



**This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad**

Early in the morning, a mother wakes up before everyone else in the house. She prepares breakfast, gets things ready, and quietly begins her day. No one notices the effort, no one applauds her, but she still does it with love. Why? Because she understands every new day is a gift, and what we do with that gift matters. Today's Psalm tells us, This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. These words are not just a nice sentence—they are a way of life. They remind us that today is not just another ordinary day. It is created by God, given by God, and filled with His presence. Very often, we forget this truth. We wake up and immediately begin to complain. Another busy day... more problems... more stress... Instead of seeing the day as a blessing, we see it as a burden. But the Word of God invites us to look again—with faith. In the Old Testament, we see how the people of Israel received manna in the desert. God gave them just enough for each day. Not for a week, not for a month—only for that day. Why? Because He wanted them to trust Him daily, to recognize that each day comes from His loving hand. Dear friends, this is the same message for us. Today—this very day—is God's gift to you. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is not yet in our hands. But today is real. Today is where God meets us. Even in the New Testament, we see how Jesus emphasizes the value of the present moment. He says, Do not worry about tomorrow. Why? Because God is already present in today. His grace is given for today. His strength is given for today. But here is something important: the Psalm does not just say, This is the day the Lord has made. It also says, Let us rejoice and be glad. In other words, joy is a choice but rejoicing is a decision. It does not mean that everything will be perfect. Some days bring challenges, sickness, struggles, or disappointments. But even in those moments, we can still choose joy—not because life is easy, but because God is faithful. Dear friends, if we truly believe that today is God's gift, then we will live differently. We will speak more kindly, because we know this moment will not come again. We will forgive more quickly, because we understand the value of time. We will pray more sincerely, because we recognize that God is with us now. Think about it: how many days have we wasted in anger, worry, or sadness? How many beautiful moments have we missed because we were too busy thinking about the past or fearing the future? Today, the Lord gently invites us: Do not miss this day. I have made it for you. So let us receive this day with gratitude. Let us live it with purpose. Let us fill it with love, kindness, and faith. And no matter what this day brings—joy or struggle—let us hold on to this truth: it is the Lord's day, and He is walking with us in it. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Amen.  
Fr. Joseph Puthen

**Saturday, April 4**

8:00 p.m. † Annabel Cuellar Munoz by the family  
 † Alberto Byington, Jr. (birthday) by the family  
 † Clemente Menchaca, Jr. by the Class of 1975  
 † Esteban & Juanita Garcia by the family

**Sunday, April 5**

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS  
 9:30 a.m.(E) † Merced Garza (anniv) by the family  
 11:15 a.m. † Eliezar Saenz, Jr. by the family

**Monday, April 6**

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

**Tuesday, April 7**

NO MASS

**Wednesday, April 8**

7:00 a.m. † Emilia De Leon by Cece & Ronnie Garcia

**Thursday, April 9**

7:00 a.m. † Reynaldo M. Carbajal (4th anniv) by the family

**Friday, April 10**

7:00 a.m. †

**Saturday, April 11**

5:00 p.m. † Anabel Anzualda (7th anniv) by the family  
 † Rinaldo & Lily Vela by the family  
 † Concepcion Munoz (9th anniv) & Stevie Munoz (16th anniv) by the family  
 † Annie Cortez (5th anniv) by their children

**Sunday, April 12**

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS  
 9:00 a.m.(E) † Norma Ramirez (8th anniv) by the family  
 † Humberto Abrego by Ricki & Dolores Ramirez  
 11:15 a.m. † Alicia & Frank Huerta, Jr. (birthday's) by the family  
 † Rodolfo Garcia (21st anniv) by Ana Lisa Vela & family  
 † Eraclio Salinas by Rosas & Ulicki families

