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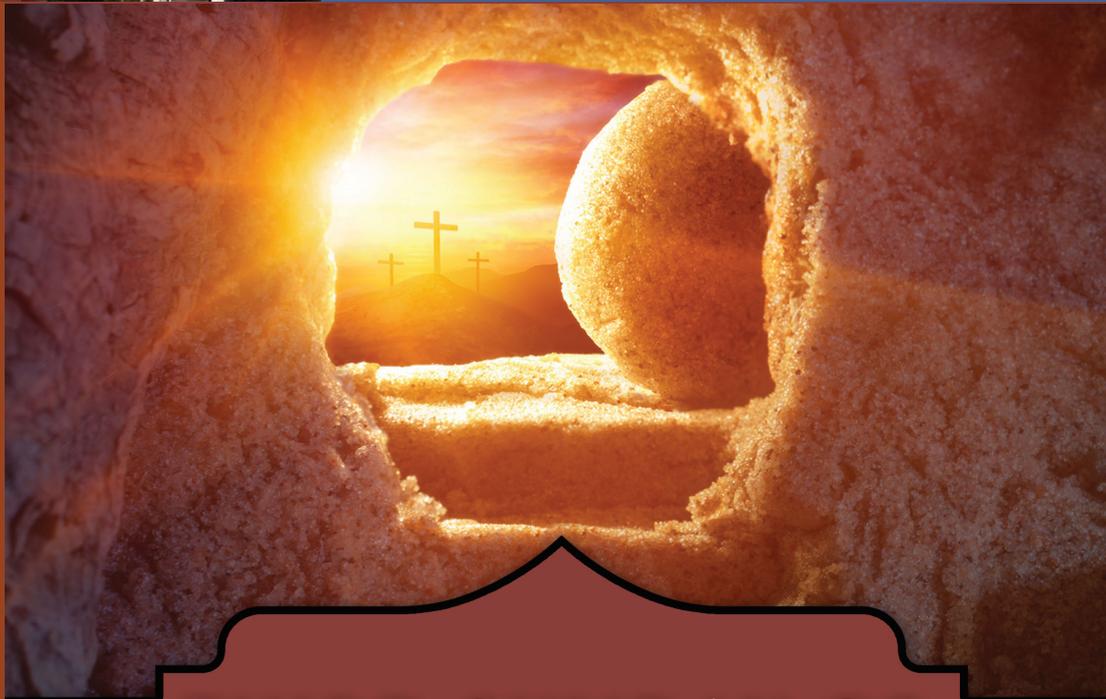
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THIRD SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 15, 2018

Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in his name to all the nations.

Luke 24:46-47

A Place of Encounter

A meal with Jesus Christ, himself. What would it be like if Jesus asked to share dinner with you and your family tonight? For starters, how would you dress? What would you serve? How would you prepare your home? Beyond that, what would you discuss? What would you share with him, and what do you think he would say in response?

Each Sunday Jesus invites you to share a meal with him—to encounter him in the most intimate of ways. How do you approach the Mass? Do you show up late, wearing what you worked in all day, and with your laundry list of “to-do’s” on your mind? Jesus wants to encounter us and touch our hearts every time we meet him in the Eucharist. Take some time this week to reconsider the invitation of the Mass.

First Reading Reflection

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

Peter delivers this speech, his second following Pentecost Sunday, just after he heals a man who was lame from birth. It is the hour of prayer, and the Jews are gathered at the Temple. This healing miracle gives Peter the opportunity to preach Christ crucified and risen to the crowd that has gathered in the Temple portico called Solomon’s. Peter identifies Jesus with the Suffering Servant of Yahweh from Isaiah’s prophecy: “See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted. Even as many were amazed at him—so marred were his features, beyond that of mortals his

appearance, beyond that of human beings—so shall he startle many nations, kings shall stand speechless; For those who have not been told shall see, those who have not heard shall ponder it” (Isaiah 52:13–15, NABRE). As the Suffering Servant, the Jews do not recognize Jesus as the expected and long-awaited Messiah. Although Peter lays the blame for



Jesus’s death on the crowd of Jews and their leaders because they demanded that Pilate release a murderer in Jesus’s stead, that blame is mitigated since they act out of ignorance. Further, Yahweh, the God of their forefathers has glorified his servant in fulfillment of his plan announced by the prophets. Now that the truth has been revealed, the crowd is called to repentance and conversion and to faith in Jesus as Messiah.

