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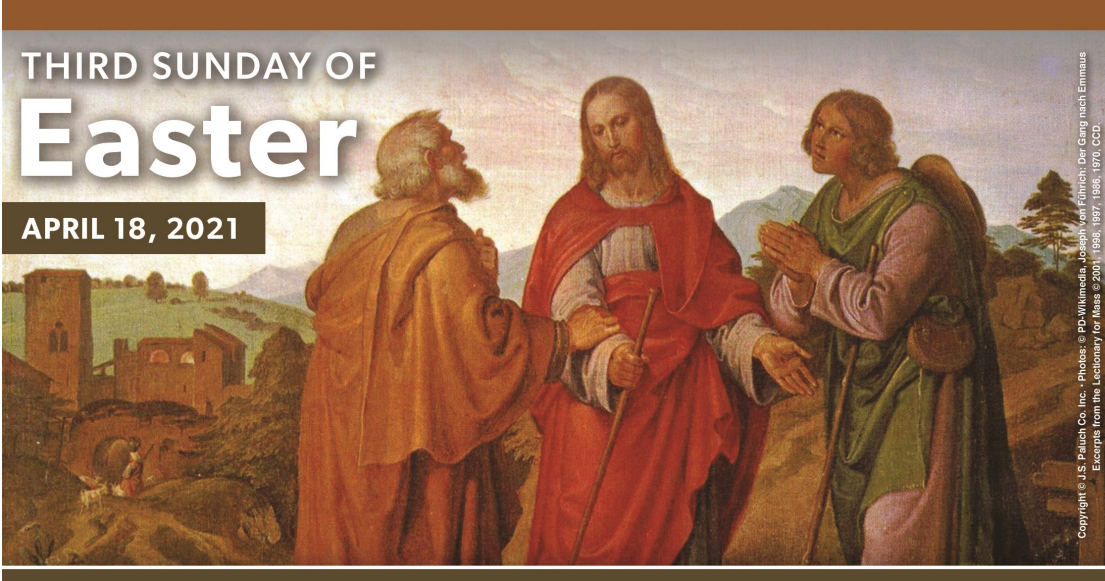
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Rev. Mr. Virgil D. Capetti
Rev. Mr. Nestor L. Fernandez II

THIRD SUNDAY OF Easter

APRIL 18, 2021



When the two disciples returned from Emmaus,
they recounted what had taken place on the way.

Luke 24:35

MASS SCHEDULE

10am Mon - Sat
Indoor, livestreamed

4:30pm Sat Indoor &
livestreamed

8am & 12Noon
Sunday Indoor &
livestreamed

10am Sun Outdoor &
livestreamed

All Masses are in person with 50% capacity, 6-ft. distancing, wearing of mask and sanitizing of hands.

THE SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OF TECHNOLOGY IN TIME OF CRISIS

By Brett Robinson, Catholic News Service

3-31-2020

"Gather 'round the TV, kids, it's time to pray." Those are the words I never thought I would utter as a Catholic media studies professor who has spent the past 20 years studying the effects of media on children and families.

And yet for the past few weeks during the coronavirus quarantine, I have found myself saying those words every day at noon as we gather to "attend" Mass at a church in England that offers a daily livestream. The experience has forced me to reevaluate with media technology as a Catholic family in a time of crisis.

As a kid, I can remember watching Mass on television during a particularly bad snowstorm in Pittsburg, where I grew up. It was a little unsettling, but it also sent a powerful message.

To this day, I still tell my parents that watching Mass on TV in that snowstorm left more of an impression on me than anything I learned in catechism class. It showed that my parents put such a high value on witnessing the holy sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays that we weren't going to miss it, even if it meant watching it on TV.

Shouldn't the opposite be true? Didn't watching Mass on TV cheapen the experience by hollowing out its embodied and sacramental character? Under normal circumstances, perhaps.

If we could travel to Mass safely, there was no reason to watch on TV. But then there's the story of St. Clare of Assisi who, when she was too ill to attend Mass, was granted a vision of the liturgy that was projected onto the wall of her room. It's why St. Clare is now the patron saint of television.

All of this came into particular focus on Friday, March 27, 2020, when Pope Francis delivered an "*urbi et orbi*" extraordinary blessing to an empty St. Peter's Square. Unable to attend because of the pandemic, the faithful were invited by the Holy Spirit "to participate spiritually through the means of communication."

We watched as a family as Pope Francis ascended the stairs of St. Peter's alone in the rain as evening descended on the empty streets of Rome. The images were stark and arresting. There was a sad beauty in the emptiness.

