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you





Monday, April 15, 2024
11:30A.M.

†Fernando Villela
Living & Deceased Family Members of
Francis & †Noreen Pieper

Tuesday, April 16, 2024
****NO MASS****

Wednesday, April 17, 2024
11:30A.M.

†Francisco Villela, Jr.
Tony Le (Happy Birthday)

Thursday, April 18, 2024
11:30A.M.

†Rosario Medina

Friday, April 19, 2024
11:30A.M.

Sue Miller (Happy Birthday)

Saturday, April 20, 2024
President: Fr. Thomas Klosterkamp
5:00P.M.

†Ray January & †Bill Coad

Sunday, April 21, 2024
President: Fr. Alex Pereida
7:30 A.M.

Lou & Sandy Hand
Our Military Troops & Our Parish Family

President: Fr. Alex Pereida
9:00 A.M.

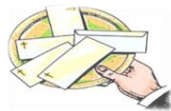
†Johnny Potter
Mario & Imelda Larios
(Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary)

President: Fr. Thomas Klosterkamp
11:00 A.M.

†Nick Bedson
†Esperanza Villela

Second Collection

Our second collection the weekend of **April 20 & 21, 2024** is for **Assumption Seminary**.
Thank you for your continued Support!



**Let us continue to pray for rain
wherever it is needed.**

The Sanctuary
Light on the Main
Altar the week of
Saturday, April 13
through Friday,
April 19 is lit in honor of
Maria Kenyon
(Special Intention)



PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord, in your loving mercy, please
send the Holy Spirit with the Gift
of Healing upon these servants
who are in need of strength,
guidance and mercy...

- Almodovar, Alexander
- Autenrieth, Robert
- Battan, Donald
- Boyle, Philip J.
- Calderas, Christian
- Dunk, Marylen
- Estrada, Cindy
- Estrada, Frank Sr.
- Garcia, MaryLou
- Garza, Guadalupe
- Gomez, John C.
- Gonzalez, Elizabeth
- Gonzalez, Presilla
- Gumataotao, Enrique
- Hernandez, Josie
- Hernandez, Samantha
- Hughes, Gen
- Jonson, John
- Keil, Geno
- Kenyon, Maria
- Leon Guerrero, Ida
- Llanas-Berber, Gloria
- Lopez, Dolores
- Lopez, Martin G.
- Loza Galvan, Alfredo
- Loza, Blanquita
- Lozano, Donna
- Marsh, Jamie
- Melvin, Jacob
- Morales, Celia
- Ocon, Guillermina
- Oyervides, Maria P.
- Pallium, Joe
- Pasquale, Thomas Jr.
- Ramos, Dennis
- Regalado, Hortencia
- Rodriguez, Jaime
- Rosania, Nello
- Rudd, Gigi
- Torred, Edgar
- Travassos, Alex
- Villagomez, Joshua
- Wood, Alicia A.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Wednesday, April 17, 2024
2:00P.M.-3:00P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation-
Bride's Room
6:30P.M.

Religious Education Sessions:
Kinder through 5th Grade & RCIA
Youth-Ed. Bldg.
Middle School Youth-Popes' Room
Adult RCIA -Scott Room

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Sacrament of Reconciliation-
Brides Room

Sunday, April 21, 2024
10:00A.M.

High School Youth Session-Popes'
Room

6:30P.M.

Pro Life Rosary -Chapel

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Group to assist those dealing with
the loss of a loved one or other grief
issues. Grieving is a process and
sharing with others can often help
ease the pain of that process. The
first meeting will be at 6:00 P.M. on
Tuesday, June 13th in the Library /
Conference room of the church.
All are welcome.



WELCOME!

During the Easter Vigil we welcomed our Elect and Candidates into our faith community as fully initiated Catholics. May the Lord continue to guide them and bless them on their new faith journey always!

Elect

- Jamie C. Burns
- Jason A. Cook
- Makayla Campa-Hdz
- Christopher De Leon
- Brayan A. Estrada
- Jose D. Estrada
- Mila Espinosa
- Eddie Espinosa Jr.
- Sophie Espinosa
- Selina Luna
- Fabian A. Rios

Candidates

- Sebastien J. Aponte
- Ashley N. Campa
- Julian Candelaria
- Falicia N. Gallegos
- Carlos R. Garza
- Yadira De Luna
- Angelica M. Perez
- Miley Quintanilla
- Leon Ramirez
- Laxchmie A. Torres



Save the Date!

"A Taste of Italy"

The Catholic Daughters of the America Court Daughters of Our Lady of Fatima #2596 will be hosting their annual fundraiser.

Date: May 11, 2024

Time: 11:00 am -2:00 pm

Where: St. John Neumann Family Center



Communion Ministry to the Homebound

We are in **GREAT** need of couples or individuals who are interested in bringing the Eucharist to individuals **one Sunday a month for our homebound brothers and sisters.**

This is a very rewarding ministry and those receiving the Eucharist are very grateful. Please pray on it, and if you are interested call the church office (210) 654-1643 during business hours.



Dear members of St. John Neumann Parish,
The St. Vincent DePaul (SvDP) conference thanks you for your generous support during Lent toward our food pantry. With your generous contributions of food and monetary assistance, we have been able to provide food for the brothers and sisters in need from our parish community.

We continue requesting and appreciating your donations of **cereal; canned vegetables, canned meat and tuna, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly.** Additionally, we are in need of donations of **toiletries such as bars of bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste/toothbrushes, toilet paper and baby diapers.**

Please bring your donations to SvDP food pantry or the church, or to the church office during office hours. Thank you for your continued support, and may God bless you all for your generosity.

