



Fr. Kevin's Korner The Cross and the Resurrection

There is an intimate connection between the resurrection and the cross. In fact, the resurrection makes no sense without the cross. In his book, *Road to Emmaus*, Jim Forrest tells how he saw the connection between the cross and the resurrection, very vividly, while a pilgrim, in Albania.

In the twentieth century, a number of atheistic states tried to stamp out religion. Albania, where most of the people belong to the Orthodox Church, was one of those examples. It attempted to suppress not only public worship, but also every trace of spiritual life, even within the privacy of the home.

Every church, synagogue and mosque was closed. To hang an icon on a bedroom wall, to dye an egg red at Easter time, to make the sign of the cross before a meal, even the smallest gesture suggesting rejection of atheism, could be brutally punished.

But when Albania's Communist regime collapsed in 1991, it was astonishing how quickly and vigorously religious life resumed. Albania was Europe's poorest and most damaged country, everyone had much to worry about.

At Easter time, Archbishop Anastasios went to assess what, if anything, was left of Christianity in Albania. To his great surprise, people everywhere were exchanging Easter greetings. "Christ is risen!" With the response, "He is risen indeed!"

"Everyone was weeping," Archbishop Anastasios recalls, and so was I. "But these were not tears of grief, but of joy. The longest and darkest of nights had ended. Now, the dawn had arrived."

These people were not debating the resurrection. They were experiencing it in their lives and that's how it should be with us.

We cannot separate the joy those people felt, that Easter Day, from the suffering they experienced under Communist rule. In fact, that joy would have no meaning were it not for the suffering that preceded it.

In the same way, we cannot separate the resurrection of Jesus from his passion and death. His glory cannot be separated from his pain. Jesus reached the glory of the resurrection through the humiliation of his passion.

The early Christians came to understand, although slowly, that the passion and death was precisely how Jesus entered into his glory. "Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer and so enter his glory?"

And so it must be for us. The resurrection is the main thing, but we must not forget that it was preceded by the passion and death.

We cannot have Easter Sunday without Good Friday. But when we are experiencing Good Friday we should remember Easter Sunday.

We should never allow anything to so fill us with sorrow that we forget the joy of Easter.

HAPPY EASTER!
YOUR FRIEND AND PASTOR,

Er. Kevin



MASS INTENTIONS

Easter Sunday, March 31st

7:00 AM

For all St. Anthony de Padua Parishioners

8:30 AM

Andres Morales de parte de su familia

PRosa Pena by Rosie Felan

♥Juanita Zarazua by Carlos Zarazua & family

10:30 AM

PNicholas A. Perez on his birthday by his family Fr. William Davis, O.M.I. by the Davis family Special Intention for Darwin Cable by John Bezdek

12:30 PM

Pon Howard & Isabel D. Pena by Isabel Howard In thanksgiving for my friends & family by Melrico Fernandes Special Intention for Dia Joy by John Bezdek

Monday, April 1st, 9:00 AM

Oscar Acuna & Ellen Fricke by Rudd Family **†**Bernard Shanahan by Pattie & Richard Thompson

Special Intention for my brother Sanson's good health by Sharon Fernandes Joe Borrego by Pattie Thompson

In thanksgiving for my blessed family by Sharon Fernandes

Tuesday, April 2nd, 9:00 AM

†Janie Marty by the Lejeune family

Special Intention for Socrates Costa's job & health Special Intention for Allancy Fernandes & family Special Intention by Proma Rozario & Linkon Gomes

Wednesday, April 3rd, 9:00 AM

PKlever Denny by Judy Crawford

In thanksgiving for Jones Costa's health recovery by Ruma Rosario In thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Proma Rozario & Linkon Gomes Special Intention for Michael Gutierrez by the Lejeune family

Thursday, April 4th, 9:00 AM

中Frank Sandoval by St. Anthony de Padua Special Intention for Paul Ashbacher Jr. by the Lejeune family
Special Intention for Nancy & Jon Ford on their birthday by Judy Crawford

Friday, April 5th, 9:00 AM

†James Lejeune by the Lejeune family †Bobby Manning by Olivarez & Wittman family In thanksgiving by Socrates Costa

Saturday, April 6th, 5:00 PM

PBernard Shanahan by Ron & Charlotte Greenberg

†Elmar Blass by Jean Borden

Sunday, April 7th 7:00 AM

†Elizabeth Hammargren by Mary & Scott Hammargren

For all Holy Souls in Purgatory by Kathy Beal

Angelina Agoitia by Jenny Agoitia

<u>8:30 AM</u>

For all St. Anthony de Padua Parishioners 10:30 AM

In thanksgiving on the 69th wedding anniversary of Margaret & Carlos Collazo lovingly by family

Special Intention for Darwin Cable by John Bezdek Special Intention for Dia Joy by John Bezdek

12:30 PM

Anne Herff by Jay & Betsy Gwin
Special Intention for Rey Valdez on his birthday by his grandmother Mary Lou Valdez

Special Intention for Alina Cardinas by John Bezdek

Special Intention for the healing of Sally Barrera by Betsy Gwin

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Easter Sunday, March 31st

7:00 AM Mass—Church

8:30 AM Mass—Church & Livestream

9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt—Field by Chapel

10:30 AM Mass—Church & Livestream

11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt—Field by Chapel

12:30 PM Mass—Church

Monday, April Ist, OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 ÅM Mass—Church & Livestream