The thought of praying with the pope and the rest of the world while adoring the Blessed Sacrament was a consoling reminder that God's love and mercy is not confined to any particular place. The televised experience provided a fitting analogy for God's ability to transcend the temporal and physical constraints of this world to unite the church through spiritual communion.

There is a very good case to be made about the corrosive effects of television that have accumulated over the past half century. But our recent need to see and hear the prayer of the church while being separated from it has attenuated those effects for the moment.

For now, as our television culture gives way to a digital culture that has yet to reveal its own lasting effects, the TV is providing a spiritual lifeline to the church that has been physically separated but remains spiritually intact.

Robinson is director of communications and Catholic media studies at the University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute for Church Life.

CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM (CFFP)

Apr 17 CCD Adult Faith Formation
Apr 24 CCD Faith Formation
May 1 CCD Final Test
May 2 Confirmation Day, 2:00 PM and 3:30 PM (2 Groups)
May 5 Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass, 10 am livestreamed at church
May 8 CCD Classes Final Test
May 15 CCD & Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY. Interested to be a hospitality minister or usher? Get trained and join this energetic group of ministers. Contact Rita Liu at RitaLiu2020@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9714. "We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what *Knights* do." Contact Grand Knight Ren Luna at moonmill2019@gmail.com.

LEGION OF MARY. "The main apostolate of the **Legion** is activities directed towards Catholics and non-Catholics encouraging them in their faith or inviting them to become Catholic. This is usually done by encouraging them in prayer, attending Mass and learning more about the Catholic faith."

MASS INTENTION OFFERING. May be offered in person or online: www.osvonlinegiving.com/1625 Where it says, "Give one time without creating an account!", click "**Quick Give**". Enter information required. For **Fund** choice, click on **Mass Intentions**. In the block, **Special Intentions, if any**, indicate First and Last Names ONLY for whom the intention is offered, type of intention (for the dead, birthday, wedding anniversary, healing, special intention), Holy Mass date and time intention is to be offered. Please allow 3 days or more to process on line requests.

PRIVATE BAPTISM. Call 650-873-2282. Due to restriction guidelines on Covid-19, there are no group baptisms in St. Augustine, only one child is baptized per scheduled event unless there are more than one child to be baptized in the same family.

SACRAMENTS. For anointing of the sick and confession, call 650-873-2282 to make an appointment.

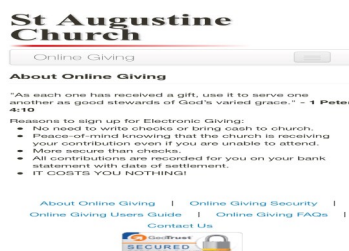
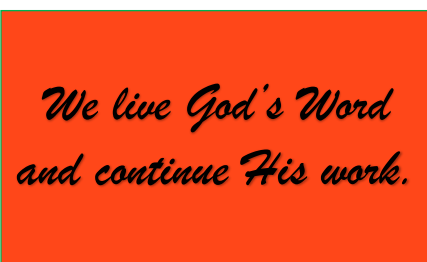
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SAINT AUGUSTINE CONFERENCE. "Inspired by gospel values, the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, **St. Vincent de Paul**." Call 650-273-7088.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES. A Small Christian Community is a group of 3-10 individuals who share their faith in a 90-minute session grounded in Scripture. The group prays, learns and acts on their faith by involving themselves in the larger community of the parish. Do you wish to participate in a small faith sharing group or form your own group?

Contact Malou Salumbides at sccatstaugustine@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULTS. If you are between the ages of 19-39 years old, join The Young Adult Ministry. Find a deeper meaning and purpose to your life. Meet other young adults while expressing your faith.