Second Reading Reflection

1 John 2:1–5a

As Christians, we are called to avoid sin, but we know that due to Original Sin, committed and passed on by Adam and Eve, our first parents, we have inherited a wounded nature and an inclination to sin known as concupiscence (cf. CCC 404–405). However, we are

not lost because we have a remedy—an advocate in Jesus Christ who intercedes for us with the Father when we stand accused by the devil. Further, Jesus himself has become our sin offering through his expiatory Passion and Death on the Cross, not only for us individually but for the whole world across all time, people, and places (v. 2). Thus, the shed Blood of Christ on the Cross is an act of sacrifice to wipe away the sins of the world. In response to this great gift, our call to avoid sin is embodied in the exhortation to keep God’s commandments. Those who persist in perpetual sin are liars, and “the truth is not in [them]” (v. 4). For true sons and daughters of God the Father, the way to live and mature in the faith is to keep God’s commandments, and we accomplish this by imitating Christ, and, like Christ, we are perfected through obedience (Hebrews 5:8).

Gospel Reflection

Luke 24:35–48

The Gospel reading today recounts the story of what happened to two disciples after they unknowingly encounter the Risen Christ on the Road to Emmaus but only recognize him in the breaking of the bread. When they return to Jerusalem to share their good news with the other disciples, Jesus suddenly appears in the room. As in John’s account, Jesus offers peace, but here the disciples are troubled and question his appearance. Luke’s account emphasizes the physical nature of Jesus’s resurrected body. In response to his disciples’ questioning, Jesus exhorts

them to look at and touch his body to assure them that he is flesh and bone rather than a spirit or ghost. They experience joy at his presence yet are still incredulous (v. 41), so Jesus asks for and proceeds to eat a piece of fish to assure them further. This appearance of Jesus in his resurrected body prefigures the resurrection of the body for all of us at the end of time. Jesus reigns in Heaven in his resurrected body, one that can pass through locked doors and appear and disappear at will and is no longer bound to the laws of nature and the limitations of time and space yet is able to consume food. We assert belief in this promise for ourselves when we recite the Creed each Sunday at Mass.

Now Luke recounts how Jesus confirms that all the prophecies about him have come true, thereby uniting the Old and New Testaments and proving that he is truly the Messiah. He reminds them that he necessarily had to suffer, die on the Cross, and rise from the dead for the remittance of sin. Now, the

disciples are charged with the mission to preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins in Christ's name, beginning in Jerusalem and going out to all nations. Thus, the message in Luke's Gospel (as in John's) is that mission lies at the heart of discipleship, and the mission is mercy and the forgiveness of sins. Once again, this narrative should reassure us of Christ's peace and joy as we are reminded that as believers, we are called to participate in his mission of mercy.

Discussion

Watch the short reflection video at StMichael.FORMED.org.

What truths have you become aware of in studying our Faith? Have you changed your ways to live in accordance with them or have you continued to "turn a blind eye"?

What does this word "witness" mean? How are you a witness to your faith each day?

DIGGING DEEPER: The Eucharist as Thanksgiving

Today's Gospel sets the stage for us gaining a deeper understanding of the word "Eucharist." The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word eukharistia, meaning thanksgiving. As the disciples gather in the room, terrified and thinking they are seeing a ghost, Christ makes himself known to them. He wants to bring them peace in their doubting and comfort in their loss. He is sharing his Resurrection with them. He wants them to see and know that he has conquered death. A grateful heart, one full of thanks, is the only appropriate response to this realization. Each Sunday we have the opportunity to encounter Jesus. Our response to him should be one of praise and thanks as we proclaim in our hearts, "Alleluia! He is risen."

