

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2009



Announced Masses

Sat	4/25/09	4:00 pm	Marta (Kleisy)Cathy Murtha
Sun	4/26/09	10:30 am	Josephine Jozer/ Doloers Clark Family
		12:00 pm	Fidelia Aguirrez/Family (15th Anniv.)
Mon	4/27/09	8:00 am	Samuel B. Pelle Jr. (6 mo. Anniv.) /Fr. Ken Hallahan & SJOAParish Family
Tue	4/28/09	8:00 am	Open
Wed	4/29/09	8:00 am	Open
Thu	4/30/09	8:00 am	Open
Fri	5/01/09	8:00 am	Open
Sat	5/02/09	4:00 pm	Laura Collucci (1st anniv.) Carroll Family Joseph & Angelina Rocanella (wedding anniv./Daughter Anne
Sun	5/03/09	10:30 am	Helen P. Omiatek/Barbara Fanelle
		12:00 pm	Josefa Canda /Mom

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**Training for one on one interviews
Saturday May 2, 2009 9-12 noon
at the Romero Center
St. Joseph Pro Cathedral
For more information
Please call Fr. Hallahan
(856) 962-8642**

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**The People's Tithe
2nd Sunday of Easter: \$
Thank you for your continued generosity!**

Sick List

Please pray for those who are ill and those who care for them:

PLEASE NOTE: If your name or the name of a sick friend and/or family member has been removed from this sick list and you would like it put back on, please notify the rectory. Also, please notify the rectory when you or someone you know no longer needs to be on the sick list.

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A Family Perspective

In today's gospel, the disciples recognized Jesus only after they ate with Him. Only then did their fear leave them. Perhaps we would relieve anxiety in our homes if we shared in more focused family meals.

Sunday, 04/26/09:

Religious Ed.—English	9:15 am	School
Religious Ed.—Spanish	10:45 am	School

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Stewardship Reflection

Hands and feet of Stewardship

“Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.”

(Luke 24:38-39)

These words from the Risen Christ are good advice when we are troubled or doubtful about our stewardship decisions. /just look at the hands and feet of the Lord. How can we refuse to be the hands and feet of Jesus, living out the sharing of our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

**Second Collection for Sunday 4/26/09 is for
“Catholic Home Missions”**

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

During this Easter season, we read about the early church in the Acts of the Apostles. The earliest Christians faced many problems. One of the biggest challenges to them was change!!

Change is often difficult for people. The early Christians had to change their ideas about faith, about God, about suffering and about the way in which they should pray! That was a lot of change to deal with in a short period of time.

Today, we are faced in our diocese with change. The merger of the many parishes is causing some anxiety and distress among people who find change difficult.

Change has been a normal part of the life of the church throughout its history. I invite everyone to think about this, to pray about it and to seek what is best for the whole people of God.

Our message of faith reminds us that Jesus preached the "reign of God." Jesus was not attached to any building, even the Temple in Jerusalem!!

Right now, the various committees are working on our merger. St. Joan of Arc parish will merge with St. Bartholomew parish. Many decisions must be made about this merger. The decisions have not been made ahead of time.

The committees will discuss the decisions that pertain to their area of influence. If you have a concern about some area of parish life, such as: Sunday liturgy, finances, lifelong spiritual development, youth, the use of buildings or the parish's work for charity and justice, **please join one of the committees.**

I have spoken many times with Father Gerard about these issues. He understands that some people have strong feelings about their local church. This has been true of some people in every parish around the diocese that will be merged.

I would ask everyone to pray for the committee members. They must look at the facts and make recommendations. Undoubtedly, some people will be happy with the recommendations and some will not be happy. This is inevitable. I would ask the people who are unhappy with the recommendations to refrain from personal accusations against the committee members, the priests or the bishop.

This process of merging the parishes is difficult for everyone. We need not make it worse by spreading misinformation or making personal attacks against other people.

By the way, I am still the pastor and will continue to be the pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish until the merger takes place. Apparently, some people mistakenly think that I have already been transferred!! I am here!! I'll let you know when some change takes place in my status.

Peace,
Fr. Hallahan

Mother's Day Novena Cards

Mother's Day Novena cards will be available after all Masses and at the Rectory during business hours. Donation: \$10.00. These beautiful cards are appropriate for all mothers, grandmothers, god-mothers, mothers-in-law, aunts, and sisters. A novena of Masses (9) will be said for all mothers, living and deceased, beginning Saturday evening, May 9th. This is a lovely gift to present to the special mother in your life on the day that honors her!

Congulation to the Newly Confirmed



Diego "Alexander" Gonzalez
Oscar "Chris" Tolentino
Derrick Alexander "Patrick" Shoblock
Cassandra Maria "Isabel" Cabrera
Anahi "Claudia" Garcia Ortiz
Walter "Nathaniel" Jones
Michael Ryan "Vincent" O'Shea
Kelvin Jose "Jose" Gonzalez Nuñez
Yazmin "Eveline" Vargas
Milagros Ivette "Milagros" Hernandez
Jose Luis "Nicholas" Ponce
Crystal Marie "Anne" Wagner
Brian Osvaldo "Brian" Fernandez
Jazmin "Veronica" Leon
Julio Aldair "Martine" Ventura
Magnus Samuel "Samuel" Connor
Heriberto "Herbert" Chila
Luis Alberto "Gabriel" Ochoa
Jocelyn "Catherine" Chila
Marcus Anthony "Peter" Rodriguez
Chovonne "Josephine" Banks
Elodie "Sarah" Fofano
Jose Saul "Jose" Valenzuela
Steven "Estevan" Veras Cabrera
Victoria "Agnes" Merot

