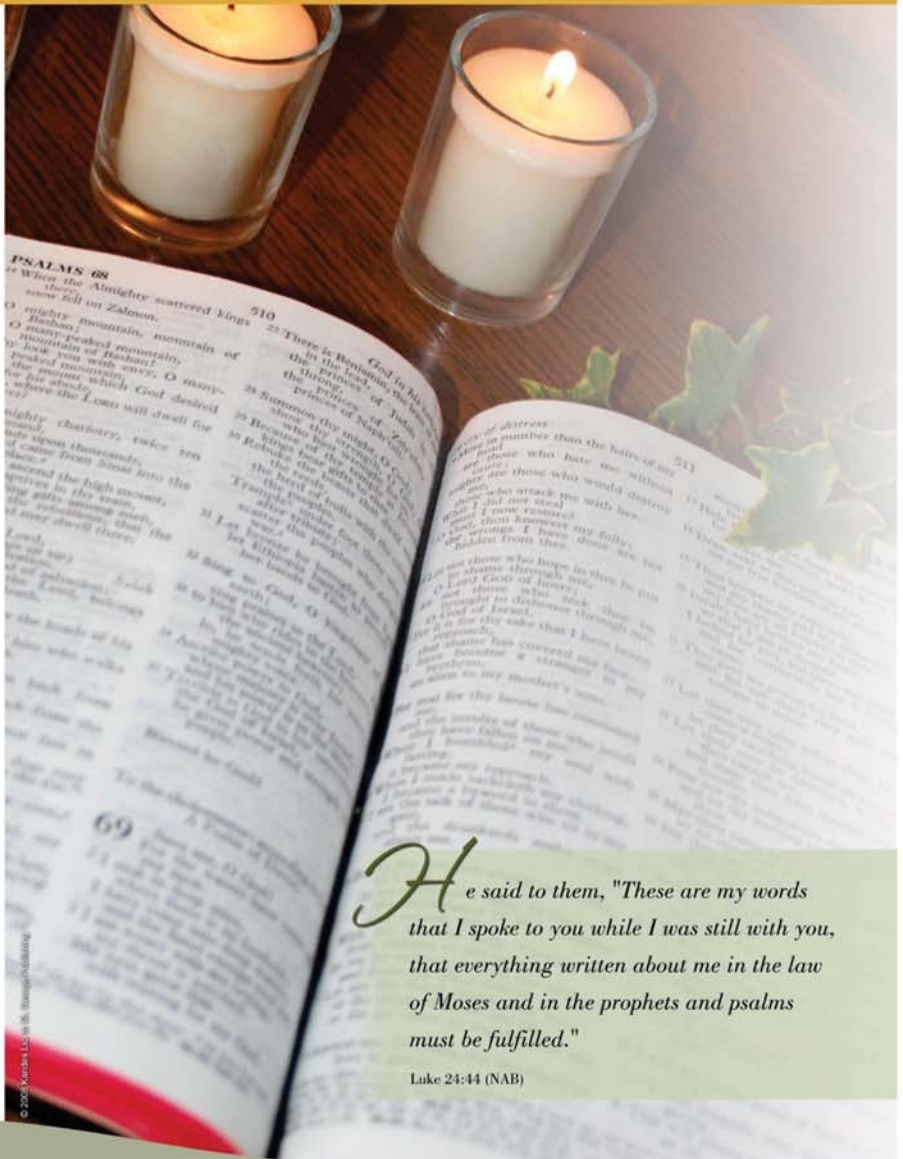
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

In Word & Deed

Graduation is an annual rite of passage. Students gather to receive their degrees, accept accolades and honors, say good-bye to friends and teachers and then move on to the next chapter of their life. There may be some anxiety or uncertainty, but the overall mood of the day is one of pride, accomplishment and excitement. One phase ends and another one begins as the cycle of life continues and a new chapter is written.

Jesus closes one chapter of the Apostle's lives and opens another. He reassures them that what they see before them is real and He is truly present. He opens their minds to understand the Scriptures and then tells them what is ahead. They will preach the Gospel to all people, beginning at Jerusalem

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He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled."

Luke 24:44 (NAB)

Fresh from the heavenly stream again the sheep receive their mark from Christ the Shepherd's hand.
 O water-born, go where the Spirit calls; seek unity, and all gifts are yours.
 You who have taken up the cross, avoid the tempests of the world: So bids this place.
 ~ Consignatorium inscription, Fifth century



FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE

After an intense disagreement or argument, it can be very difficult to get back to normal, especially when ugly things were said, or nasty comments were made. Even when we know it was done out of anger or frustration, the hurt can linger and hold us back from reconciling. Is it necessary to forgive and forget? Just how do you move on after being hurt?

It is easy to forgive, but very difficult to forget. When we forgive someone, we are looking beyond the offense to acknowledge the value and worth of the offender. Jesus did the same for us. While we were yet sinners, He died for us. He saw and knew our worth in the sight of God. He did not forget our sin. He knew it well.

Forgetting is not a component of forgiving.



Sometimes we just move on. We focus on the positive things in our relationship, in our family and in our lives. We do not dwell on the past, but rather move forward by loving others as we should. Grace and virtue, particularly faith, hope and love, have a healing power that makes us whole. We feel not only the destructive power of sin in our life, but also the restorative power of grace. So, forgive others as God forgives you and then move on and let grace do the rest.

-Jim Gaffney

This is a time for the community and the neophytes together to grow in deepening their grasp of the paschal mystery and in making it part of their lives through meditation on the Gospel, sharing in the Eucharist, and doing the works of charity. To strengthen the neophytes as they begin to walk in newness of life, the community of the faithful, their godparents, and their parish priests should give them thoughtful and friendly help.

~ RCIA # 244



In Word & Deed

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and extending to all the nations. The Apostles will continue the mission of Jesus as they teach, preach, heal and forgive.

Faith is more than just a nice idea, so we need to act on it. Our lives are a witness to the work of Christ. If grace is real, if love is true and if faith makes a difference, others should see and notice. Conversion of souls is accomplished through the bold deeds and actions of those who follow the Lord. We preach, teach, heal and forgive by what we do more than by what we say. What have you done lately to create your new chapter of faith?

-Jim Gaffney

*Father in heaven,
author of all truth,
a people once in darkness
has listened to your Word
and followed your Son as
he rose from the tomb.*

*Hear the prayer of
this newborn people and
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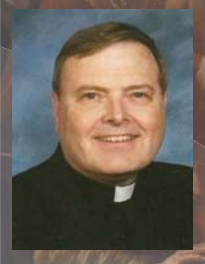


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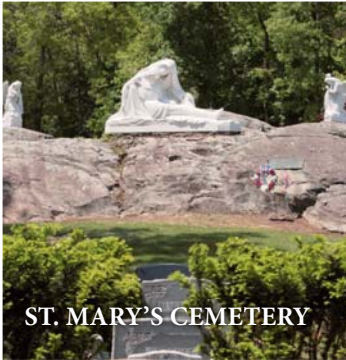
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