Tuesday, April 2nd

9:00 AM Mass—Church & Livestream

Wednesday, April 3rd

9:00 AM Mass—Church & Livestream

Thursday, April 4th, 9:00 AM Mass—Church & Livestream

Friday, April 5th

9:00 AM Healing Mass—Church & Livestream

Saturday, April 6th

3:30 PM Confessions—Parlor

5:00 PM Mass—Church & Livestream

Sunday, April 7th

7:00 ÅM Mass—Church

7:30 AM KC Taco Breakfast—Tiled Area

8:30 AM Mass—Church & Livestream

9:00 AM RE Classes (1st-5th Grade)—FFC

10:30 AM Mass—Church & Livestream

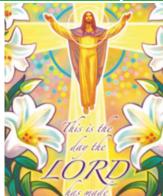
10:30 AM RE Classes (Pre-K & Kinder)—FFC

11:00 AM RE Classes (Middle School & High School)—FFC

12:30 PM Mass—Church

5:00 PM IMPACT—Banquet Hall

Offertory for March 24, 2024: \$12,281.00 Online Giving: \$6,414.78 TOTAL: \$18.695.78 March 26, 2023 Offertory: \$17,052.00



Sunday: John 20:1-9 Monday: Matthew 28:8-15 Tuesday: John 20:11-18 Wednesday: Luke 24:13-35 Thursday: Luke 24:35-48 Friday: John 21:1-14 Saturday: Mark 16:9-15



IN THE PARISH

HEALING OF THE SICK MASS, FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH

Easter Sunday: March 31,2024

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

— Psalm 118:17



st friday prayer breakfasts

sponsored by the Lay Missionaries of the Sacred

Heart (MSC's) is every 1st Friday of the month. Our next breakfast will be **APRIL 5**, **2024**.

WHAT ARE THESE? Light breakfast food, free of charge, a little prayer and a lot of discussion and fellowship.

WHERE? Banquet Hall, Tiled Area

TIME? After 9 a.m. First Friday Mass

Everyone who has come has enjoyed these! Everybody welcome, no need to be a Lay MSC.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 1ST

THIS WEEKND'S (MAR. 30TH-31ST) PARISH
2ND COLLECTION: EASTER OFFERTORY
Those who wish to contribute can do so online
ugh online of the parish office.



Event: KC's Parish **ZOOM SCRIPTURAL ROSARY**,

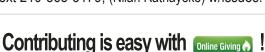
7PM <u>every</u> WEDNESDAY

Meeting ID: 819 2362 3053

Passcode: 109273

Meeting opens 5 mins. before for reflection & sharing. Rosary begins at 7pm w/special intentions & dedications.

Text 210-865-3179, (Nilan Ratnayeke) w/issues.



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ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD BOX REPORT: TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH

- * Helped 31 families with food (72 total people)
- * Distributed 1,025 pounds of food
- * 775 pounds of donated food
- * Gave \$1,550 HEB gift cards for perishable food

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IN THE PARISH

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Annual easter

guest the "Easter Bunny!" There will be lots of Easter eggs, candy, and basket prizes for children of all ages. There will be separate designated Egg Hunts for under five and over five.

LOCATION: FIELD NEXT TO ADORATION CHAPE
TIMES: AFTER 8:30AM & 10:30AM MASS
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This year there will be THREE (3) \$2,500.00 Scholarships awarded.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:

APRIL 5, 2024 (NO LATER THAN 12:00 PM)
TO THE PARISH OFFICE, ATTN: KC SCHOLARSHIP

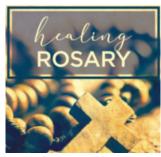
For more info, contact: Felix Fierros, 210-269-5550 lexfierros@yahoo.com

PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED! Please remember those who are deployed in your daily prayers. Call the parish office if you would like someone added to this list or if you have a loved one who has returned.

ROGER GONZALES, ISABEL ESCOBEDO, JAMES LOWE, ALLEN ESCOBEDO, CHRISTIAN CHAVEZ,

JOHN L. QUINLAN IV, JOHN BOUCHARD, WILLIAM PALOS, CODY GRANBY, JUAN CARLOS RIVERA CEDEÑO, LARRY WILLIAMS JR., JOSHUA PALOS, ADAM SIFUENTES, DAVID RAMIREZ, CODY SWIERC, JUNIPER WEIDNER





MONTHLY HEALING ROSARY

The monthly healing rosary has resumed and is the 2nd Monday of every month. Save the date for the next one: Monday, April 8th at 6:00pm in the Banquet Hall. It is

sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Council #8738 and is open to all. If you
have a loved one who is in need of
physical, emotional, or spiritual healing,
please join us in praying for them.
For more info contact:

ROBERTO CASTORENA 210-413-8185



PRAY FOR HEALING

Remember in your prayers the members of our parish who are seriously ill. If you know a parishioner who is sick, in need of prayer, or bedridden and needs Eucharist, contact the parish office. After 4 weeks, names will be removed.

YOLANDA MATÉ MOY, JC CANE, ALEX BRANDON, ELI BRANDON, MARGUERITE REYES, BERTHA FLORES, ANTHONY CALVILLO, DEACON JOE BORREGO, CANDY BOON. PAULA CHAPA



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