I Attended Mass With My Family
Grade: _____
First/Last Name: _____

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April 14, 2024
Religious Education

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If you are hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of the Stephen Ministry Leaders at St. Pius X Catholic Church: Steve Greefkens at (210) 852-6096 or Joyce Dobrowolski at (210) 240-7388.

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Men's Conference - Pilgrim Center of Hope invites men of all faith journeys to the Catholic Men's Conference Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 8am-2:30pm at St. Luke Banquet Hall, 4603 Manitou, San Antonio. Hear from dynamic speakers, experience fellowship with men like you, and encounter the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Speakers include a former Navy SEAL Instructor, Athletic leader, and EWTN Franciscan Friar. You don't have to be perfect to begin anew in Christ. Learn more & register at CMCSanAntonio.com or contact Pilgrim Center of Hope at 210-521-3377.

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Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday of Easter (B)
 April 14, 2024

What Will It Take?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

What will it take for the early followers of Jesus to recognize him in their midst? Today’s Gospel recounts yet another episode of confusion and unbelief. They had an extraordinary experience that startled and terrified them. Even though other disciples reported having come upon the risen Lord, they didn’t realize that it was also he they were encountering. Such an unusual experience might have left them doubtful about the Lord’s presence, but the reports of others should have thrown light on the reality of their own experiences. Are they like Thomas,

who was unwilling to take the word of others but demanded his own tangible experience of the risen Lord?

However, every account of the risen Lord’s appearance reports that his identity is initially hidden. They only knew that it was him when he revealed himself. Mary recognized him when he called her name (John 20:16); the couple in Emmaus knew him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:31); even Paul on the road to Damascus only understood who the Lord was when he revealed his name (Acts 9:3).

And what about us? What will it take for us to recognize the risen Lord in our midst? Do we also need concrete evidence? Will it only happen if we have a meal with him? But isn’t that exactly what the Eucharist is—a meal with the risen Lord? †

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Sunday Readings

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from death; of this we are witnesses.

1 John 2:1–5a

Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not obey his commandments, is a liar.”

Luke 24:35–48

[Jesus] asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

A Word from Pope Francis

Being Christian is not first of all a doctrine or a moral ideal; it is a living relationship with him, with the Risen Lord: we look at him, we touch him, we are nourished by him and, transformed by his Love, we look at, touch, and nourish others as brothers and sisters.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 18, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Do you look for the presence of Christ in the faces of those you encounter every day?
- Is there anyone you refuse to see as a brother or sister in Christ? Why?

Our Enemies Have Families, Too

Rev. Paul Turner

At times war seems to be the only course of action. At other times, though, it seems as though different solutions could have been found. Americans disagree about our wars, which is good. It shows that we think critically about violence. One motto that most Americans rally around is “Support Our Troops.” Even if you don’t agree with the point of the war, you support the troops who fight it. Pope St. John Paul II, weighing the question of winners and losers in battle, said, “War is always a defeat for humanity.”

Other nations also have troops. Those troops also have families. The deaths of combatants and innocents cause tremendous grief in the lives of people, no matter whose side they are on.



The watershed event for ancient Israel was its exodus from Egypt through the waters of the Red Sea. The Chosen People crossed many miles of desert before entering the Promised Land. They left

behind their enemy, submerged in the sea that had opened for Israel’s escape and closed to defeat the foe.

Pharaoh’s army—they were someone’s children, too.

At Easter we reflect upon the exodus because it foreshadows baptism. Through the waters of rebirth, we put sin behind and are purified for life in the new Promised Land. In the case of baptism, our enemy is the devil. The resurrection overcame the power of evil, and everyone can agree that it was worth the battle. †

From Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter by Rev. Paul Turner, available at Liguori.org

Daybreaks authors include Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Sr. Dianne Bergant, and Fr. Daniel Horan

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “How to Read the Resurrection Narratives” by Raymond E. Brown, SS

Our four Gospels, written twenty-five to sixty-five years after the resurrection, say what happened in ways so different that the Church wisely doesn’t combine them all into one picture or prefer one Gospel account over the other. Each Gospel narrative should be allowed to contribute its own wealth to what we know and believe about Christ. What can we learn from the fact that the Gospel accounts of the resurrection differ from each other? The answer is centered in the risen Jesus as God’s ultimate revelation directed to all times and places. Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever, but the world changes. The Church of our century cannot present a different Christ. But by the way it preserves the varied Gospel messages, it lets Jesus speak to the differing needs of the audiences of our times. †

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Lord Jesus, help us to recognize you in the faces of those we encounter in our daily lives, even those who are difficult for us to love, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 15–20

Monday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 6:8–15 / Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 7:51—8:1a / Jn 6:30–35

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 8:1b–8 / Jn 6:35–40

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 8:26–40 / Jn 6:44–51

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 9:1–20 / Jn 6:52–59

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 9:31–42 / Jn 6:60–69

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April 14, 2024

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Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Matthew Velasquez, Madonna Gil Jery & Nancy Murguia
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Gerry Schmoker, Bonnie Stewart Matthew Velasquez
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Irene & Felipe Gomez
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Matthew Velasquez

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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9:00 a.m. Mass Coordinator	Cristina Arreguin
11:00a.m Mass Coordinators	Rose Caballero
Spiritual Directors	Joyce Compton, Virginia Burns, Blanca Rocha & Patricia Garza

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Sp) & 11:00 a.m.
Monday	11:30 a.m.
Wednesday-Friday	11:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday at 4:00-4:45 p.m.
 Wednesday at 2:00-3:00 p.m.
 or by appointment, during office hours

BAPTISM: Second and fourth Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. Please register at the Church Office in advance.

MARRIAGE: Please make arrangements with the pastor six months prior to the date of the wedding. Couples should comply with all archdiocesan policies.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: The Eucharist is taken by our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion upon request. The anointing of the sick is also offered by the Pastor for serious cases.

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