

Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church



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Confesión el Sábado:
Por cita y será al aire libre (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: Y letanías de la Santísima Virgen María—3:45pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

Rosario el Domingo: Y letanías de la Santísima Virgen María— 9:45pm

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

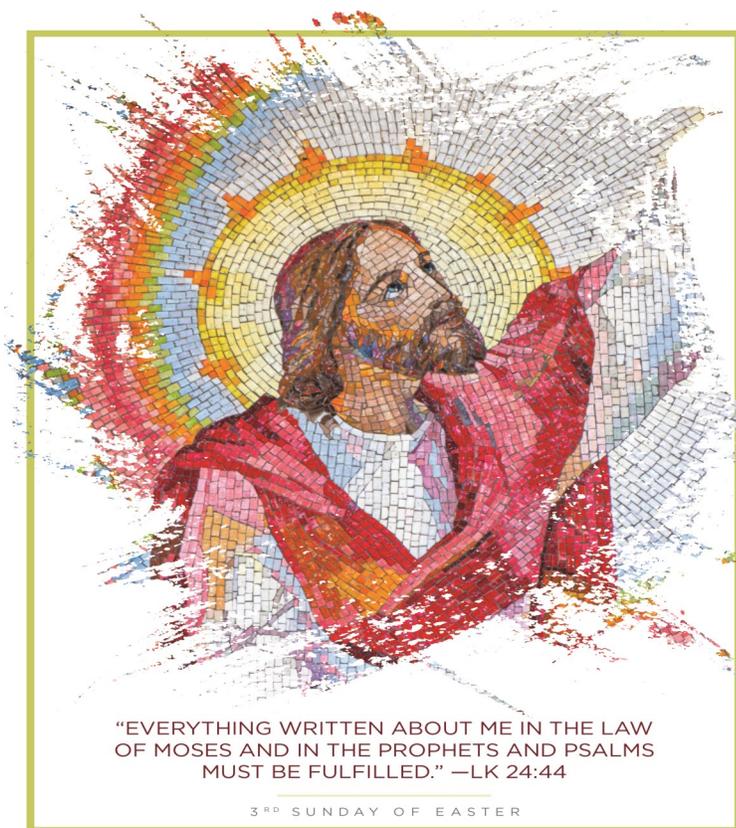
Lunes: Adoración: 7:00am y Misa 7:30am

Martes y Miércoles: Adoración 8:30am y Misa 9:00am

Jueves: Adoración: 8:30am y Misa: 9:00 m o la Oración de la Evangelización a las 10:00am

Viernes Durante Quaresma:Camino de la Cruz a las 3:00pm y concluyendo con Misa

Sábado: Adoración: 7:00am y a las 7:30am
Misa en Honor de Virgen María



APRIL 18th 2021

Rev. Victor Yakubu, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar

Confession on Saturday:

By appointment and it will be outdoors/English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary 3:45pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00 p.m.

Sunday Rosary: And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:45pm

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Monday: 7:00am Adoration & Mass 7:30am

Tuesday & Wednesday: Adoration 8:30am & Mass 9:00am

Thursday: Adoration: 8:30am & Mass: 9:00am
or Prayer of the Evangelization at 10:00am

Friday During Letn: Way of the Cross 3:00pm
concluding with Mass

Saturday: Adoration: 7:00 a.m. & 7:30 a.m.

Mass in Honor of the Virgen Mary

Third Sunday of Easter: Year B

Repent and Be Converted

Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator

The message of Pope Francis on Easter Sunday stated in part, “The world proposes that we put ourselves forward at all costs, that we compete, that we prevail. But Christians, by the grace of Christ, dead and risen, are the seeds of another humanity, in which we seek to live in service to one another, not to be arrogant, but rather respectful and ready to help.” In his message, the Pope encouraged peace talks between the Israelis and Palestinians and prayed for the restoration of normalcy in conflicted areas. He also urged an end to bloodshed in Iraq, Syria, Libya, Ukraine, Nigeria, South Sudan and various parts of Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo. He prayed for the victims of the Kenyan college attack where 145 students were killed.

