

EASTER SUNDAY, YEAR B

READING: Act. 10: 34-43. Col:3: 1-4. Jn. 20: 1-9.

REFLECTION: The Secrets of the Resurrection.

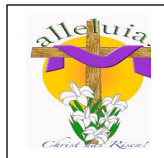
The best thing that has ever happened to us is the resurrection. It is the reason why Easter is the highest Christian celebration (it surpasses Christmas and others). It is the official introduction of Kerigma (Gospel/Goodnews) to every creature. It is the good-news of God's victory over sin, suffering, death, absurdity, etc. (The scripture says: if Christ has not been raised to life, our preaching will be absurd, our believing it will be meaningless).

Today is the greatest of all Sundays in the Christian calendar because of the newness of life that it brings. Today a new epoch has completely begun. This is because the historical Jesus, who suffered, was crucified, died and was buried has now been glorified. The short story is that Christ has risen in fulfilment of his promise: *"I will rise on the third day."* The battle is over. There is no controversy because Jesus Lord!

Today, we celebrate the triumph of good over evil, of light over darkness, and of peace over chaos. We celebrate hope, patience and the fulfilment of God's Promise to his people. We also celebrate the uniqueness of our religion, the resurrection of our Lord. Through his resurrection, Jesus affirms that he is the Lord of the living and the dead. One question that we must ask ourselves this Easter Sunday is: *Did I resurrect with Christ this Easter?* Today's gospel tells us that Jesus left the linen cloths in the grave. In order words he did not cling to any "worldly" thing or allowed them to pull him down. If we must rise with Christ, we must equally be ready to detach ourselves from all unnecessary things that that pull us down spiritually.

Through our Lenten observances we died with Christ. So let us rise with him through the power of the Holy Spirit. Like Paul, today our song should be that of thanksgiving to God: *"We bless God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ who in his great mercy has given us a new birth...by raising Jesus Christ from the dead"*. This is because, Christ's death was our death and his resurrection is ours too. Therefore, his joy, glory and triumph are equally ours. As Christ's disciples, our testimony from today shall be: *"I saw Christ's glory as he rose... Christ my hope has risen...!"* Like the apostles, our duty is to spread the good news of the Lord's resurrection to the entire world. Like Peter in today's first reading we must say to all people: *"Now we are those witnesses...we eat and drank with Him after his resurrection..."*. Let us go and live the life of resurrection. Jesus loves you, and so do I. Happy Easter.

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EASTER SUNDAY >> APRIL 4th 2021

Mission Santo Niño de Atocha, Three Rivers

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 10:00 – 12:00 AM & 1:00-3:00 PM (Closed Friday)

Office Closures: TBA

St. Francis de Paula Masses:

Weekdays: 7:30 am Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. [1st Friday of the Month Anointing]

Holy Days: 7:30 am Mass and 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:30 pm [1st Sat. of the Month Mass 8:00 am]

Sunday: 7:30 am,

Sunday: 11:00 am

CONFESSIONS: Fri. 4:30 - 5:30 pm

PRE-BAPTISM: - For Appt. Call- Liz and Steve Chavez 575-585-6340

BAPTISM CELEBRATION: --LAST Saturday of the month 10:00 am

MARRIAGE: -There is a (6) month preparation period.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: -> The first and third Fridays of each month.

If you have information to be posted in bulletin, put it in writing and turn it in by Wed morning.

Or email: StFrancisdepaula@gmail.com

*** Try our new Website: stfrancisdepaulachurch.org ***

**Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.**

(PHIL. 2:8-9)

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Sat. Apr. 3rd 8:00 pm † -----
 Sun. Apr. 4th 7:30 am † Dianna Brusuelas-Guilez
 Sun. Apr. 4th 11:00 am † Lucille & Juan Romero (B.D.) & Anniversary
 Mon. Apr. 5th **No am Mass** -----
 Tues. Apr. 6th 7:30 am † Michale Montoya
 Wed. Apr. 7th 7:30 am † Ramon Brusuelas
 Thur. Apr. 8th 7:30 am * Brusuelas Children
 Fri. Apr. 9th 7:30 am † Santiago Maez, Victor Calderon, Jesus & Manuela Fuentes
 Sat. Apr. 10th 5:30 pm † Jonnie Vickery, Margeret & Gabriel Sanchez