~YOUTH NEWS~

last day of Religious Ed classes:  
April 29th

1st Holy Communion  
May 3rd at 11:15 Mass

**Parish Tithes and Offerings Mar 28 & 29**

**Sacred Heart Parish**

Regular Collection: \$3865.60

Online Giving: \$1065.00

**St. Anne Mission**

Regular Collection: \$725.00



## Parish Meetings & Events

- Apr 5 Easter Sunday  
 Apr 2-6 Parish Office will be closed for Easter Holidays  
 Apr 7 Knights of Columbus Officer Meeting: 7:00 pm Parish Hall  
 Apr 11 Altar Society Meeting @ 10:00 am  
 Apr 12 Divine Mercy Sunday  
 Apr 14 Guadalupanas Meeting at 6:00 pm Parish Hall  
 Apr 21 Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:00 pm Parish Hall  
 Apr 29 Last day of Religious Ed classes



**Knights of  
Columbus**

### Family of the Month

**Joey & Daisy Garza & family**

### Altar Society Schedule

#### For the Month of April:

have the privilege of cleaning the sanctuary:

**Patti Ann & MT**

#### Cleaning the side altars:

**Irene E.**

## FAITH RISES

By Sr. Colleen Gibson

Easter morning the greeting rings out: "*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!*" Indeed, nearly two millennia removed, we rest in the certainty of the Resurrection.

Yet, as the sun rises on this Easter Sunday, before rattling off a string of alleluias, we might do well to remember what gripped the disciples that first Easter morning: confusion. Greeted by an empty tomb, they did not know what to believe. As John's Gospel clearly conveys, they saw and "they did not yet understand." *Had Jesus' body been taken, or had he risen to glory like he said he would?*

Each disciple meets the moment in their own way. For Mary, this means delivering the news—both of loss and, later, of joyful reunion—to her companions. For Peter, it means running out ahead, his understanding eventually catching up to his bold actions. For the Beloved Disciple, it means attending to the signs left behind and believing in the glory of the Risen One yet to be encountered.

Each, in their own way, reveals to us that from the ashes of our own understanding, faith rises. Amid chaos and confusion, Christ lives. God meets us in *this* moment. Bearing the marks of pain and suffering, the effects of betrayal and the wounds of faith, Jesus greets us on this new day and offers us—all at once and yet again—new life. Alleluia! This is the Paschal Mystery—the Easter story come alive—that with each dying and rising we might understand Christ's love more fully, rejoicing in the One who holds us in our confusion, and helps us understand more and more each day that the Way, the Truth, and the Life of Christ will lead us home as we walk with one another.



## Easter Prayer

On this holy day, and in this season of renewal, we pray in thanksgiving for the many blessings You give us. May our words and deeds today, and always, serve as reminders of the transformative power of Your love.  
 Amen.

The Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary prayer, Glory Be prayer

## St. Francis De Sales' Guide To Starting Your Day Right!

By Fr. Thomas F. Dailey, O.S.F.S

In his everyday spirituality, St. Francis de Sales counsels us to begin at the beginning. Making God a part of that first consciousness of the new day starts things out on the right footing. Not merely as the first among many things to do each day, but *first of all* the devout person thinks of God, whose graceful action makes awakening possible (with the aid of an alarm clock to make it timely!). That we are alive for another day is the gift each morning brings. Recognizing the source of that gift by directing our mind to do so is the appropriate response to such a gracious gift. It may take some practice, but it will prove beneficial to make this the first thought of the day, instead of reacting with annoyance or reluctance at having been awakened. To fashion that mindfulness of the divine gift of our awakening each day, Francis suggests we adopt biblical images and thoughts. To get into the habit of seeing each day as a mini resurrection is to cultivate a thoroughly Christian attitude toward our earthly existence. Thus, he suggests that, when we wake, we meditate on the verse: *O dead, arise and come to judgment. (cf. Eph. 5:14)*

The Christian attitude with which we greet each morning is founded on faith in the Redemption and our vocation to eternal life. To cultivate this consciousness, we could recall the book of Job, that classic story of the wise man who longs to make sense of human existence amid the innocent suffering of his personal life, and who does so thanks to a divine intervention. Like Job, we can reaffirm faith in the living God and entrust ourselves to the call and care of divine providence. To do so at the beginning of the day creates a bulwark against which the travails we may encounter during the day will hold no sway. So, too, with the routine of praying. The words we use and the actions we perform (e.g., making the Sign of the Cross when seeing a crucifix) constitute rituals. When that routine or ritual becomes a habit—as is intended by the exercise suggested here—it creates a comfort zone in which to steady ourselves before we take on the duties of the day. Hence, even the next step in the morning routine can be made sacred: *As we begin to dress, we will make the Sign of the Cross and say: Cover me, Lord, with the cloak of innocence and the robe of love. My God, do not let me appear before you stripped of good works.*

