

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 26

### **Third Sunday of Easter**

Live Stream Mass at 9:00am

Monday, April 27

### **Monday of the Third Week of Easter**

Live Stream Mass at 8:00am

Adoration/Benediction at 12:00pm

Tuesday, April 28

### **Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter**

Live Stream Mass at 8:00am

Adoration/Benediction at 12:00pm

Wednesday, April 29

### **Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, *virgin, doctor of the Church***

Live Stream Mass at 8:00am

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Adoration/Benediction at 12:00pm

Thursday, April 30

### **Thursday of the Third Week of Easter**

Live Stream Mass at 8:00am

Adoration/Benediction at 12:00pm

Friday, May 1

### **Friday of the Third Week of Easter**

Live Stream Mass at 8:00am

Adoration/Benediction at 12:00pm

Saturday, May 2

### **Memorial of St. Athanasius, *bishop, doctor of the Church***

Live Stream Mass at 8:00am

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Adoration/Benediction at 12:00pm

Sunday, May 3

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Live Stream Mass at 9:00am

**ALL WEEKEND AND DAILY  
MASSES ARE CANCELED  
UNTIL April 30<sup>th</sup> (inclusive).  
Follow us on Facebook as we  
Live Stream our Masses**

## Stewardship of Treasure

### **Offertory Collection**

**4/13 – 4/19**

Sunday Offering	\$ 4,259.45
Easter Sunday	\$ 1,320.00
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 530.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 141.00
Good Friday	\$ 71.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,321.45</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 140.00
Mass Intention	\$ 21.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 135.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 90.00
Holy Land	\$ 31.00
Others (Gallery, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 727.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,465.45</b>

## Living the Liturgy

- When you participate in Eucharist this week, listen attentively to the Eucharistic Prayer: the central prayer of the celebration. It is said by the priest as the bread and wine is transformed into Christ's body and blood. You can read the texts of the Eucharistic Prayers that we use in liturgy on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)).
- The psalm speaks about God as our refuge, portion, cup, and path of life. What other images would you use to describe God? Can you share your ideas with a friend or a group? If you would like further ideas, look for words about God that are used in the psalms.
- Although it is the Easter season, this is a good time to reflect and pray using a crucifix. Jesus' triumph over the cross is at the heart of our faith. How will you pray, knowing Jesus' sacrifice and victory.

## Sharing Faith

- Have you ever felt blind to Jesus' presence in your life? What has helped to open your eyes?
- If you had to tell another person about the events of Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection, what would you say?
- The psalm asks God to show us the path of life. What path does God show you?

*And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight (Luke 24:30 – 31).*

# April 26, 2020 – Third Sunday of Easter

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Acts 2:2-14-22-33 | Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 | 1 Peter 1:17-21 | Luke 24:13-35*

Rejection to triumph, sin to redemption, despair to new life, death to resurrection — all of these are themes that resound during this Easter season. Today's psalm, a hymn of thanksgiving, expresses confidence in the love of God, which we trust will last forever. The New Testament interprets the rejected cornerstone as descriptive of the death and Resurrection of Christ. It is fitting to rejoice in the Christ who has become the cornerstone not only for the early community of believers, but also for us as we attempt to be faithful followers.

In today's Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples after his Resurrection and offers them peace, just as he did at the Last Supper. Jesus tells them he is now sending them forth just as the Father sent him. Breathing on them, he gives them the Holy Spirit so they might carry out his mission of peace, healing, and forgiveness of sins. This part of the Gospel will be proclaimed again on the solemnity of Pentecost as we celebrate the gift of the Spirit upon the Church.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "Fourth Sunday of Easter"**

*Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 | 1 Peter 2:20b-25 | John 10:1-10*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

My Beloved Parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy in the Risen Lord!

***"You are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24: 28)***

Every time Jesus appeared to His disciples, they were all caught in fear, joy, amazement, wonder, and faith. He assured them that He would rise from the dead after His passion and death. It was not easy for them to accept these words. They were so much afraid that they locked themselves up for fear of the Jews. After three days, Jesus appeared to them to let them know the truth about His words. His appearances to them were moments to strengthen their faith in Him and be witnesses to all that He taught them. Like any ordinary persons, the disciples would look for proof to deepen their faith and probably needed more appearances that Jesus indeed was raised from the dead. His disciples came to believe in Him, and they became witnesses to the faith we have now. Jesus' statement in last Sunday's Gospel resounds clearly for us, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

The resurrection and eye-witness accounts that we hear from the disciples during this Easter Season are provided for us to deepen our faith in the Risen Lord. It is now our turn as we have received the gift of faith at our baptism to be witnesses to His teachings. We are called to be bearers of His words today. We are called to witness the truth. We are called to give life to His words of compassion and to live a life of service. We can do this by showing forgiveness, to share our resources, and to work for justice and peace. In this way, we provide meaning and new life into this troubled world we live in now.

It is so difficult to experience the joy of Easter when we know that many are suffering and dying. Ourselves, too, experience the anxiety and pain of not being able to be with our family and go to our work. More so, when we know that unemployment is soaring high and many are having difficulties to provide for their own needs and families. We are suffering, but when we unite our suffering to the Lord, we may find meaning in all these and be strengthened that Jesus does not at all leave us. Rather, He lives in us to have courage, strength, and hope for the future. It is for this that our joy can still be complete because with faith and love for the Lord, He is with us, no matter what.

Know that I am here, fervently praying for all of you. We are all in this together. And may our Merciful Lord, spare us and restore our lives with newness and renewed faith.

Your friend in the Lord,  
Fr. Pascual