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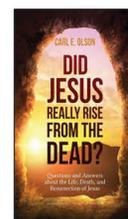
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Mass

Intentions

Saturday 4/14

8:30am Helen Makepeace †
5:00pm Phyllis DiFazio †
7:00pm Jose Ramirez Montoya †

Sunday 4/15

6:45am Herb & Marie Isernhagen †
8:00am Romana & Vidal Ebrado
9:30am Felicisima Macasaet Guce
John Yeoman †
11:00am Bryan Archer †
12:30pm Nostadini Osorno Family
Garcia and Caranza †
6:00pm Valentino Villar †

Monday 4/16

8:30am Anna Marie Soldo Peralo †
Maria Carmela de Guzman

Tuesday 4/17

8:30am Theresa Bautista †

Wednesday 4/18

8:30am John Christopher Godburn
7:00pm Pedro Isais †

Thursday 4/19

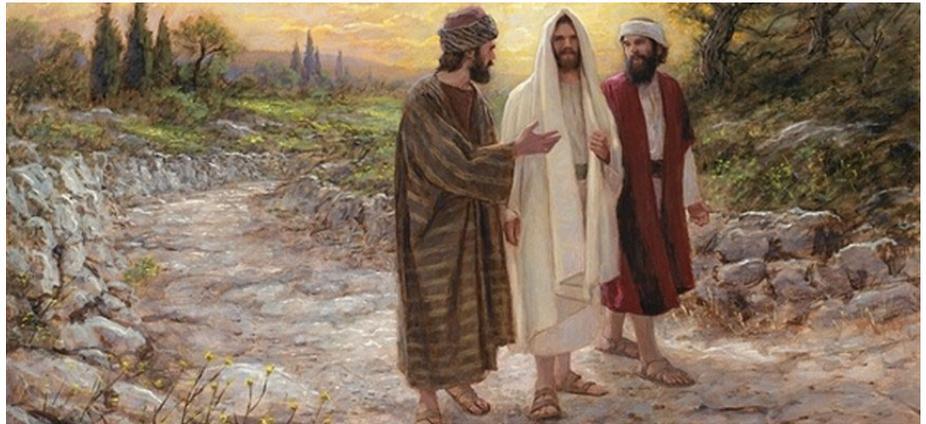
8:30am Ken Gels †

Friday 4/20

8:30am Alice & Nick Sanchez †
Clint Garner
Jason Comendador †

To arrange a Mass intention, please visit the Church Office.

The suggested donation of \$10 per intention goes to the priest who celebrates the Mass.



PRAYER

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples. They do not recognize him at first, and so he meets them in a way that they can really see him. Take some time to reflect on the moments in your life that you do not recognize Jesus. What keeps you from seeing him?

It is easy to be distracted during the Mass. Our mind wanders, and we forget why we are there and who's presence we are in. Jesus gives us the profound privilege of not only hearing his Word each time we attend Mass, but even more strikingly, the opportunity to touch and be nourished by his Body and Blood. Reflect on how you can prepare your heart and mind to meet Christ in a personal way this week during Mass. How will you respond when he offers you the opportunity to "touch" him?

RESOLUTION

Take time to prepare for Mass this week. Read through Sunday's readings ahead of time so that you are able to engage your mind during the readings and homily. Arrive ten minutes early to Mass and remain at your seat to pray and thank God for the gift of encountering him in the Eucharist for five minutes after Mass ends. Challenge yourself to pay attention to the words you say in Mass, praying it rather than nonchalantly repeating words you have memorized.

Parish Prayer Requests

For Cheryl Ruth who remains in a semi-conscious state, and for her family.

For Gregory Rosenbaum and Mike Surritte who are battling cancer.

For Barbara Burns (mother of Kendra Convery), who is gravely ill and being moved to palliative care.

For the repose of the soul of Johnny De Peralta

Please send prayer requests to Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com



Golden Friends and True Discipleship

Fr. Alfred celebrated our Mass at the March Luncheon and offered a thought-provoking homily. He shared his observation that false prophets say what the people want to hear (to feel good and to rationalize bad behavior). True disciples, on the other hand, preach what God wants us to say (the truth). Thanks again for the sage advice, Father!

We were also greatly entertained by our adorable St. Michael School Kindergarten class, who shared a nice interpretation of the story of Noah's Ark!

Don't miss our April Prayer Luncheon on Friday, April 27 at 10:00 am in the Hall.