Let us pray for our troops in military services:

Paulita Rocha
Dyanna Ortega
Isaiah Diaz

Let us Pray for the Sick

Jenni(BB) Alexander
 Bobby Baroz
 Robert Capuchin
 Rose Baroz
 Brenda Barreras
 Helen Guerra
 Carlos Hangarter
 Anthony Mendez
 Natalia Walters
 Judy Aguirre Andozola
 Rosa Maria Camarena
 Jeff Aragon
 Soncera Brierer
 Hope Carrion
 Danny Cordova
 Raleigha Cordova
 Rosemary Cordova
 Christina Chavez
 Manny Diaz
 Chano Flores
 Ramona Flores
 Gloria Gonzales

Frank Guerrero
 Henry Herrera
 Armado Lopez
 Jesus Lopez
 Martha Luna
 Ray Manley
 Clara Marrujo
 Leah Matinzo
 Ramona Monje
 Ysidro S Monje
 Cuca Montoya
 Luna Bella Nevarez
 Monica Nik
 Joe Padilla
 Jack Palladino
 Maria Elena Perez Lope
 Antonio Romero
 Celina Romero
 Rosie Romero
 Rose Salazar
 Josephine Salcido
 Margeret B Sanchez
 Rachele Simons
 Landon Wright
 John Dixon
 Annie Brady
 Billy Brady

Bob & Rita Jarvis
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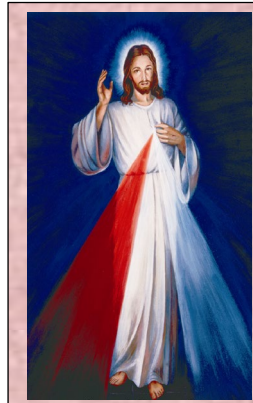
Announce 2nd Collection

Friday of Apr.
For: Diocese of Las Cruces – San Juan Diego

EASTER VIGIL MASS

Saturday 8:00 PM
EASTER SUNDAY MASS
11:00 AM Only
Practice safe distancing.

Divine Mercy Sunday



There will be a Holy Hour

Sunday
April 11th 2021
AT 3:00pm
in the Church

No Confirmation class Easter Sunday
April 4th will resume April 11th 10 am
Thank you

Ushers For the month of April 2021

Sat. 5:30 >> *Abraham Pino*
 Sun. 7:30 > *Alfonso Voorbach*
 Sun. 11:00>> *Tim Brooks & Gilbert Gaston*

Sacristans for the Month of April 2021

Sat. 5:30 -----
 Sun. 7:30 *Louise & Manny*
 Sun. 11:00 *Chris & Stacy*



Come join us on April 4th after the 11:00 am mass for our Easter Egg Hunt, Bake Sale, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. In Need of individual wrapped candy.

Please call Jennifer Gaston (575)430-8930. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.



Readers

Saturday Apr. 3rd 5:30 Mass
Reader 1 Andrea Carrillo
Reader 2 Demetrius Armijo-Vigil
Sunday Apr. 4th No Mass
Reader 1 -----
Reader 2 -----
Sunday Apr. 4th 11:00 Mass
Reader 1 Irma Melendrez
Reader 2 Steve Chavez

Altar Servers

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 Demetrius Armijo-Vigil
Sunday Apr. 4th No Mass

Sunday Apr. 4th 11:00 Mass
 Gabriel Melendrez
 Myles Gaston



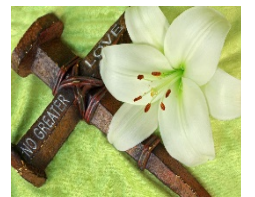
A Prayer During Coronavirus Pandemic

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, We, your children of every nation, Turn to you in this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet, Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, And obtain peace, healing, rescue, And timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son. — Amen

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



will be open Monday thru Friday 8am to 9pm...
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament "are the most efficacious way of growing in holiness". (Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei)



Parishioners Thank You For the Easter Lilies They certainly look beautiful in the church and they add a nice fragrance to which adds to the true Presence of the "Risen Christ" Amen.