# VOCATIONAL CROSS



**5:00 p.m. Mass**

Mar 28-Apr 4 Edna Balderas  
 Apr 4-Apr 11 Claudia Cantu  
 Apr 11-Apr 18 Mary Costley

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

Mar 29-Apr 5 Enedelia Saenz  
 Apr 5-Apr 12 Lucy Flint  
 Apr 12-Apr 19 Gloria Richardson

**11:15 a.m. Mass**

Mar 29-Apr 5 Pam Cabrera  
 Apr 5-Apr 12 Gilbert & Dominique Alegria  
 Apr 12-Apr 19 Rick & Cindy Salinas

**St. Anne Mission**

**9:30 a.m. Mass**

Mar 29-Apr 5 Beltrando & Nora Soliz  
 Apr 5-Apr 12 Diana Martinez  
 Apr 12-Apr 19 Pete Rodriguez



**Mar 29-Apr 11**

The Sanctuary Candle in the Church is burning for:  
**Matilde Salazar**  
 By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in the Guadalupe Chapel is burning for:  
**Carlota & Rodolfo Garcia**  
 By Ana Lisa Vela & family

The Sanctuary Candle in the Schoenstatt Chapel is burning for:  
**Armando Garcia, Jr.**  
 By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in St. Anne Mission is burning for:  
**M/M Octavio Longoria**  
 By the family

**Divine Mercy Sunday April 12**

The Feast of Divine Mercy was established by Pope John Paul II who canonized St. Faustina on April 30, 2000, and declared the Second Sunday of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) as "Divine Mercy Sunday". The devotion of The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of St. Faustina, a Polish nun, who wrote a diary recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. The Divine Mercy message is simple: "God loves all of us. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others."

**Prayer Blanket Ministry**



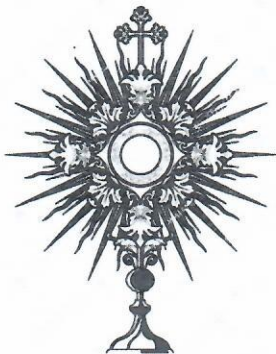
This ministry will be making blankets for people in our parish who are seriously ill. These blankets will be blessed and given to everyone on our list. Prayer is very powerful and we ask everyone in our parish to pray for these individuals on the prayer list:



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| <b>4-5-26</b><br>Lydia Vera<br>Kareen James | <b>3-29-26</b><br>Jesus Rosas, Jr.<br>AJ Moreno | <b>3-22-26</b><br>Bianca Alegria<br>Diana G. Cantu<br>Alda Lopez<br>Dorothy Torres<br>Adan Moreno |
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**April Devotion: The Blessed Sacrament**

**Prayer:** ACT OF ADORATION I adore Thee, O Jesus, true God and true Man, here present in the Holy Eucharist, humbly kneeling before Thee and united in spirit with all the faithful on earth and all the blessed in heaven. In deepest gratitude for so great a blessing, I love Thee, my Jesus, with my whole heart, for Thou art all perfect and all worthy of love. Give me grace nevermore in any way to offend Thee, and grant that I, being refreshed by Thy Eucharistic presence here on earth, may be found worthy to come to the enjoyment with Mary of Thine eternal and ever blessed presence in heaven. Amen.



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| <b>3-15-26</b><br>Jason Alegria<br>Rodolfo R. Gutierrez | <b>3-8-26</b><br>Neri Almendarez<br>Grace Mora<br>Ana Narvaez<br>Adrian Reyes<br>Albert Villarreal<br>Diana Barrera<br>Yoli & Jesus Longoria<br>Lily Garcia<br>Nori Garcia<br>Marshal Ramirez<br>Kindra Vannest<br>Jacob Soliz<br>Benny Soliz<br>Rolando "R.D." Davila<br>Elva Del Bosque |
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