Refugee Resettlement

Catholic Charities of the East Bay continues to actively resettle refugees in the Bay Area. We welcome any parish interested in helping a refugee family rebuild their lives and adapt to a new homeland. Parish teams help in many ways, including: A warm welcome and airport pick-up; setting up a home; tutoring to improve English language skills; providing transportation to necessary appointments; introducing new public transportation systems; and sharing hospitality.

For more information, please contact Jude Stephens, Team Support Coordinator, at jstephens@cceb.org or 510-439-4269.

Big Backpack Thank You!

We are at our goal of filling 175 backpacks! Thanks to you, low-income children in Livermore will be ready for the school year this fall.

We will be picking up all our backpacks and supplies and stuffing the backpacks in June. Delivery weekend will be August 10 and 11. More info on delivery closer to the dates.

Collection Report

Thank you for your generosity this Holy Week, Easter and throughout the year. Your contributions are the parish's only means of income to work our mission to celebrate the sacraments, grow disciples and bring Christ to people.

3/18/18 Collection	\$18,609.13
3/25/18 Collection	\$20,263.64
Month-to-Date	\$88,531.78
March Goal	\$87,058.82
Percentage Reached	102%
March Faith Direct	\$11,684.00
March Maintenance	\$9,105.86
Catholic Relief Services	\$3,224.41

4/8/19 Collection	\$20,444.61
Month-to-Date	\$22,869.61
Month Goal	\$87,058.82
Percentage Reached	26%
Faith Direct	
Easter Maintenance	\$7,748.67
Easter (Accumulative for 2018)	\$41,717.41

thank you

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APR 16

Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Events:

Mass of Remembrance at 6:30 pm in the Church honors the memory of those who have passed before us. Bring a small framed photo of your loved ones to place before the altar during Mass.

TUESDAY, APR 17

Readings: Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Suggestion:

If you can't attend the Easter Mission Workshop in person, go to StMichael.Formed.org and click "Community" to watch online and respond to the questions.

WEDNESDAY, APR 18

Readings: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Events:

Discover the Faith! Do you feel a "tug" toward the Catholic faith? Come find out about receiving initiation sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation at 7 pm in the Convent.

THURSDAY, APR 19

Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Events:

WINGS at 9:30 am at St Charles featuring guest speaker Dr. Thomas Wallace, neurologist at the The Order of Malta Clinic

Easter Mission Workshop (English) at 6:30 pm in the Hall. Join us for a video presentation on the Eucharist followed by small group discussion.

FRIDAY, APR 20

Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Events:

Easter Mission Workshop (Spanish) at 6:30 pm in the Hall. Join us for a video presentation on the Eucharist followed by small group discussion.

Reminder:

All Fridays throughout the year are days of penance.

SATURDAY, APR 21

Readings: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Events:

Convent Clean Up at 7 am—4 pm at the Convent.

Date Night at 6:30 pm in the Hall: Fr Staal will be our guest speaker. All married and engaged couples are invited! Child care provided. Please bring an appetizer or dessert. Please RSVP: stmichaeldatenight@gmail.com

SUNDAY, APR 22

Readings: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Events:

Pancake Breakfast to Support Convent Repairs in the hall from 7:30 am – 1:00 pm Enjoy a great inexpensive meal and please make a generous contribution.

Catholic Daughters membership drive and information after Mass. All women are invited to find out more!



Catholic Daughters Court Forming

Info & Sign Up

Sunday, April 22 after Mass

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas... and a new court (like a "chapter") is forming at St Michael's! email Nicole Allen at mom_of_12@yahoo.com or call Tess Chiampas 925-577-4994 for more info.

Join the Recycling Committee!

**Wednesday, April 25 at 7 pm
Ed Center Conf Room**

Help us get St. Michael Parish compliant with recycling standards as directed by the City of Livermore and Alameda County.

Contact Dennis Lundbom at 775-772-6369 or dlundbom@gmail.com.

Prison Ministry Training

Coming this May

We need Jesus lovers with huge hearts to minister to those who are incarcerated at Santa Rita Jail. Extensive training is provided. Interested candidates for this enormously rewarding ministry should register early. New prison ministers should be able to start ministering in November. Please contact Rachel at 510 501-1411 for details and to register for training.