The Second Vatican Council document *Gaudium et spes* (the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World) specifies that the Church is at the service of humanity. The overview of service according to the document covers all aspects of human life from social justice, poverty, economics, culture, ecumenism, science, and technology. Service began with the early Church. Peter as leader of the apostles feared only God and spoke to all with modesty to convert them to a new life.

The preaching of Peter ended with the words, “Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.” Today the Church does not coerce people into believing in Jesus but rather persuades them into understanding that conversion brings relief from the burden of sins. St. John the beloved apostle writes, “The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, “I know him,” but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them.” The gift of conversion comes after listening to the words that teach us a different approach to life’s issues. Without understanding the alternative to sin, we cannot expect to avoid it entirely and live holier lives. But since Jesus has risen from the dead and given us an assurance of his love, we cannot afford to lose it.

In our journey in life, the tendency is always to despair because it is difficult to determine what comes our way. The difference that opinion holds with the Christian journey is that the Christian knows that it is a journey with God and no number of uncertainties can stop the movement to that heavenly goal. The gospel today gives us much assurance as Jesus is asking you, “Why are you troubled?” There is no need to be troubled or startled in this journey because the one who knows the way is behind to strengthen us and he is ahead to clear every debris ensuring our safety.

What the gospel of Jesus does is to awaken the conscience of every listener. The message of the world is to pretend the message does not touch our conscience so there is no need to change. Thus, they attack it with trivial logic that mocks the faith. This makes people feel good about today forgetting about what comes tomorrow. This brings us to the point in this message: conversion brings everlasting happiness with a new approach to life, new attitudes, new birth, and new perspectives. On the other hand, our refusal to convert means that we retain our nasty attitudes that weigh us down and give us another day to be arrogant. St. John says, “And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.” It is important to handle matters of faith with great foresight.

I am happy with the pope’s message for Easter because the Church is neither in competition with any entity in the world nor does it put itself forward in the world as having all the solutions to man’s problems. However, at the forefront of what the Church promotes is what the Pope emphasized, “We ask for peace and freedom for the many men and women subject to old and new forms of enslavement on the part of criminal individuals and groups.” It simply means, where there’s freedom, there is a choice. When you have converted souls, human life is respected not destroyed. Conversion, therefore, brings light to all peoples irrespective of religious beliefs as confirmed by the pope’s words, “seeds of another humanity.” ***Keep praying!***

WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

SUN 4/18	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
MON 4/19	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
TUES 4/20	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/ Jn 6:30-35
WED 4/21	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
THR 4/22	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
FRI 4/23	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
SAT 4/24	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
SUN 4/25	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

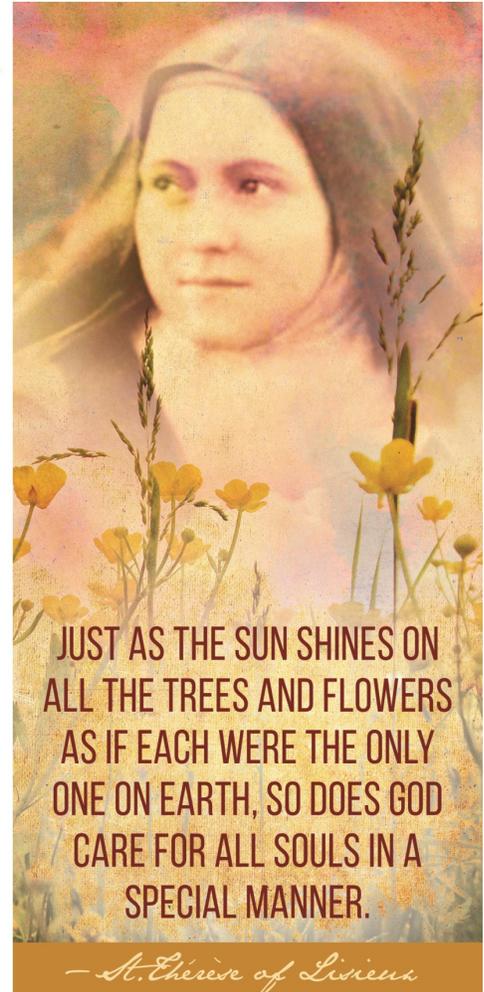
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

Wednesday:	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Administrative Professionals' Day
Thursday:	Earth Day
Friday:	St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.



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words

Love that Gives Hope: Nazareth House



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