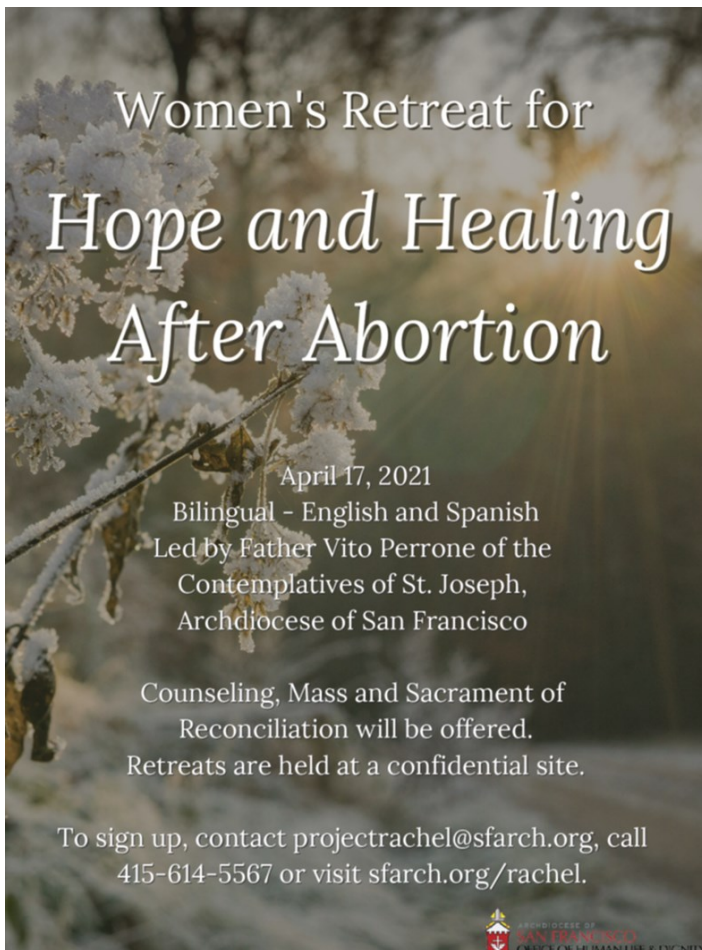
To contact them, email at: staugustineyoungadults@gmail.com



Congratulations

Ronnie Valdez

For receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation on Easter Vigil.



**Women's Retreat for
Hope and Healing
After Abortion**

April 17, 2021
Bilingual - English and Spanish
Led by Father Vito Perrone of the
Contemplatives of St. Joseph,
Archdiocese of San Francisco

Counseling, Mass and Sacrament of
Reconciliation will be offered.
Retreats are held at a confidential site.

To sign up, contact projectrachel@sfarch.org, call
415-614-5567 or visit sfarch.org/rachel.

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CONFIRMATION DAY May 2, 2021

Group 1 2:00 PM
Group 2 3:30 PM

PRAYER FOR COMMUNITY

Embracing Father,
You grace each of us with equal measure in your love.
Let us learn to love our neighbors more deeply,
so that we can create
peaceful and just communities.
Inspire us to use our creative energies
to build the structures we need
to overcome the obstacles
of intolerance and indifference.
May Jesus provide us the example needed
and send the spirit to warm our hearts for the journey.
Amen.

-from Being Neighbor: The Catechism and Social Justice

MASS INTENTIONS April 19 - April 25

Apr 19: †Josefina Montenegro, Eufemio & Lourdes Repane (H), Ted. A. (H), Carolyn Trist (BD), Regina Dacanay (H), Victoria Nunez (BD), †Robert L. Howard, Jofel Segui (H), †Bruno Pensotes

Apr 20: Paulina Claudio-Ingebretsen (BD), Eufemio & Lourdes Repane (H), Bernadette Corpuz (BD), Ted A. (H), †Paulina Garcia, Nicolas Haley (TG), Janessa R. Chin (H)

Apr 21: †Antonia Pagpaguitan, Eufemio & Lourdes Repane (H), Ted A. (H), Anorico Family (TG), †Lourdes Herras, †Flora Lucas, †Romulo Raval

Apr 22: Eufemio & Lourdes Repane (H), †Remedios Cagodoc, Gladys Due (BD), †Jimmy Mendiola, Linda & Lilly Estolano (BD), †Rosita Maynes, Jazlyn M. Balamiento (BD), †Milagros Divine

Apr 23: Eufemio & Lourdes Repane (H), Tony & Rebecca Caoile (WA), Ted A. (H), †Magdiwang Jose, Josephine Calimlim (TG), †Jose Calimlin, †Lionor Dacanay, †Pete Resuello

Apr 24: †Cornelio & Segundo, Fidela Gandola (BD), Eufemio & Lourdes Repane (H), Ryan Tumbaga (H), Ted A. (H), †Patrick Robledo, †Deacon Lery Prudenciado, Imelda Flores (SI),

Apr 25: †Rosario Resuello, Deacon Lery Prudenciado, †Marygrace Carreon, †Rey Pimentel, Eufemio & Lourdes Repane (H), Ted A. (H)

GIVING

Collection report will be submitted in the next bulletin issue.

ON LINE GIVING - February 28, 2021 \$ 18,968.50
TOTAL NUMBER OF ON LINE DONORS - 248