Welcome Bunch

**Sunday, April 28 after 9:30 Mass
Small Hall**

Are you new to St Michael's or are you looking to get connected with the parish? We'd love to meet you and your family! Come enjoy brunch and introduce yourselves. Please RSVP to Jacqueline at 925-447-1585.

Blood Drive

**Saturday, May 12
8 am—2 pm in the Hall**

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S.

Give blood and save a life at the Knights of Columbus Blood Drive! Please sign up at RedCrossBlood.org and use code KofC4588 or sign up in person after Masses on Sunday, April 22



Baby Gift Drive

April 28 & 29 at all Masses

Donate gently used maternity and baby clothes, disposable diapers, wipes and chain store gift cards to benefit mothers in crisis. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus in partnership with Birthright.

No equipment, food or toys can be accepted.



SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Bishop Robert Barron on the Eucharist
Online, Self-Paced
April 28—May 26

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In-Person Weekly Meetings
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Ribs, Chili, Cars, Blues & Brews

**Saturday, May 12 at 10 am—5 pm
Msgnr Adams Field**

Our Knights of Columbus are excited to offer this fun event for the 8th year!

Come enjoy ribs, chili, salsa and classic car competitions, craft beer and a live blues band. Other great BBQ & specialty foods and drinks are available for sale and over 40 boutique vendors will be on site and activities for the kids.

This is a family event and will be a day of fun for all with FREE Admission to the public.

Mark your calendars now!



In May, we will have a mandatory All Ministry Leaders Meeting (date to be determined) and each ministry group will need to be represented in order to reserve facility space for the next year. You will also get important updates such as new policies and procedures for reserving facilities, new programs and much more.

Every ministry group in the parish/school will be following the new annual reservation schedule. Our

Many Thanks for Holy Week & Easter

Rejoice, for He has risen! The empty tomb and the appearances to many after Jesus' resurrection fulfilled what was spoken through the scriptures. In faith, thousands of years later, we as the People of God shout out "We Believe!"

I wish to thank everyone who had a part in making Holy Week, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday so very special to our parish family and the many visitors who came to celebrate and rejoice in Easter. Our teens did an outstanding job in presenting the Passion of Our Lord on Good Friday. The Spanish Community's colorful and most realistic presentation of the Passion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday was breathtaking. A tremendous thank you goes to the hundreds of you

who were involved: the environment, liturgical preparations, music ministry, readers, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, ushers and greeters, and the visiting priests who presided at Mass; our catechists who brought the neophytes to the waters of Baptism; those who donated flowers and those who financially contributed to the needs of the church. Thank you all for making St. Michael Church a special place of worship.

Your clergy (priests & deacons) of St. Michael Parish are grateful for your support and prayers. May God bless you in this Holy Easter Season.

Deacon David A. Rezendes
Pastoral Administrator

Mandatory Leaders Meeting for All Ministries to Reserve Facilities for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

goal will be to accommodate as many events and re-occurring weekly, monthly and/or yearly events as we can in order to best work with our ministry groups. It will take all of us working together to support one another and to be flexible if dates/times need to be adjusted.

We are an extremely large and active parish community which is a true blessing, but with that comes the need to get organized and work together in ministry to Celebrate the Sacraments, Grow Disciples, and Bring Christ to People.

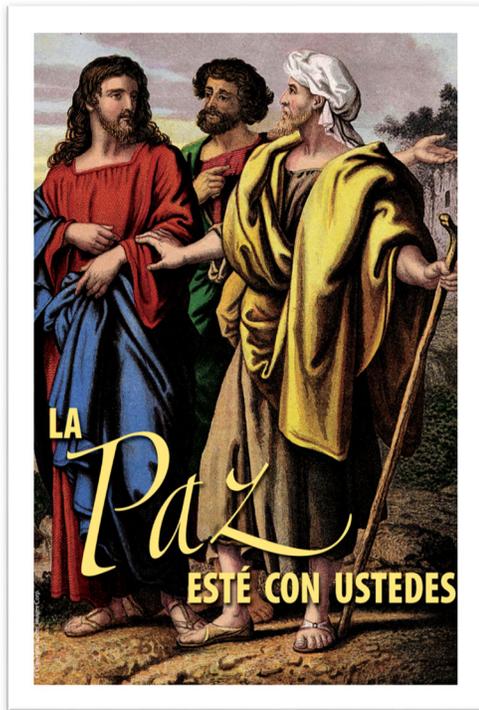
If you have had a change of leadership, or a change of contact information, in your ministry, please notify me as soon as possible.

