

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Holy Masses This Week

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

12:05 p.m. +Alfred & Leobo Dinkel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

12:05 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

12:05 p.m. +Jim Mies

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

12:05 p.m. +Yvonne Riedl

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

4:00 p.m. +Diana D'Amato
5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

10:00 a.m. Combined English and
VN Mass at Our Lady of LaVang
Grotto with Bishop Kemme

Liturgical Roles for Saturday, April 20, at 4:00 p.m.:

Lector: C. Claycomb
E. Minister: S. Oakes
Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

Liturgical Roles for Sunday, April 21, at 10:00 a.m.:

Lector: As available
E. Minister: As available

PARISH PRAYER LINE

+Jim Mies Jerry Warrell +John Belton
Ukraine and its Citizens Kathy Hunter
Devin Carpenter Marian Eggbert Grace
Johnny Gabe Domimelli Jim Garcia
Azariah Willis Julie Munoz Ares Reid

Good News!

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / 1 John 2:1-5a / Luke 24:35-48

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Spiritual writers tell us that a sure sign of life lived with faith in God is peace, the inner kind of peace that enables you to rest in it with no worry or anxiety. When the risen Lord appears in the midst of the disciples just back from Emmaus and says to them first off, "Peace be with you," that's the sort of peace he's talking about and wishing for them.

Such peace doesn't seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without having to say any words.

There is something about surrendering to God's love over the course of many lived days that eventually brings us to that sort of trusting peace.

The thing about such peace is that only you know if it's genuine. When you feel peace when life turns top-sy-turvy, that's God peace. When life is progressing smoothly, it's not easy to know if that's God's peace or just a life without turbulence. But if you're at peace when everything else around you is not, that's when you know it's the presence of God that has you all wrapped up in worry-free wonder. ●

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OFFERING

April 7, 2024

English: \$ 2,400.01
VN: \$ 5,522.00
Total: \$ 7,922.01



This weekend our Vietnamese community will be having one of their yummy Vietnamese food sales after all the Masses. It has been a while since the last food sale...now is your chance to make up for lost time. All proceeds benefit St. Anthony Parish.



Next Sunday, April 21, there will be a combined Mass at 10:00 a.m. instead of the regular Sunday Masses of 9:30 a.m. (English) and 11:00 a.m. (Vietnamese). This will be an outdoor Mass taking place at the Our Lady of LaVang grotto in the north parking lot. Bishop Kemme will be participating. All parishioners are both welcome and encouraged to attend the 10:00 a.m. service.

And then the weekend of May 31 and June 1, our very active Vietnamese community will be having their annual Crawfish Festival.

If you are a birthmother (a woman who placed a child for adoption), please consider joining members of this ministry on the first Tuesday of each month at the Spiritual Life Center in Bel Aire. If you know of a birthmother who might benefit from this support group, please share this information with her. Their next meeting will be May 7. Questions? Call Bonnie Tooms at 316-269-3900, of the diocesan Office of Respect Life and Social Justice.

We can always use more Mass intentions, the stipend is \$10/Mass. You can drop your intentions in the collection basket. If a Mass is for someone deceased, please add a + by their name.

A Family Altar...and Other Wisdom

- * A family altar can alter a family.
- * God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage
- * Plan ahead! It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- * Worry is the darkroom in which "negatives" are developed.
- * The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

Dear Padre

April 14, 2024

What is a "covenant," and how are marriage and covenant related?

"Covenant" is the word the Church employs to define and describe the sacrament of matrimony. It is clearly based on the idea of "covenant" contained in Scripture. In contrast, society uses the related word "contract," as in the "marriage contract." However, these two words do not mean the same thing.

The meaning of "contract" is too limited to contain the full commitment of Christian marriage. When you sign a contract, you are legally bound only to its terms. You need not do more or less than what is stipulated in its wording. Warmth and concern for the well-being of one party for the other are not stipulated in a contract.

A covenant, on the other hand, is different. Although it may contain some aspects of contract, it establishes a personal relationship of closeness, affection, and warmth, and it locks the couple into a mutual commitment to each other's well-being.

As God freely chose Israel from all the nations possible, so do two people choose each other from all other people. As God declared, "I will take you as my people, and I will be your God" (Exodus 6:7). In the same way, a husband and wife pledge total commitment to each other.

Christian marriage bears the same characteristics of covenant commitment—the personal relationship of caring, loyalty, intimacy, exclusivity, permanency, and, above all, love; hence the use of "covenant" to define Christian marriage. ●

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