Thank you all for the amazing work that you do, and your continued dedication to our St. Michael community.

God bless,

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Español



CREER EN JESUCRISTO

Durante todo el Tiempo Pascual, las tres lecturas del domingo son tomadas del Nuevo Testamento, la parte cristiana de la Sagrada Escritura. Juntas exploran qué significa creer que Jesús es el Cristo, aquél que cumplió las profecías de la Sagrada Escritura judía.

Las selecciones de hoy aluden a nuestra debilidad humana; sin embargo, hacen hincapié en el perdón y la paz que son posibles para quienes tienen fe en

"Jesucristo, el Justo" (1 Juan 2:2). En los Hechos de los Apóstoles, Pedro nos dice a todos "arrepíentanse y conviértanse, para que se borren sus pecados" (Hechos 3:19). La primera carta del apóstol san Juan dice que Jesucristo es "víctima de expiación por nuestros pecados" (1 Juan 2:2). Por último, en el Evangelio, Jesús saluda a los discípulos diciéndoles: "Paz" y los insta a predicar "la necesidad de volverse a Dios y el perdón de los pecados" (Lucas 24:47).

Vivir la fé con los talleres de Misión

Descubrir, o redescubrir, la belleza de los sacramentos del bautismo y la confirmación, la Eucaristía y entender la Misa.

Conocer la fe Católica es una cosa, pero ¿qué tal vivirla? Symbolon: Viviendo la Fe responde a esta pregunta explorando cómo Jesús nos dio los sacramentos, la Misa y los ricos tesoros de la enseñanza de la Iglesia para acelerar nuestra fe y traer vitalidad a nuestras vidas católicas. Con una enseñanza viva y perspicaz, transmitida por presentadores calificados, complementada con una bella cinemato-

grafía filmada en diferentes partes del mundo, Symbolon: Viviendo la Fe abarca todos los aspectos de nuestras vidas para un auténtico crecimiento y desarrollo espiritual.

Sesión 3: La Explicación de la Misa
20 de abril a las 7:00 pm en el gran salón

(La versión en inglés de este mismo taller se realizará los días 12, 19 y 26 de abril a las 6:30 p. M. En el salón)



Un Paseo Bíblico a través de la Misa

por Dr. Edward Sri

Jueves, del 3 al 31 de mayo a las 7:00 pm

Este programa de cinco partes, lleva a los participantes por un recorrido emocionante a través de la Liturgia. Explora las raíces bíblicas de las palabras y los gestos que usamos en la Misa y explica su profundo significado. Entienda, tal vez por primera vez, porque decimos lo que decimos y hacemos lo que hacemos cada semana en la Misa. Las palabras y los gestos serán vistos en una nueva luz, que dará vida nueva a su experiencia litúrgica.

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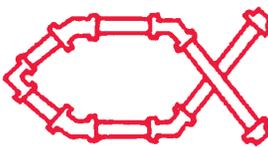
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Mass | Misa

Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa 8:30 am

Wed | Mi 7:00 pm (español)

Sat Vigil | Vigilia del Sábado

5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (español)

Sunday | Domingo

6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (español), 6:00 pm

Sign Language | Lenguaje por Señas

1st Sun, 11:00 am

Primer domingo a las 11:00 am

Vietnamese | Vietnamita

4th Sun, 3:30 pm

Cuarto domingo a las 3:30 pm

Confession | Confesión

Saturday, in the church |

Sábado en la iglesia

9:00 am & 3:45 pm in English
6:15 pm en español

1st & 3rd Wed in the Convent Chapel,
at 2:30 pm in English

Anointing of the Sick |

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1st Saturday after 8:30 am Mass or by
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M-F 8:30 am—5:00 pm (closed
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